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Things We Do for Webb

By Joy Bates, Webb School Director



Webb Elementary is a Title 1 school here in Arlington ISD which The Rotary Club of Arlington adopted several years ago. We support the faculty and students in many capacities. Listed here are the many events we sponsor and some history, as best as I know:

Event: Scholarships for college or post high school education

We provide a yearly scholarship to any student who has attended Webb at least one year and graduates from high school. They must apply for the scholarship and be accepted into a post high school curriculum. At this time, the scholarship is \$1000 per semester. We currently have 25-30 students each semester. They don't even have to graduate from an Arlington high school!

Event: First Day Pencils

This year was the first year for this event. We greeted/cheered on the students on the first day of school and passed out pencils and scholarship information.

Event: Thesauruses for 4th graders

We provide a Thesaurus for every 4th grader every fall. Our Rotarians pass them out and their excitement and appreciation is wonderful!

Event: Math-O-Ween

This started as a Trunk-or-Treat 4 years ago. But, it

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Steven Morris Theatre Arlington

COMING SOON

Apr 6	LeeAnne	Timeless Concerts
Apr 13	Webb School Students	Webb Kids Camp Experiences

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY JONATHAN JACKSON

The weekly meeting was called to order by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Rotarians offered a moment of silence for the students, teachers and parents affected by the recent shooting at Lamar High School. Tommy Thompson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Keal came up to introduce guests and visiting Rotarians including District Governor Dan Steele and District Governor Elect Pat Peters.

Announcements: President Victoria discussed the ClubRunner and the two apps, detailing how to register and sign in on the go, and you can even log your service hours through the app. Of course, you can always mark your service hours when you

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was raining the first year so the Principal moved the event inside and it never went back outside. This year, they renamed it the Math-O-Ween. We provide and participate in 2 fun games for the students to earn candy.

Event: Camp

This outdoor education program started many years ago. It began by Rotary paying for the 5th grade students to attend Camp Grady Spruce at Possum Kingdom Lake for a 3 night, 4 day overnight camp. AISD provided the bus transportation and we paid for most of the camp. For several reasons, we changed to a day camp last year and send the 6th graders instead. Last year they went to Camp Thurman in Arlington and this year to Camp Carter in Fort Worth. Most of the students have never had the opportunity to attend a camp before so this is an extra special event.

Event: Camp back packs

We collect donations for and have some money in our budget for backpacks and supplies for camp. When the students were attending overnight camp, we provided "camp" supplies such as flashlights, shampoo, soap, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, journals, pencils, chapstick, gloves and scarves. Now, with day camp, we provide water bottles, snacks, gloves, hats, pencils, journals and chapstick. The backpacks are in several colors and have our Rotary Logo.

Event: Lisann Peters' Read with Rotary

We have had this program for many years and Lisann Peters was one of the driving forces behind the event. Because of her passion, we named it in her honor about 4 years ago. Each spring, during the Scholastic Book Fair, we set up a couple of tables for Rotarians in the Webb library. Each student in the school is given the opportunity to pick out a book for themselves that we pay for. That's about 750 books! Each student stops by our table, we have a Rotary label in the front cover for

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attend the weekly meeting while signing in! We were reminded that the sign up sheet for Greeter and Prayer & Pledge is now online, but if we cannot get volunteers to sign up through the sight, the "Clip Board" will make an appearance!

Rachel Slosson gave a wonderful classification talk this week, followed by Vera McKissic leading us in the beautiful song "This Is My Father's World".

Victoria announced Rotarians with birthdays, Clyde Godfrey, Joyce Stanton, and Bonnie Harris. We all sang Happy Birthday to them.

The program for this week was the Police and Fire Chief Forum, introduced and moderated by Bryan Roberts. Police Chief Alex Jones and Fire Chief Don Crowson were very interesting to listen to, making excellent points about the current status of many situations within their departments, as well as the future plans and outlook for their respective departments. They answered many difficult questions related to public safety, including safety in our schools. During the forum, we were reminded that, unfortunately, Chief Don Crowson will be retiring at the end of May. Thank you Chief Crowson for many years of excellent service to our city. Retirement is well deserved, and you will be truly missed in your leadership role.

Thank you to Chief Jones and Chief Crowson for taking the time to speak with us. Thank you, Bryan Roberts, for putting the entire forum together and such an excellent job in moderating for us.

Victoria presented Chief Jones and Chief Crowson with a book to be signed by each of them and donated to Webb Elementary Library on their behalf.

Kris Landrith gave us a good laugh with the Hysterical Minute.

Next week we have the pleasure of listening to Steven Morris of Theater Arlington.

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the students to write their names, and we have short discussions with them on why they picked out that book, which subjects they enjoy most, etc. This year's even is April 18-19 so I'll be asking for volunteers soon!

Event: Books for the library

Each week, a book is signed by the guest speaker(s) at our meeting and the book is provided to the Webb library.

Event: eBooks

Our Foundation provided \$12,000 to purchase 701 eBooks for the library. Their objective was to increase accessibility to the library by 25%; with the eBooks, 1670 books were checked out, which was an increase of 79% from the year before!

Past events:

School supply refill in the spring

Buying electronic equipment for school

For years provided Christmas gifts and bicycles to students

Doing landscape projects at school

Painting portions of school interior

Refurbished old string instruments and donated them to provide for start of strings program

Tutoring students

Joy, Webb School Director

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The quote for this week: "A leader should look back once in a while to see if he has any followers." ~ Tom Hoskins (*Hoskilonians 14*)

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

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

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

Password is: **3f#tjU=U**



Bryan Roberts welcomes Police Chief Al Jones and Fire Chief Don Crowson with President Victoria.

Rotary District 5790 Club Leadership Training!

District Assembly

Are you ready to lead your Rotary Club for the 2023-24 Rotary Year?
NOW'S THE TIME

2023-24 Club Presidents, grab your sidekicks and carpool to a great Rotary event!

[Click here to register](#)

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If you consult enough experts, you can confirm any opinion."



Tom Hoskins
Hoskilonians: 242

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PROPOSED MEMBER

Chris Church

Classification: Business Service - Database
Management (Active)

Sponsor: Joan Church
Mentor: Joan Church

Rotary District 5790 District Conference May 19-20, 2023

May 19, 2023 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
May 20, 2023 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Crazy Water Hotel
401 N. Oak Ave
Mineral Wells, Texas



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Blake Kretz	8 Years	Mar 26, 2015
Jerry McCullough	14 Years	Mar 26, 2009
James McCroskey	11 Years	Mar 29, 2012
Stu Reichert	6 Years	Mar 30, 2017
Joy Bates	7 Years	Mar 31, 2016
Deborah Coppola	7 Years	Mar 31, 2016

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE



HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD

MARCH 30 10:30—2:30



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
March 26 – April 1

- March 26** Clyde Godfrey
- March 27** Joyce Stanton
- March 28** 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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