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In this edition: <u>Zoom Link</u>, letters from <u>RIP Jennifer Jones</u>, and <u>PRIP John Germ</u>, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



This past Thursday our meeting was so uplifting seeing the faces of several of the Webb students and hearing their personal thanks for our Club's efforts to send them to camp this past December. It was interesting to hear their favorite parts of camp and to learn the backpacks we provided will live on. We also heard from Tom Ware and the Webb librarian about all the books that were purchased with the grant we provided and the dramatic percentage increase in usage by students and even parents learning to speak English. The librarian shared a story of a high school student who just received an archery scholarship and how she may have never discovered the sport if she was not exposed years ago during her own camp trip funded by our club. Following the meeting the six graders led many of us on a tour of the new school. The pride on their faces and their beaming smiles about their brand-new school made our days just a bit brighter. As I said in the meeting, we often do a lot in our community, but never really know the impact on those who are recipients of our efforts. It certainly was a special day indeed!

Finally, I know the principal, librarian, staff, and students who attended loved seeing the faces of Rotary and enjoyed making our partnership even more personal. Special thanks to our Webb Director, Joy Bates, for organizing the Barbeque from David's and for spearheading this visit. While I was told in the past we have auctioned off the remaining Barbeque, this year the remaining food went to feeding some students and a gift was donated to the Webb School fundraising effort for Arlington Life Shelter.

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Sharon PorterRiver Legacy Foundation

COMING SOON

Apr 27 <u>Dick Hill</u>, 40 Years on the Beat

May 4 Bud Kennedy Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY LEEANNE LAWSON

Our greeters were Laurie Bianco and Jeffrey Haviland.

Today, we met at the newly constructed Webb Elementary, our adopted school! It is beautiful, and we met in the library. President Victoria Farrar-Myers welcomed us and started the meeting.

The prayer and pledge were led by Samantha Reich.

"God Bless American" was sung by all, acapella.

We welcomed visitors, but due to bad acoustics in this room, I could not hear much!! Sadly, for moi, there was no video, so I'm afraid my notes may be a bit sparse today!

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We were reminded about Read with Rotary this coming Wednesday where each Webb student is allowed to pick out their own book to keep and we ensure the book has a label identifying it as a gift from our club. The Principal also let us know that Webb is undergoing a revisioning process now that they are fully into the new school. She encouraged Rotary to continue to play a part in the visioning going forward.

Our Community Service Director, Derrick Kinney, announced the final club project for this Rotary year. He invited club members to participate in the "Get Mugged" project. Rotarians were encouraged to bring in coffee mugs to donate to Arlington Life Shelter. People with small businesses or contacts with businesses were encouraged to donate these as well. It is a wonderful way to expose residents to local businesses and to build upon the wonderful efforts of several years past of assisting residents getting back on their feet through business/work training. Donations can be brought to the meetings on April 20 and April 27th.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to cordially invite members, particularly Red Badges, to attend our club's Board meeting this coming Friday, April 21 from 11:30-1:00 at Legacy Financial on 1205 W. Abram Street.

*Victoria*President, 2022-23



Joy Bates, Webb Director, organized a wonderful club meeting at the school. The art used as center pieces was by a Webb student.

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From the announcements, I did hear the reminder to make posts for our club using #arlingtonrotary and #arlingtonrotary100. Kurt did remind us to buy our tickets for the centennial celebration June 10, and/or to keep raising money, find sponsors, etc! We thankfully passed our goal of \$50k and are nearing \$60k!

Richard Urso reminded us of the Open Arms gala on April 29, tickets still available online for attending, or simply giving. Info, tickets and giving: Opernarmshealthclinic.org. We wish it didn't conflict with Timeless Concerts "Evening in Italy" on April 29, as we love both organizations, but Timeless will repeat our "Evening In Italy" concert in Arlington on Sat. May 6. Tickets are still available for both dates. Info and tickets:

<u>Timelessconcerts.com</u>. It was also announced that tickets are still available for "On Golden Pond" at Theater Arlington. Info and tickets: **CLICK HERE**.

Birthdays:

April 9: Tommy Thompson and Gloria Pena, April 10 Hal Thurow, April 12 Emmett Rodriguez, April 14 Rigien Bagekany-Jackson.

Anniversaries: Vera McKissic 9 years, Ben Doskocil 38 years and Esteban Blanco 7 years

Joy Bates introduced our speakers...being the principal of Webb; Evelyn Navaro-Gaspar, the librarian Karen Patterson, and a group of wonderful, confident sixth graders. We heard well-spoken kids talk about their thankfulness for our club's support in many ways, especially with financial help in attending YMCA Camp Carter, where they enjoyed archery, hiking, and creative activities. Kids also spoke about the sponsored backpacks meaning a lot to them. It was a true pleasure to hear these sixth graders speak to us about their positive experiences!

Remember we will be back at the church next week, and our speaker will be Sharon Porter from River Legacy Nature Center.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON This Friday, April 21 at 11:30 am

at Legacy Financial 1205 W. Abram (park in back) Any club 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 for \$44 per person.

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 — J. Gilligan's—casual—cost is \$15 per person.

Peace is the soil where hope takes root."







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.

Dear Rotarians,

Congratulations go out to our District Membership Chair PDG Peter Scott, who has been selected to serve as Area Rotary Coordinator for Membership for the 2023-24 Rotary year. Peter will be supporting membership teams for Districts 5790 (us), 5810 (our neighbors in Dallas), and 5870 (Austin and surrounding areas). We are so proud that Peter's outstanding work in membership has been noticed and rewarded with this "promotion." Unfortunately for us, this also means that Peter must vacate his position as District 5970 Membership Chair. Be assured that PDG Peter will not disappear; he will still be in our district and serving here at home. We just have to share his time and energy! All the best in your new role, PDG Peter!

We are fortunate to have Assistant Membership Chair Kurt Bartley to step into the District Membership Chair position for 2023-24. Kurt is the immediate past president of Arlington Rotary and served as their membership chair before that. His experience working for the University of Texas at Arlington Foundation was a great training ground for working with Rotary, and now that he is retired from UTA, he also has the time. Kurt has recently completed the Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator Training and will be working with our RLI team at future sessions. He also served as a facilitator for the 2023 Lone Star PETS in February. Welcome to your new position, Kurt!

Please reach out to Peter and Kurt to congratulate them on their new positions and to thank them for their continued service to Rotary. We will be announcing these new positions at Club Leadership Training on April 15 and then sending the information out to the entire District membership following that announcement.

Yours in service above self,

Pat,

Patricia Peters Rotary 5790 District Governor Elect







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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund April 16 – April 22

April 15 Bill Coppola

April 17 Randy Hendricks

April 18 Valerie Landry

April 19 Wella Mack

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."

Jock Bethune 3 Years April 16, 2020 Stephen Zimmer 21 Years April 18, 2002 Heidi Hardy 1 Year April 19, 2022 Michelle Deuell 6 Years April 20, 2017



Bring new or gently used coffee mugs to Rotary this week for the Arlington Life Shelter.

Click this image to register and make hotel accommodations!





Participation in the District 5790 Assembly by our club was more than any other club. Awesome!

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK 24-30 April 2023 endpolio.org I #endpolio







ROTARY







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June 2023

Dear Rotary Club of Arlington members,

I am honored to congratulate the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas, on its 100th anniversary.

Since your club was chartered, you have made the commitment not only to represent Rotary in your community, but also to do significant, meaningful work from which your community will benefit.

When we join Rotary, we make a commitment to Rotary values, to friendships and to a life of Service Above Self. You should be proud of all that we have achieved together and the lives we will improve in the years ahead.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to *Imagine Rotary* by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

By reaching this milestone, you have shown a deep commitment to your members and to all that Rotary does and hopes to do.

I'm asking you to turn our call to service inward as well. If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.

Congratulations once again on your 100 years. I know that you will continue to serve your community and beyond for many more years to come as we *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Jones

President, Rotary International 2022-23

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Mrs. Victoria Farrar-Myers, President Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas %Southern Methodist University Tower Center for Political Studies P.O. Box 750117 Dallas, Texas 75275-0117

Dear President Victoria:

Congratulations on 100 years of community and international service to humanity. From the time that seventeen thoughtful and dedicated men chartered the Rotary Club of Arlington on June 11, 1923 the club has dedicated itself to making lives better.

The club has expanded Rotary service thru six chartered clubs in the Arlington community. You have served the youth through school and community projects. You have worked to serve humanity by utilizing club, district and six Rotary Foundation grants over a period of 13 years to provide clean water to over 80,000 people in Honduras. You also responded to the needs of the citizens of Nepal following the earthquake. The clubs contribution's over the years to Rotary's polio eradication efforts have helped over two billion children to be protected from the polio virus. There are over 19 million people walking today because of your efforts. Thanks to you the polio virus is on the verge of being eradicated.

For 100 years the club has seen the needs locally and globally and responded.

The partnership with the City of Arlington establishing "The Rotary Dream Park" will stand to remind current and future generations of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". If you can dream it, you can achieve it.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely

John F. Germ, President

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