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## MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

BY KIM CRAWFORD, TREASURER



Hello, friends! I am writing to inform you about an increase in our membership dues that will take place on July 1, 2023. As you may remember, last fall I reported on a projected budget shortfall of \$13,000 for our club's 2022-2023 year and that we would need to dip into our cash reserves and request funding from our local foundation. In response, the club's board of directors created a Financial Review Task Force to review our club's revenue sources and expenses. The task force consisted of myself, Victoria Farrar-Myers, Kurt Bartley, Barry Bondurant, Tommy Thompson and Chris McMurrough. Our goal was to determine a path forward where our club would have a balanced budget that would allow us to sustain our current programs and not have to further dip into our reserves or request funds from our local foundation.

The task force performed a detailed analysis of our club's expenditures, sources of revenue, and cash reserves and benchmarked our annual dues against other clubs in our area. During our research we discovered that we have not increased our dues since July 1, 2014, during which time we have seen a significant increase in costs, some of which are as follows: RI Dues 22%, District Dues 24%, EREY Donation 60%, Meeting Expenses 49%.

You may be wondering, how have we built up our reserves and sustained operations during the past

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Chiefs [Don Crowson](#) and [Alex Jones](#)  
Fire and Police Chief Forum

COMING SOON

Mar 30	<a href="#">Steven Morris</a>	Theatre Arlington
Apr 6	LeeAnne Chenoweth	Timeless Concerts

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President-Elect Barry Bondurant. Rachel Slosson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. David Keal introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visitors were Hunter Rogers, Chris Church, Zach Schultze, Clint Stephens, Aubrey Stewart and Adrian Bautista. Corey Callaway, President of Arlington Highlands Rotary was visiting.

Announcements: Barry reminded us to utilize social media and check in using #ArlingtonRotary and #ArlingtonRotary100. Past- President Kurt Bartley reminded us to save the date of June 10, 2023, for

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8 years? Well, namely, we had significant cost savings during the time in which we did not meet in person due to the pandemic and during which our president-elect could not attend the RI Convention. Also, during those 8 years our membership count grew. Although we are fortunate to have reserves, the task force noted that we should not rely on our cash reserves to balance our budget, as our operating expenses average about \$11,000 per month and a good target of cash reserves would be 3-6 months of expenses.

Here is a breakdown of how your individual dues are being used based on our 2022-2023 projected expenditures:

	<b>Per Member</b>
Total Dues	490
Initiation Fees & Interest	9
To Arl. Rotary Foundation	-60
Rotary International Dues	-94
Rotary District Dues	-33
RI Every Rotarian Every Year	-25
Church Meeting Fee	-92
Youth Services	-65
Club administration	-88
Field of Honor	-17
RI Convention	-95
District Grant	-51
Net	<u>-121</u>

After careful consideration, the task force has recommended, and the board of directors has unanimously voted to increase our membership dues by \$10 per month or \$120 per year effective July 1, 2023. We recognize that this increase may be difficult for some of our members, especially in light of current economic challenges. However, we

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our club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom. Kurt informed us that \$55,500 has been raised to date for the Centennial Celebration. The Alington Highlands Rotary Club is holding a Charity Fun Shoot on Friday, April 28, 2023, at Shoot Smart, 6054 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, Texas. Check in is 12 noon and the shooting begins at 1:00 p.m. Sign up and buy raffle tickets at HighlandsRotary.com. Sarah Knotts announced a social event at Theater Arlington on May 18, 2023. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and the cost per person is \$42.00. The show is "On Golden Pond" and our club has reserved 50 tickets.

Jeff Haviland presented a classification talk. Jeff is the owner of Haviland Home Services. Jeff founded Haviland Home Services, LLC in the fall of 2020. Haviland was formed with the desire to create quality painting, refinishing and remodeling work with a personable and informative approach. Jeff has been in the industry for over 24 years and prides himself on being knowledgeable not just about his chosen craft, but in all avenues of home maintenance and repair. Jeff's website is havilandhomeservices.com.

Sally Hopper and Kurt Bartley made a Paul Harris presentation to Ajay Sobti. This is Ajay's plus 6 Paul Harris Award. This award was established in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The award is named for the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with anniversaries and birthdays. Celebrating birthdays are Tim Moloney, Kurt Bartley and Chad Bates. Rotarians with anniversaries are Dan Blumberg, Pat Conner and Benjamin Harris.

Walter Virden and Kathleen Smith led us in singing "Home on the Range".

Barry Bondurant announced the program for today. The program was presented by Sydney

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believe that it is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of our club and its operations.

I also want to assure you that the board is committed to being good stewards of your membership dues. We will continue to look for ways to control costs and to explore opportunities for fundraising. In addition, the level of our club's membership dues will be reviewed annually during the budgeting process, and every three years membership dues will be reviewed by a task force.

Our club's board of directors is committed to transparency, and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about the dues increase.

The board of directors wants to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our club. Our impact on the community and its members is immeasurable, and we are proud to be part of such a dynamic Rotary Club!

**Kim Crawford**, Treasurer

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Grau and Mohammed Abdulla with Engineers Without Borders, UTA division. The UTA branch of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) was established in 2019. EWBUTA is currently involved in a water resource project in Bolivia to provide clean water to a mountain village by the name of Piriguina. The project's goals are to improve water quality, to improve the current system by increasing water storage and distribution, to evaluate potential water sources and design a new system. The project is expected to take three to four years from start to finish. The village's elevation is 10,000 feet above sea level. The village has a clinic and one school.

EWBUTA is planning a trip to the village in mid to late July of 2023. The team will consist of six members. The group is planning fundraisers in order to pay for the trip. Transportation and lodging will cost approximately \$10,000.00; another \$6500.00 is needed to fund Engineers in Action. Additionally, the trip will require a driver, a translator and equipment. EWBUTA has scheduled a fundraiser for April 29, 2023. The EWBUTA will be having a "Walk for Water" to be held at River Legacy Park. EWBUTA is seeking sponsors for this very worthwhile event. To learn more about EWBUTA, please visit ewbuta.com.

Barry presented a book to the Webb Library to honor Sydney Grau and Mohammed Abdulla.

Dan Blumberg "treated" us with a Rotary historical moment.

Barry informed us that next program will be on March 23, 2023. The program will be a Police and Fire Chief Forum.

The quote for this week: "An old man knows a lot of things that aren't true anymore". – Tom Hoskins

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

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

“ A leader should look back once in a while to see if he has any followers.”

**Tom Hoskins**  
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**ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE**

HELP SAVE A LIFE +  
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD

**MARCH 30 10:30—2:30**

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**Arlington Highlands Rotary**  
**CHARITY FUN SHOOT**

**FRIDAY**  
**April 28th**  
**2023**  
**Shoot Smart**

6054 E Lancaster Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76112  
Check In 12PM. The Competition Begins @ 1PM  
Price  
\$75.00 Tickets  
\$25.00 Raffle Tickets  
Sign up and buy raffle tickets at  
HighlandsRotary.com  
Proceeds from the event supports the Arlington Highlands Rotary Club Youth Services Programs at Bowie High School, Barnett Junior High, and John's Elementary.

**THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS**

Mike & Becky Gerro



**MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?**  
The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).  
Password is: q6=7.XUH



## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
March 19 – March 25

**March 19 Clyde Godfrey**  
**March 19 Joyce Stanton**  
**March 21 Bonnie Harris**

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).

## RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

EXAMPLES:

- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Entertainment Gift Cards
- Spa/Pampering Gift Certificates
- Beverage Items
- Pet Items – Doggie Day Camp, Grooming Cert /Items
- Garden Gift Basket
- Fitness – A gift certificate to any gym/ studio
- Golf Club round of four (4) golf certificate
- Game Day Tickets–Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys, MAVS, STARS
- Autographed Memorabilia
- Suites to an event
- Alcohol baskets or drink items

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