

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), great Rotary anniversaries, passing of Wally Berndt, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



Lone Star President Elect Training Seminar or P.E.T.S. (<https://www.lonestarpets.org>) took place this past weekend allowing our President-Elect Barry Bondurant and our President-Nominee Vera McKissic to prepare for their year of service as President. Many of our club members served as facilitator/trainers during the weekend, including PRID Don Mebus and Carolyn Mebus, our Past President and Past District Governor Peter Scott, Past President and Assistant Governor Susie McAlister, Past Presidents Clete McAlister and Kurt Bartley, plus Scott Hendricks, Jim Quick, Samantha Reich, and Sally Hopper just to name a few. Our club is rich with individuals who have lent their time and talents to our own club and now are working hard through P.E.T.S. to train rising leaders in ten Rotary International Districts who come together to offer this opportunity. The website noted above has wonderful resources that any member can access. For example, there are training links for how to use ClubRunner. In addition, there are other learning resources like Rotary's Learning Center (rotary.org/learn) to gain access to training on any aspect of Rotary in which you are most interested.

Prior to reaching the P.E.T.S. level, many ask me what they can do to get more involved. Certainly, working hard on our service projects or recruiting members is always a way you can ensure our club stays a vibrant and vital contributor to our community. Finding ways to assist in the club whether it be AV during the meeting, saying "hi" to a new face, or signing up to organize a happy hour or service project can be a way to lead from

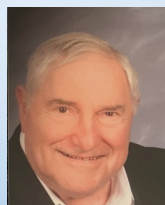
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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Steve Stigler Arlington High School Debate

COMING SOON

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| Mar 9 | Garret Martin | Downtown Arlington
Community
Development |
| Mar 16 | Maria Isias | Engineers Without
Borders UTA |



Walter Louis Berndt

SEPTEMBER 6, 1929–DECEMBER 4, 2022

We are saddened to report that Wally Berndt, long time member of our club, passed away on Dec. 4, 2022 at the age of 93. Wally, who served as President from 1998-1999, had a larger than life personality and will be remembered fondly. His family wrote a loving and colorful obituary which can be found at www.Moore-funeralhome.com

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anywhere you find yourself.

That is just that, Rotarians by choice have selected to be a part of an organization that thrives on individuals who lead in all kinds of ways. Whether it is picking up a clip board to ensure we always had greeters and prayer/pledge participants, or setting up a zoom camera to ensure our members who cannot be with us in person still can tune in, or being the person who makes sure the bell and banner are always at our off-site meetings, all are finding a way to ensure our club experience is something we all look forward to each week. It is these quiet leaders who just do what they do because they see a need and fill it who make those who take on the leadership titles able to do what they do. Each week, I include thanks to all those who had a part of making the meeting work that week. There are so many behind-the-scenes folks who, without them, the meetings would be just that more hectic. It is with deep gratitude to those individuals and the leaders of tomorrow that we can know our next century is in good hands.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



MORE FUN!

3/2 Thursday—7pm—Lady Mavs vs. Stephen F. Austin—more info to come at club meeting—tickets will be obtained in a group

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—JGilligan's—casual—cost TBD

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



President Nominee Vera and President Victoria present the first ever Rotary Minority Business Recognition to Ella B co-owner, Patricia Whitfield.

“Time eats away at good intentions.”

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Tom Hoskins

Rotary
Club of Arlington



UTA Athletic Director, Jon Fagg, asks Rotarians to help support the sports programs at the university.



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Rotary International President Elect (R.I.P.E), Gordon McNally, comes by to address the club president spouse's training at P.E.T.S. facilitated by AG Susie.



R.I.P.E. Gordon McNally shows off his new Stetson making the Scot an honorary Texan at P.E.T.S. while his wife, Heather, prepares to capture the image.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
February 26 – March 4

Feb 28 Derrick Kinney

Mar 3 Bill Daley

Mar 4 Earl Harcrow

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).

There will be a short meeting after Rotary this week for anyone interested in learning about a new software method of publishing the Hubcap.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Steve Brooks	9 Years	Feb 27, 2014
Fred Buehrer	9 Years	Feb 27, 2014
Brian Anderson	19 Years	Mar 1, 2004
Jake Fain	5 Years	Mar 1, 2018
Peter Scott	40 Years	Mar 1, 1983
Tommy Thompson	5 Years	Mar 1, 2018
Tom Ware	12 Years	Mar 3, 2011
Craig Bishop	13 Years	Mar 4, 2010
Al Clark	30 Years	Mar 4, 1993
Coy Garrett	13 Year	Mar 4, 2010



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IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY LEE ANN CHENOWETH LAWSON

On this day, we met at J. Gilligan's restaurant rather than the church. We will be back at First Methodist next week. The meeting was called to order by Victoria Farrar-Myers.

The prayer and pledge were led by Heidi Hardy. We didn't have the piano today for the singing of God Bless America, but we sang it anyway!

Iggi Nunez was our greeter and introduced visitors.

Announcements: Victoria reminded us to get online and record our volunteer hours. Clete McAlister told us that he will soon not be involved with the Hubcap, so there will be a meeting about Hubcap duties following our next meeting. Those who are interested in helping out should attend. Don Mebus mentioned the need for continued help and donations for the earthquake survivors in Turkey; talk to him about how to help.

Remember the June 10th Centennial celebration for our club! We have already nearly earned our goal of \$50k! Do get your tickets soon, details on the handout and at the club website about the event Sat. June 10, 5:30 reception 6:30 dinner, at the Bluebonnet Ballroom at UTA.

Vera McKissic introduced Patricia Whitfield, minority business owner spotlighted for this month. She represents the restaurant Ella B's, 1004 N. Collin St. Not only are they successful but also give back to the community. Visit them soon!

This week's birthdays: Grace Whetstone Feb. 20, George Zang Feb. 22, Maggie Campbell Feb. 23, Jonathan Jackson Feb. 24

Anniversaries: Grace Whetstone 5 years, Bryan Roberts 7 years

Barry Bondurant introduced today's speaker: Jon Fagg, director of athletics at UTA. Jon mentioned the importance of asking stores like Target and Walmart about carrying UTA sports gear if they

don't. Also, tell your hotel that you won't stay there unless the sports stations are carried! He encourages us to use college athletes for our businesses for the benefit of PR and also helping the student athletes earn a bit. Here is his extensive bio: Jon Fagg is in his first year as the Director of Athletics at UTA, officially beginning his tenure with the Mavericks on Aug. 1, 2022.

For the prior 14 years, Fagg served in various positions at Arkansas, culminating as its Deputy Athletics Director. With the Razorbacks, Fagg assisted the Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics in the daily administration of the department and provided direct oversight of its NCAA compliance program; academic support; student-athlete development; and name, image and likeness units. He also oversaw other administrative units, including mental health and performance, strength and conditioning, sports nutrition and major gift development. He most recently served as the sports administrator for the football and swimming and diving programs and had oversight of the women's soccer and men's basketball programs.

During his time in Fayetteville, Fagg was an instrumental team member of the University's capital campaign, Campaign Arkansas, which raised approximately \$220 million for the Department of Athletics through annual and philanthropic giving to enhance the Arkansas student-athlete experience. From the conclusion of the campaign in the summer of 2020 through the spring of 2022, the Razorbacks claimed an impressive 18 Southeastern Conference Championships – 10 in 2020-21 and eight more in 2021-22 – almost double any other SEC member.

During the 2021-22 academic year, Arkansas was one of only three schools in the nation to have NCAA Tournament appearances or make a bowl game in football, men's and women's basketball,

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gymnastics, softball and baseball. Fagg was instrumental in the hiring of current Arkansas men's basketball coach Eric Musselman, who guided the Razorbacks to their second straight Elite Eight trip in 2022.

Beyond athletic competitions, Fagg oversaw Arkansas student-athletes collectively earning at least a 3.0 GPA for 25 straight semesters, and 16 consecutive semesters of at least a 3.2 – including in spring of 2022 (3.25). Those student-athletes helped the Razorbacks achieve a school-record 85% Graduation Success Rate, which increased 15 percent during Fagg's time at Arkansas.

Prior to joining Arkansas in 2008, Fagg spent seven years at North Carolina State, first as an Assistant Athletics Director and then as Associate Athletics Director. He also spent three years as Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance at Fresno State and a year as Director of Compliance for the Big South Conference.

His first athletics administrative experience came at Mars Hill College where he handled compliance duties in addition to serving as an assistant coach for the football team for three seasons. His coaching experience also includes a stint as an assistant coach at Davidson from February 1992 to June 1993 and as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, the University of Arizona, from January 1991 to February 1992.

Fagg and his wife, Amanda, have three children: Jon Madison and twins, Reed and Ellie.

A book was dedicated in his name and will be donated to Webb Elementary School.

Kris Landreth gave the last laugh.

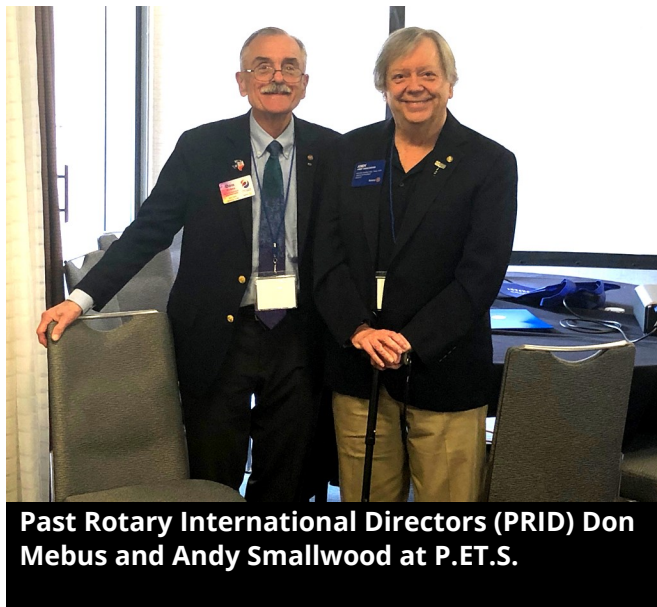
The 4 way test was led by Victoria and we were dismissed.



President Victoria urges us to support our local teams. The Rock says, "Let's drink to that."

Links to Learn More

ArlingtonRotary.com
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 5790](#)
[Rotary International](#)



Past Rotary International Directors (PRID) Don Mebus and Andy Smallwood at P.ET.S.



Phase In is a non-profit organization that provides support and resources for young men and women who have aged out of the foster care system. Their mission is to help these girls transition into independence and successful adulthood. The Arlington Sunrise Rotary will soon open a facility called the Arlington Sunrise Campus which is a transitional facility providing a safe and supportive environment for young women who have no place to call home. They will soon cut the ribbon but need items like bedding and cooking supplies to make a proper home. Arlington Sunrise Rotary has established a [Registry on Amazon](#) where you can purchase various items that they need. Just click this link to purchase an item to help out.

Registry

