

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

January 27, 2022

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Tony Pham of Walkable Arlington, blood drive treats, and more...

Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



Board Briefs from January 21st meeting:

1. The Board approved a \$5000 donation be made to the Norma Love Foundation. This donation will come from the Arlington Rotary Foundation unrestricted funds.
2. The Membership Committee along with Youth Services will begin to develop an Interact Club at Dan Dipert Center, starting with the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program.
3. The Young Professionals Committee is working to investigate & recommend action items for improved recruitment and retention of young professionals to our club.
4. The 60-Day Sprint for Service has two upcoming projects.
 - a. Fish Creek Clean up, Saturday, January 29th from 8-1pm. Meet at 2121 Havenwood Drive.
 - b. "Help Stock Up the Shelter" - this will be held both Thursday, February 10th & 17th during normal meeting hour. Club members will be asked to bring items for Arlington Life Shelter. A list will be provided.
 - c. Youth Services this past week bought & gave uniform shirts and hoodies to Nichols Jr. High & provided both uniform shirts & pants to Webb Elementary. Between the two schools the total grant for uniforms is \$8,646.

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY Fire Chief Don Crowson & Police Chief Al Jones *Arlington Public Safety*

COMING SOON

Feb. 3	<u>Letatia Tekyl</u> <u>Executive Director</u>	Levitt Pavilion
Feb. 10	Paul Brodie	Story Branding Your Business

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Kurt Bartley. Judge Mary Tom Curnutt offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Diane Patrick and Stuart Thomas were the Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week. Sally received birthday checks from Diane Patrick and Paul Strong. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are Dick Moise and Victoria Farrar-Myers.

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d. Our February 24th meeting will be offsite and held at Webb Elementary Library.

For your calendar, here are the dates for the remaining 2022-year Board meetings:

February 18, 2022

March 25, 2022

4th Friday of the month

April 22, 2022

4th Friday of the month

May 20, 2022

June 17, 2022- JOINT BOARD MEETING

8. The Catering Committee has assigned Simply Divine Catering for January and Awesome Catering for the month of February. The Committee is monitoring for moving forward.

9. Our club currently has 144 active and 7 honorary members.

10. Current Annual Goals:

a. Polio Plus - \$2,536.76 of our \$5,000 goal.

b. Annual Fund/EREY - \$17,632 of our \$17,500 goal!!!

Paul Harris: 15 out of our 10 goal

Serve to change lives,

Kurt

President, 2021-22

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



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Kay King once again reminded us of the upcoming blood drive on January 27, 2022 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. at FUMC-Arlington. Diane Patrick invited us to attend Theater Arlington's production of "Sister Act" on April 7, 2022. Shelly Velasco invited us to attend Let's Play Bingo! benefitting the Alliance For Children to be held on February 26, 2022. This is the 12th annual Let's Play Bingo! Ladies Luncheon that raises money to prevent and heal child abuse. For more information, please go to www.allianceforchildren.org. Jill Regina and Grace Whetstone encouraged us to get involved and volunteer at Nichols Junior High at their food bank. Nichols has over 100 homeless students and the need for help at the food bank is critical.

Grace Whetstone, Executive Director of the Miracle League informed us that the league's registration begins on February 1, 2022. This league gives all kids a chance to participate in baseball. The league has a wonderful facility at Randol Mill Park.

Chad Bates invited everyone to attend the Dream Makers Banquet being put on by the AISD Foundation. The banquet is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at the Tarrant County College-Southeast Campus. For more information, please visit www.arlingtonef.org.

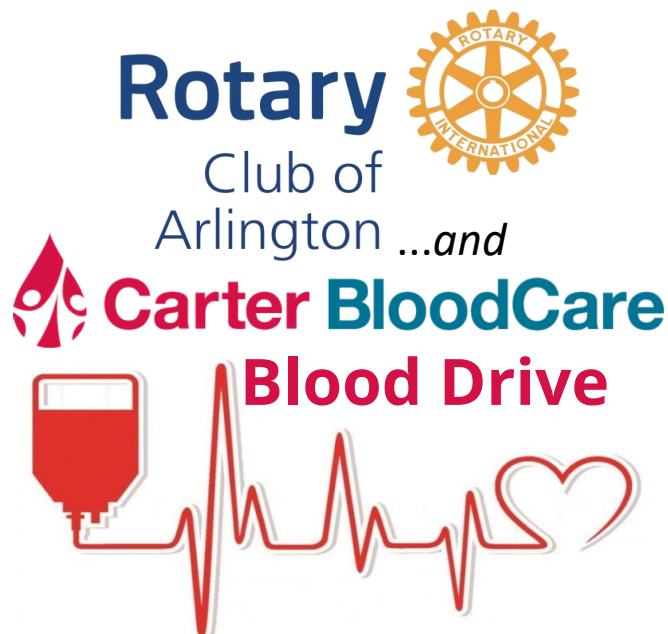
Norma Love of The Norma Love Foundation advised us that in November of 2021, Hurricane Iota caused extensive flooding and destruction in Honduras. The Foundation sought and received a \$7,000.00 grant from The Rotary Foundation. This grant helped rebuild homes, provide necessary tools, purchase food and much needed medicine. The grant also allowed for numerous families to be able to celebrate Christmas. Our club has maintained a 20-year relationship with The Norma Love Foundation and looks forward to many more.

Walter Virden led us in singing "Auld Lang Syne" with Kathleen Smith playing piano. Walter informed us that the writer of this song is Robert Burns. Mr. Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland. His birthday is January 25.

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Thursday, January 27, 2022 at FUMC in the
Banquet Room 11:00AM to 3:00PM

Contact [Kay King](#) 817-307-9599

Valerie Landry and the Sanford House will
provide extra-special treats for our blood
donors Thursday.



Let no man pull you so low
as to hate him . "



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY **MLK Day of Service:** *Fish Creek Cleanup*

JANUARY 29, 2022

8:00 AM-1:00 PM

[Sign Up to work with your friends](#)

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Victoria introduced our speaker for the day. The guest speaker was Tony Pham and he spoke on the subject of "Walkable Arlington". Tony is a student at U.T.A. studying architecture and currently resides in Mansfield. Tony is originally from Vietnam and lived for thirteen years in Saigon. From his home in Saigon he could walk to most of his destinations in five minutes or less. Tony moved to the United States six years ago to the Arlington-Fort Worth metroplex and was shocked at the differences between here and Saigon. Tony found that Arlington is the 13th deadliest city in the United



Tony Pham with Walkable Arlington.

States for cyclists. He also discovered that 82% of automobiles are occupied by a single person. In Arlington, the cost of traffic crashes is approximately 2.3 billion dollars annually.

Walkable Arlington (WA) has several policy proposals to make Arlington a more walkable city. One of the policies deals with land use and the reforming of the land use code. These policies would create in-fill development, sidewalks, enhance street and building designs. In return, these changes would promote more cycling, walking and less driving. These changes would be beneficial for people's health as well as stimulate

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Scott Hendricks introduces Norma Love for a report on conditions in Honduras.



Jill Regina reports on the delivery of school uniforms from our club to Nichols Junior High .



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Jan. 23— Jan. 29

Jan. 24 Paul Strong

Our club has a tradition of writing birthday checks to the **Rotary Foundation** in the amount of the number years they are celebrating (or rounding it up a little higher if they chose). The gift sent to the **Rotary Foundation** goes into a pool that eventually funds our club grants and also earns you points toward your next Paul Harris pin. Checks can be mailed to Sally Hopper, 3409 Viscount Drive, Arlington, TX 76016. (Please note this is the **Rotary Foundation** not the Arlington Rotary Foundation. Thanks!)

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the economy. Local businesses would benefit from more pedestrian traffic. People would be encouraged to buy locally.

WA conducted a walk audit in Arlington and discovered that Arlington needed more crosswalks and a more cycle friendly environment. One of the recent changes in crosswalks is the "leading pedestrian interval". This slight change allows a few seconds for the pedestrian to enter the crosswalk before the traffic light changes to green. This permits the person to be in the crosswalk and should allow the driver to see the person before they proceed into the intersection.

Tony indicated that going into the future that the United States has two options. The country can commit to a car focused society or one that concentrates on people walking and/or cycling.

Victoria Farrar-Myers informed us that next program will be Chief Don Crowson and Chief Al Jones, Public Safety.

A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Tony Pham.

Kris Landrith provided us with the last laugh.

The quote for this week: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence". Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kurt thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. He then led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🍷



Great attendance again last week, even if it is Stock Show time. Photo by Jack Garbo.