

# Hubcap

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In this edition: Zoom Link, Youth Services Report, History of 4-Way Test, and more...

# Say "YES" to our Youth! **By Jill Regina**



My board position as Director of Youth Services encompasses many things and looks different this year than it has before. Many ideas have been thrown my way that seemed like opportunities too full of possibility to not explore.

As you know, our Rotary club supports Webb Elementary through different avenues that loy Bates coordinates. For several years we have been providing scholarships, ebooks, book fair books, sending students to camp, participating in their Halloween math event, and providing thesauruses, just to name a few. We want Webb families to know that Rotary cares. In the last couple years, we have also helped with several things at Nichols Jr. High.

Last year we expanded our involvement to high school students, with Peter Scott taking the lead to begin an Interact Club at Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center that I have helped coordinate. This is a small club, but Rotarians have recently made an impact in a large way by volunteering for a Professionalism Seminar, which was suggested by the club sponsor on staff there. I asked for volunteers, and twelve incredible Rotarians volunteered their time to work with a partner and coordinate a presentation either on the topic of Soft Skills or Resume Tips/Interview Skills. We presented this information to small groups

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# THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

**Garret Martin Downtown Arlington Community Development** 

# **COMING SOON**

Mar 16	<u>Maria Isias</u>	Engineers Without Borders UTA
Mar 23	<u>Mojy Haddad</u>	Founder CHS Architects

# IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY MALCOM CHAKERY

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. Jim Quick led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Mebus led the club in singing "God Bless America".

Guests and Visiting Rotarians by: Rachel Slosson **Announcements:** 

1. Please Log volunteer hours. Share your photos and use hashtags #ArlingtonRotary and #ArlingtonRotary100 2. After the meeting, there will be a meeting regarding the Hubcap 3. Miracle League Volunteers are needed. Registration starts March 1st.

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reaching approximately forty students. Each student attended both sessions and had opportunities to ask guestions and meet professionals from a variety of career backgrounds. I counted up the number of years of work experience, and these twelve individuals had more than 400 years from which to share wisdom! The students were motivated, and we had excellent feedback from the teachers. Each presentation was different, while some used games, others just had conversations. The relationships formed and the willingness of these Rotarians, most of whom took off work, to build meaningful connections with these students was an incredible event to witness and be a part of. I have heard that other teachers have requested us to come back and speak to their classes as well.

The youth need us. Many of them are behind academically and relationally because of Covid. Many of them do not have stable or consistent professional adults in their lives to mentor or guide them. The pressure and confusion social media presents are factors we did not have to deal with growing up, and their teachers are overworked. However, most of them have the same dreams and goals of success as we did at their age. Being able to spend time with an adult who might have a different background, and is not being paid to teach them, but is doing it simply because they care, is more meaningful than you can imagine.

I feel certain that our Rotary club will continue to build up the youth of all ages in our community in all different ways. We have a great reputation for supporting youth by donating money and resources for programs, which is invaluable. However, I encourage you to take it one step further, if your circumstances allow, and volunteer your time, expertise, and professionalism to mentor a youth personally in our community. Students of all ages need us. If you want to become more involved with the youth in Arlington, please let me know, and I can probably help you get plugged in in some

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4. Blood Drive: March 30th, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM 5. Join us tonight for the Lady Mavs vs. Stephen F Austin at College Park.

6. We are close to \$50,000 in sponsorships for the Centennial Gala. The sponsorship committee has done a fantastic job.

7. Barry Bondurant presented Victoria Farrar-Myers and Sally Hopper with certificates for achieving Rotary Foundation goals.

Blue Badge Presentation: Iggy Nunez

Don Mebus presented a historical moment he touched on Rotary's relationship with the United Nations.

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New Member Induction: Derek Carter

Paul Harris Fellows: Tanis Garret and Coy Garrett

Birthdays this week - by Sally Hopper Derrick Kinney February 28

Bill Daley March 3

Earl Harcrow March 4

Anniversaries this week - by Sally Hopper 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

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Additionally, it is almost that time again! I will be coordinating the Rotary Awards that are given out in person to nearly 120 A.I.S.D. students in the sixth and eighth grades at their awards ceremonies in May. I would love for you to be a part of this tradition to congratulate these overachievers and to spread the word to all of our elementary and junior highs what rotary is and does. Please keep an eye out in the next few weeks for the sign-up sheet to volunteer.

I'll leave you with a quote by Coretta Scott King: "The failure to invest in youth reflects a lack of compassion and a colossal failure of common sense."

Thank you for ALL you do to put service above self! It is an honor to serve with you.

**Jill Regina** Director of Youth Services



#### **MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?**

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Password is: **5\$9BFKC7** 



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Coy Garrett 13 Year Mar 4, 2010

Speaker: – Steve Stigler

Steve Stigler, a speech and debate teacher from Arlington High School, recently spoke at the Rotary Club of Arlington, sharing his insights into the world of debate and the benefits it offers to students.

During his speech, Stigler began by joking that most kids who join speech and debate are already great at arguing. However, he went on to explain that the purpose of debate is not simply to argue for the sake of arguing but to develop critical thinking skills and learn how to effectively communicate and persuade others.

Arlington High School is well known for its Lincoln Douglas form of debate, in which students must either affirm or negate a particular idea. Stigler explained that this format requires students to think deeply about complex issues and to develop persuasive arguments based on logic and evidence.

Stigler went on to discuss the debate process in greater detail, explaining how students research and prepare arguments, and how they must be able to think on their feet and respond to counterarguments during the actual debate. He also highlighted the benefits that debate offers to students, including improved critical thinking, communication, and public speaking skills.

In addition to discussing the specifics of the debate process, Stigler also spoke about the broader impact that debate can have on students' lives. He shared examples of former students who went on to successful careers in law, politics, and other fields, and emphasized that the skills and confidence gained through debate can be applied

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#### **RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE**

#### **History of The 4-Way Test**

The 4-Way Test was conceived by Herbert J. Taylor, a Chicago Rotarian and president of Rotary International in 1954-55.

He applied The 4-Way Test to the operation of his company with remarkable results and subsequently shared it with others. The story is told by Herbert J. Taylor in this description of how the Test came into existence and what effect it had.

"Back in 1932 I was assigned, by the creditors of the Club Aluminum Products Company, the task of saving the company from being closed out as a bankrupt organization.

The company was a distributor of cookware and other household items. We found that the company owed its creditors more than \$400,000 in excess of its total assets. It was bankrupt but still alive.

At that time we borrowed \$6,100 from a Chicago bank to give us a little cash on which to operate.

While we had a good product our competitors also had fine cookware with well-advertised brand names. Our company had some fine people working for it, but our competitors also had the same. Our competitors were naturally in much stronger financial condition than we were.

With tremendous obstacles and handicaps facing us, we felt that we must develop something in our organization which our competitors would not have in equal amount. We decoded that is should be the character, dependability and service mindedness of our personnel.

We determined, first, to be very careful in the selection of our personnel and, second, to help them become better men and women as they progressed with our company.

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to a wide range of endeavors.

Overall, Stigler's speech provided valuable insights into the world of debate and the benefits it offers to students. Whether they go on to pursue careers in law or politics, or simply apply their critical thinking and communication skills to other areas of their lives, students who participate in speech and debate are sure to benefit from the experience.



Arlington High debate coach, Steve Stigler delivers a funny and informative talk about his program and his students.



# BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund March 5 – March 11

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March 10 Blake Kretz March 11 Tanis Garrett

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).



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We believed that 'In right there is might,' and we determined to do our best to always be right.

Our industry, as was true of scores of other industries, had a code of ethics – but the code was long, almost impossible to memorize and therefore impractical. We felt that we needed a simple measuring stick of ethics which everyone in the company could quickly memorize. We also believed that the proposed test should not tell our people what they must do but ask them questions which would make it possible for them to find out whether their proposed plans, policies statements or actions were right or wrong.

We had looked in available literature for such a short measuring stick of ethics but could not find a satisfactory one. One day in Jul 1932, I decided to pray abut the matter. That morning I leaned over my desk and asked God to give us a simple guide to help us think, speak and do that which was right. I immediately picked up a white card and wrote out The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do as follows:"

Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Val Gibson



Tanis and Coy Garrett receive Paul Harris pins.

### **Links to Learn**

<u>ArlingtonRotary.com</u> <u>Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook</u> <u>Rotary District 5790</u> <u>Rotary International</u>



Derek Carter returns to the club and receives his greeting from the usual suspects.



Some of the Rotarians attending the Women's Alliance luncheon.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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

Clete McAlister	14 Years	March 5, 2009
Susie McAlister	14 Years	March 5, 2009

Mary Jean Moloney 35 Years March 10, 1998



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PDG Peter Scott celebrates 40 years of exemplary Rotary Service.

#### **VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED**



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# IT'S ALMOST TIME TO CUT THE RIBBON!

Phased 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 <u>Registry on Amazon</u> where you can purchase various items that they need. Just click this link to purchase an item to help out.





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