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Victoria's Vignettes



We heard this last week from Don Mebus how Rotary International and some of the clubs in Europe are joining together to help the people of Turkey and Syria recover from the devastating earthquake. As Don showed the pictures of the devastation and the plan Rotarians had to bring in mobile hospitals to help, we were reminded that all together we are people of action throughout the world. Our club earlier this year joined with another in our district to provide mobile hospitals for war torn Ukraine. This global reach is why Rotarians are always confident that at any given moment we are impacting the world around us.

In this peacebuilding and conflict prevention month, we are called to not only help the obvious conflicts and devastation that I articulated above, but to be ambassadors of change within our own country to build a sense of belonging and a venue for building upon what unites us. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion effort by RI calls each of us to reach out and make sure our club is reflective of the communities we serve. Our club has launched the Minority Business Awareness Recognition Program to shine a light onto those who are reflecting our four-way test in the way they operate in our community. The plan was to recognize our businesses on the third Thursday. Unfortunately, our business owner was detained last Thursday, so be sure to join our meeting this coming Thursday to recognize them, introduce them to Rotary, and let them know they are a living testimony of the four-way test in our community. Of course, outside of our club's recognition, we can seek these businesses out in our daily lives and let them know

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

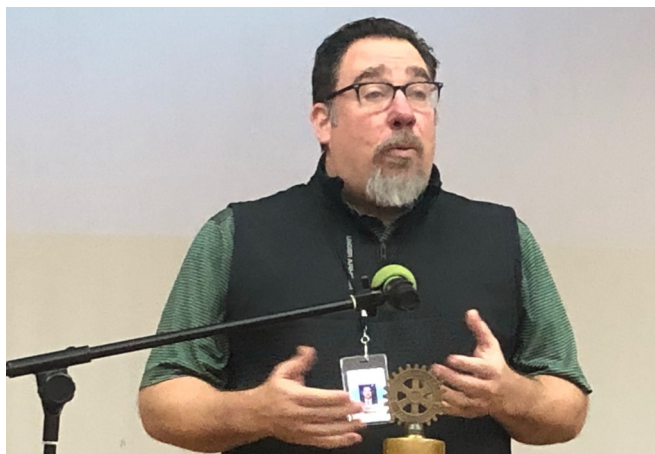
at J. Gilligan's
Jon Fagg
UTA Athletic Director

COMING SOON

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| Mar. 2 | Arlington High Debate Team | 4 way Speech Contest |
| Mar. 9 | John Doney | Symphony Arlington |

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time by clicking [HERE](#).



Eric White, AISD Athletic Director, presented an informative program about district sports.

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when we visit how proud you are they embody our core values in the four-way test. On behalf of the club, let us thank Vera McKissic and all the members of the award task force for making this vision a reality for our club.

Finally, we are called to hear one another, take the imperatives of today's world, and help Rotary adapt in a way that is meaningful to our club. We see in the membership realm RI moving to remove barriers of entry, for example by endorsing movement away from classifications, allowing more freedom in making up meetings, and even the creation of e-clubs. I am proud that our board leadership has taken it upon themselves to define our club's core beliefs and seek to be more inclusive, while being "fair to all concerned". This past Friday at our club's board meeting we took action to ensure that individuals who find our club have a clear process by which to seek membership. Please take a moment to review the Board Bite's column for additional details.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



Willie Rodriguez receives his Blue Badge from Membership Director Randy and President Victoria.



President Nominee, Vera, requests nominations for minority business awards.



Dr. Ajay Sobti celebrates his 30 year anniversary in the Rotary Club of Arlington.

MORE FUN! 2023

2/25 Saturday---2pm—UTA Mavs Basketball vs. Utah Tech—purchase own tickets—see you there

3/2 Thursday—7pm---Lady Mavs vs. Stephen F. Austin—more info to come---tickets will be obtained in a group with count needed by 2/16

5/18 Thursday---6pm—On Golden Pond at Theatre Arlington and pre-play reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. 50 tickets reserved with cost TBD.

6/10 Saturday---Rotary Club of Arlington 100th Year Celebration— UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom—Cocktail attire --VIP Reception---5:30pm, dinner seating—6:30pm. Full table reservations currently being taken by Kurt Bartley--\$1250/table. Individual tickets--\$100. More info soon

6/29 Thursday—6:30pm--Installation of Officers—J Gilligan's—casual—cost TBD

12/1 Friday—6-9pm Annual Holiday Party—Home of Steve Zimmer—Cost TBD



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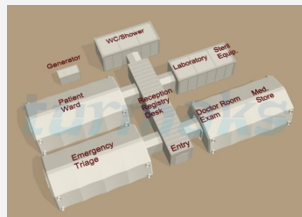
URGENT NEED IN TURKEY

As of this writing, over 46,000 people have been killed in the tragic earthquake in Turkey/Syria and there is a very large number of injuries. To address the survivors, the Caddebostan Rotary Club (near Istanbul) is putting together a Rotary Grant to build and deploy a portable hospital. It will have an Emergency room, a Patient Observation room with four beds, a laboratory, clean and used water tanks, an electric generator, water closet and showers, and a storage area for a total completed cost of US \$ 300,000.00. The continuation of the staff and consumables will be ensured by the Health Department. The Turkey Rotary club will be the primary sponsor and the Houston District and one of the clubs will be one of the International partners. The Global Grant request for Rotary Foundation funding will be sent to the Rotary Disaster Fund for faster service.

Help is needed to fund this project. If you can issue a check to "Gulfway Hobby Airport Rotary club Charitable Foundation, Inc." and put your Rotary number (found on the mailing label of "Rotary" magazine) and Turkey Earthquake Relief, and give it to me at Rotary, I will send it to them. This is a tax deductible charitable foundation contribution and it will give you points towards your next Paul Harris Fellow. But the main thing is that the number of injuries is significant and a portable hospital will be most useful in their time of dire need.

Thank you for
your consideration.

Don Mebus



PRID, Don Mebus, explains how we can help with disaster relief in Turkey.



Grace Whetstone asks for coaches for the March 25 Miracle League Tournament.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED



QUALIFICATIONS

CARING
POSITIVE
PATIENT
COMPASSIONATE
RESPECTFUL
FUN



BE THE DIFFERENCE

**“A shortcut to
happiness is helping a
stranger in need.”**

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Tom Hoskins



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BOARD BITES

Our Club's Board met on Friday, February 17, 2023, and here are the primary items we discussed and actions that were taken:

Planning for the Centennial Celebration event is progressing nicely. The sponsorship committee has raised in excess of \$35,000 and is working to obtain items for the raffle which will be held at the Centennial Dinner. Anyone with raffle items should see Grace Whetstone who is spearheading the high/low raffle event. The event ticket and sponsorship registration for Arlington Rotarians will be launched early next week and the board was encouraged to be sure they reach out to any past Rotarians or spouses of deceased Rotarians to ensure everyone is invited. Rotarians from our club and Arlington will be given first pass at registering before any announcement will go out the full 5790 district and leadership.

The Membership Chairs as directed by the Board at the last meeting brought forth, and the board adopted, a procedure for evaluating applicants for membership who are not sponsored by a member. Non-sponsored applicants will be interviewed by a past president and additional board member to ensure that each non-sponsored applicant meets the membership standards to which sponsored applicants are held. Our Club Membership chairs will create an interview script for the interviews to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly. The Board will review the script at the next meeting. All adopted updates will be reflected on the membership portion of our website.

The Board was reminded to continue promoting the Minority Business Recognition program. The recognition of the first recipient will now be Thursday, 23, 2023. Be sure to submit nominations by March 1st for our third Thursday recognition. Nomination forms are on our club website or see task force chair, Vera McKissic with any questions.

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
February 19 – 25

Feb 20 Grace Whetstone
Feb 22 Georgie Zang
Feb 23 Maggie Campbell
Feb 24 Jonathan Jackson

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).

CONGRATULATIONS!



Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of "Service Above Self."

Grace Whetstone	5 Years	Feb 22, 2018
Bryan Roberts	7 Years	Feb 25, 2016

It Happened Last Thursday

By Carey F. Walker

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Willie Rodriguez offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Stephanie Melchert introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visitors were Bobby King and Derrick Carter. Eli Evans was our visiting Rotarian from Ghana.

Announcements: Victoria reminded us to utilize social media and check in using #ArlingtonRotary and #ArlingtonRotary100 and that next week's meeting will be at J. Gilligans. Vera McKissic reminded us that we need to visit our website and nominate a minority owned business to be included in our Minority Business Awareness Program. This recognition is open to any minority owned business in the city of Arlington that has demonstrated the core values of the 4-way test. The first minority owned business to be recognized is Ella B's. Ella B's is a restaurant located at 1004 N. Collins, Arlington, Texas 76011. Barry Bondurant announced that the next Board meeting is Friday, February 17 at Legacy Financial at 11:30 a.m. If you have paid for a Rotary photo, these need to be picked-up. Don Mebus discussed with us the recent devastating earthquake in Turkey. He indicated that 47,000 people have lost their lives as a result of the earthquake. Rotary clubs are working together in order to raise

\$300,000.00 in order to construct a Multi Clinic in Turkey. The clinic will have a patient ward, water, a laboratory, and generators, among other things. Donations may be made by going to rotary.org. The website has a link to Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund where donations can be made. Grace Whetstone is seeking donations to be part of the Centennial Celebration raffle. If you have items to donate, please contact Grace. She also indicated that she is the Director of the Arlington Miracle Baseball League and is seeking volunteer coaches. The season is set to begin on March 25. Susie McAlister informed us of two upcoming social events. The first is the Arlington Renegades opening game on February 18, 2023 at Choctaw Stadium at 2:00 p.m. The next event is on March 2, 2023 and is the UTA Lady Mavericks basketball game.

Bill Daley provided our club with a short tutorial on the use of our club's website. The website address is arlingtonrotary.com. The website provides access to directories, telephone numbers, meeting responsibilities, volunteer opportunities and allows for online payments. If you have any questions about the website, call or email Bill.

Randy Hendricks and Sally Hopper presented Willie Rodriguez with his blue badge. Paul Fulks is Willie's mentor.

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Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with anniversaries and birthdays. Celebrating a birthday is Andrew Piel. Sally received a birthday check from Vince Hrabal.

Rotarians with anniversaries are Sheila Haddad Nagy, Tanis Garrett, Moji Haddad, Sarah Knotts, Rigien Bagekany-Jackson, Jonathan Jackson and Ajay Sobti.

Barry Bondurant announced the program for today. The program was presented by Eric White, the AISD's Athletic Director. Mr. White has been the athletic director for five years. Prior to coming to the AISD, Mr. White was the Assistant Athletic Director of Mansfield ISD for twelve years. His prior experience was at Fort Worth ISD and Joshua ISD. Eric is a graduate of Baylor University, is married and has two daughters.

Mr. White informed the club that the Arlington ISD has six high schools and ten junior high schools. One of his functions as the athletic director is to empower, support the coaches and to create opportunities for them. He indicated that athletics serves as a tool for life. The goal of coaches is to teach children how to become successful adults. A coach should focus on character, discipline, integrity and work ethic. As a coach, wins will come. However, a coach should "Take your eyes off the scoreboard and put them on the kids". A coach needs to teach kids to compete as life is a competition. The goal of a coach should be to impact students' lives.

Mr. White listed some of the accomplishments of the AISD athletics for 2022-2023. Volleyball has three teams in the playoffs: one high school won the district championship in cross country; three teams made the playoffs in football; three high schools advanced to playoffs in basketball; in swimming and diving fifty students advanced to regionals; in wrestling twenty-three students advanced to the state tournament; and in cheerleading, Lamar High School finished in the top twenty in Texas 6A programs.

Victoria presented a book to the Webb Library to honor Eric White. The title of the book is "The Peace Book".

Dan Blumberg presented a Rotary historical moment.

Victoria informed us that next program will be on February 23, 2023, at J. Gilligans. The program will be the new UTA athletic director, Jon Fagg.

The quote for this week: "Leadership is a verb and a noun". – Tom Hoskins

President Victoria reminded us that we are "People of Impact", so go make a difference this week!

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

