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## Victoria's Vignettes



Watching the bluebonnets spring up all over Arlington, I cannot help but smile at how far we have come since the installation dinner last May when I challenged you to plant 100 packets of bluebonnet seeds throughout our community. While logically I know our seeds will take several seasons to actually take root, I know I shall never look at this storied spring tradition in Texas the same. In fact, if anything I am more passionate about making the planting of bluebonnet seeds throughout Arlington my yearly Rotary commitment.

Plans are in full swing for our Centennial Celebration on June 10, 2023, at the Bluebonnet Ballroom on the UTA Campus. We are excited to announce that Past RI President (2013-14) and Rotary Foundation Chair (2018-19), Ron Burton, has agreed join us to mark this momentous occasion. In addition to numerous Rotary awards and positions at the local, national, and international level, Mr. Burton's service has extended to such organizations as the University of Oklahoma Foundation (former president) and the Boy Scouts. His commitment to improving the lives of others makes him perfectly suited to speak to our club's unique history and commitments throughout our community. A very special thank you to our own Don Mebus for securing our keynote speaker. We had also invited and hoped to have current RI President Jones join us for our event, but her travel schedule would not permit her to be with us.

I encourage each and every member to visit <https://arlingtonrotary.com/event/arlington-rotary->

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

### LeeAnne Chenoweth

### Timeless Concerts

### COMING SOON

- |        |                                 |  |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| Apr 13 | At Webb<br><b>Not at Church</b> | Webb Kids' Camp Experiences                  |
| Apr 20 | Sharon Porter                   | River Legacy Foundation/Legacy Nature Center |

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

### BY SALLY HOPPER

President Victoria Farrar-Myers called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas to order at 12:10 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Arlington's Great Hall. Red Badge member Laurie Bianco led us in prayer, in a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and in the singing of "God Bless America". Kathleen Smith accompanied the club on the piano. Laurie also introduced our guests: Peggy Martin, Tom Clarke and Penny Reichert. We were happy to have these guests with us.

Announcements: Please remember to record your volunteer hours and add #Arlington Rotary or #Arlington Rotary100 to any photos you might post regarding today's meeting. President Victoria thanked those who participated in the day's blood drive. Tickets for the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event are available on the club's website. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor please

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[centennial-celebration/](#) to purchase tickets and/or sponsorships. If you are unable to join the event, please consider donating the \$100 ticket cost through the registration site. Alternatively, you can donate items for the high/low raffle that will take place. Anyone interested in participating in this aspect can contact Grace Whetstone. Please know all event proceeds will return to our club's local foundation to support our ongoing work in the community and with Webb School.

Please also mark June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. on your calendar for the ribbon cutting on the Jenn Lewin's uniquely designed artwork that we are donating to the city at the Rotary Dream Park.

Plans for this Centennial have been ongoing for several years and it seems so incredible we find ourselves just two months away. I implore all to attend our events and help volunteer to bring these two once-in-a-lifetime occasions to life.

April is also Maternal and Child Health month for Rotary International. We are excited to hear from the Webb students and our adopted school at our off-site April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the new Webb School library. The principal has graciously reserved twenty parking spots in the front of the school for Rotarians who may not be able to walk long distances. Everyone else can park behind the new school or across the street from the old school and walk on the sidewalk along Cooper Street.

In addition, we have Read with Rotary on April 18-19<sup>th</sup> where Webb students get to pick out and take with them a book of their choosing. Seeing the students beam with pride at their own book is a must Rotary experience. If you are interested in participating, please email Joy Bates.

*Victoria*

**President, 2022-23**

EACH ONE  
BRING ONE



## Need Help Registering for the Centennial Gala?

Members of the Board will be available at each club meeting to assist anyone with registration for the gala.

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contact Kurt Bartley. Webb Elementary School's "Read with Rotary" event will take place on April 13 in the new Webb Elementary School library. Please contact Joy Bates to sign up to volunteer. Jock Bethune announced that Teen Talent Follies auditions will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Lamar High School. Winners will receive scholarships. Richard Urso announced that Open Arms Clinic, a free or reduced fee South Arlington medical clinic, will have a gala on April 29. Please see Richard for sponsorships or program ads supporting the event.

Vera McKissic led us in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," accompanied by Kathleen Smith on the piano. Sally Hopper recognized Marcelo Cavazos, Mac Martin, Bob Matasso and Tom Long for their birthdays this week. Those having Rotary anniversaries were Blake Kretz (8 years), Jerry McCullough (14 years), James McCroskey (11 years), Stu Reichert (6 years), Jay Bates (7 years) and Deb Coppola (7 years). We thanked Kathleen Smith and Mac Martin for their generous birthday checks to the Rotary Foundation, benefitting the club's Rotary grant funding.

Past District Governor Peter Scott introduced Steve Morris, Executive Director of Theater Arlington, who presented our program. The theater has recently undergone a huge renovation. It includes a revolving stage, of which Steve is very proud, as well as expanded space for the back stage area and updated dressing rooms along with new seating in the auditorium. In 2022 alone people from 145 cities and 19 states visited Theater Arlington. The theatre conducted numerous events, including off-site events, serving 2,500 AISD students in the new AISD Performing Arts Center. The theatre conducted classes at eight Title I schools to help students work on self-esteem and self-worth. The theatre also conducted summer camp for four Title I schools and for homeless students. Its newest project is a "Walk of Fame". A QR code on the side of the theatre building allows access to information about the people in the "Walk of Fame," which opened on March 31. Thursday, May 18 is Rotary Night at the Theater. Those attending will see "On Golden Pond". Comedy Night is the second Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. It is family friendly humor and tickets are \$15. Victoria presented a book for the Webb Library to Steve in

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Theatre Arlington Executive Producer Steven Morris tells us about all the excitement at the theater for their 50th Anniversary.

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thanks for his presentation.

Tom Ware presented a great “Last Laugh”. If you did not attend the meeting then you missed a good one.

Leann Chenoweth will bring us a program on Timeless Concerts next week. After leading the club in reciting the Four Way Test, President Victoria rang the bell and another action-packed Rotary meeting was in the books.

### MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).  
Password is: ^170sg&^

## Rotary District 5790 Club Leadership Training! District Assembly

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
First United Methodist Church  
Denton, Texas  
Cost \$25 (Reimbursed by the club)

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click to View Agenda](#)

Any member may attend!

## MORE FUN!

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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



You can't step in the same river twice."

Tom Hoskins

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Rotary  
Club of Arlington

Or as another philosopher said:

"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it is not the same river and he is not the same man." **HERACLITUS**



Mary Jean and Tim enjoy "Noises Off" at Theatre Arlington.



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### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
April 2 – April 8

**April 3** April Pettitt

**April 4** Mojoy Haddad

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."

**Kim Crawford**      **23 Years**    **April 6, 2000**

### Click These Links

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

## District Conference Rotary District 5790

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

### RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

#### District Governor E.H. Hereford

Our Club has had 5 District Governors. The first District Governor from our club was Ernest H. Hereford who served from 1952-53.



E.H. Hereford in his office, circa 1955. *This article, which appeared in 2013, is reprinted from the archives of the UT Arlington Magazine.*

Although the school that would become UT Arlington dates to 1895, no president presided over the campus for the first 53 years. In the early days, the top campus executives were called trustees or superintendents. When the school joined the Texas A&M University System in 1917, the chief administrative officer received the title of dean. Presidents eventually were named at branch campuses. Thus in 1948 North Texas Agricultural College (now UT Arlington) gained its first president, E.H. Hereford. Nicknamed "Old Rosebud" because he often wore a rose on his lapel, Dr. Hereford worked diligently to elevate the junior college to a full-fledged university. After suffering a heart attack in his Ransom Hall office, he died Nov. 24, 1958, about six months before legislation granted the school four-year status. The E.H. Hereford University Center is named in his honor. The rotary telephone and bulky intercom system he used are now obsolete. And on today's smoke-free campus, President Hereford would have to ditch the ashtrays and cigar. (Photograph courtesy of Special Collections, UT Arlington Library.)

*Val Gibson*

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