

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

April 21, 2022

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Proposed Member, the Rangers and CVB, and more...

Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



Do you want to be part of a winning team that leads the Rotary Club of Arlington? Then be sure to attend the **District Assembly (April 30th in Graham, TX)** that offers training in the following categories: The Rotary Foundation, Grant Certification, Membership, Public Image, The Role of the Club Secretary, The Role of Club Treasurer, Rotary Basics, Vocational Service, Youth Service: Youth Exchange, Youth Service: RYLA & Interact, Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Visioning and Strategic Planning, Fundraising. Your \$25 registration fee will be reimbursed by the Club following your attendance. For more information, contact Victoria Farrar-Myers or me.

ATTENTION members and **RED BADGERS** – Our upcoming Club Board meeting dates are provided here for your calendaring. They are always open and are held at Legacy Financial, 1205 W Abram:

April 22, 2022	***4 th Friday of the month (exception)
May 20, 2022	Standard 3 rd Friday of the month
June 17, 2022- JOINT BOARD MEETING	

Another important date to put on your calendar is the evening of **June 16th – the Annual Club**

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Julie Evans, CEO

Alliance for Children

COMING SOON

April 28	Scott Nassar , Managing Director, Live by Lowes	New Hotel and Convention Center
May 5	Matthew Loh	Asia Times Square/The Loh Foundation

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY RICHARD URSO

The April 14 meeting was **Called to Order** by President Kurt Bartley at 12:07pm.

Vera McKissic gave the **Opening Prayer** and then led us in both the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the singing of **"God Bless America"**.

David Wilbanks was our friendly **Greeter**. He announced there were no visiting Rotarians but there were 3 **Guests**: Holly Potter-Harvey (guest of Susie McAlister), Pat Long (wife of Tom Long), and Jage Bothmann (guest of Dan Blumberg).

The quartet of Bonnie Harris, Vera McKissic, Walter Virden and the always energetic Don Mebus

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Installation Dinner. It will be held at the Texas Rangers Golf Club. Details are forthcoming.

Kurt,

President 2021-22



Vince Hrabal, is welcomed to the club by Mary Tom (new car giver), P.E.N. Barry (mentor), P.E. Victoria (sponsor), and P.D.G. Peter (membership director).



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serenaded us with all 4 verses of **"America the Beautiful"** with just a wee bit of help from a few friends in the cheap seats, then they led all of us in a rousing rendition of **"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"** accompanied by Kathleen Smith on the piano.

There was a plethora of **Announcements:**

Kurt Bartley noted two upcoming Rotary events – the District Assembly training on April 30 and the District Governor's Service Project.

Peter Scott announced that Susie McAlister will be the next Assistant District Governor for Arlington Rotary clubs.

Steve Zimmer spoke about the Inspiring Hope Luncheon for the Salvation Army on May 18 at 12pm with Cowboy great and Hall of Famer Drew Pearson as the featured speaker.

Derrick Kinney thanked everyone for volunteering the past few months and summarized our successful '60 Days of Service' where we helped with the Fish Creek clean-up, donated items to the Arlington Life Shelter, organized the supply closet at Webb Elementary, participated in the 'Toothbrush Rush' for Dental Health Arlington, and helped the kids at Miracle League.

Jerry McCullough spoke about an organization near and dear to his heart, "Men Serving God" and their upcoming Golf Tournament at Walnut Creek CC on May 16.

Joy Bates reminded us about the Lisann Peters 'Read With Rotary' next Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, from 10am-2pm each day. You received an email from her 3 days ago with the details.

Susie McAlister (subbing for hubby, Clete) talked about the Evening With Medal of Honor Recipient Britt Slabinski on April 20 from 6-8pm sponsored by UTA History Dept and the National MOH Museum. The event is free but reservations are required due to limited capacity. You received an email from Clete several days ago with the information and a link.

Chad Bates mentioned the AISD Education Foundation event on April 29 from 6-11pm at Six Flags. Tickets are \$25 and the money

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“What you do has far greater impact than what you say.”

Stephen Covey



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raised helps support our schools.

Walter Virden mentioned there were still glasses left from last year's Pints For Polio event and handed a few out as he headed back to his seat.

Andy Nguyen spoke about the memorial for the 47th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30 at 5:30pm at the Asia Town Square in Grand Prairie. It's a wonderful cultural event with additional opportunities to enjoy the Asian Market close by.

Chris McMurrough gave an update on the Ukraine Project which has been very successful with over 100 signs sold locally and 500 sold district-wide. (Sounds as if Chris may need a new set of tires after logging many miles delivering signs).

Sally Hopper mentioned World Immunization Week coming up and how Rotary's efforts have helped raise a great deal of money for Polio research which some rich computer guy matches (the peanut gallery chimed in noting this person is Bill Gates).

Peter Scott, after receiving thunderous, though sporadic, applause, presented Vince Hrabal for **Induction** into the club. This is Vince's 2nd go-around and he is excited to again be a part of Rotary. Victoria Farrar-Myers is his sponsor and Barry Bondurant will be his mentor. Mary Tom Curnutt provided Vince with his brand new 'puke-green' car, which apparently represents his many years of work at Duncan Services or the color of money. She also served up some words of judicious wisdom regarding drinking and driving this particular vehicle.

Sally Hopper noted there were 4 **Birthdays** and 5 **Anniversaries** this week (noted in another section of this Hubcap).

Today's **Program** was "Big Event Planning" with special guest speakers Rob Matwick and Matt Wilson. Rob has been with the Rangers since June of 2008, and has been Executive VP of Business Operations since 2014. Currently, he is Chair of the CVB Board. Matt is the VP of Sports and Events for the CVB. They are 2 of the most visible faces behind the events which come to Arlington besides football and baseball.

Rob began the presentation talking briefly about

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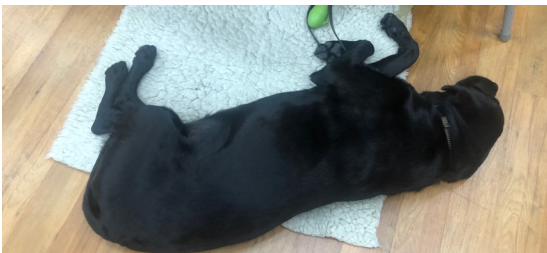


CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Stephen Zimmer 20 Years April 18, 2002

Michelle Deuell 5 Years April 20, 2017



Happy Birthday, Wella!



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund

April 17 — April 23

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 Foundation. Thanks!)



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PROPOSED MEMBER

Brent DeRaad

**Classification: Government - Visitor & Convention
Bureau Management (Active)**

**Sponsor: Victoria Farrar-Myers
Mentor: Peter Scott**

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Rangers baseball. He is excited about the new additions to the team and the progress of the young guys at the Major League level as well as in the farm system. He says the team tries to focus on character in their players and they feel that can help build a winning attitude here. Being this is the 50th Anniversary of the Rangers in Arlington, the team and Chuck Morgan and John Blake have a lot of fun and interesting things planned for this season. Rob also stressed how he is so very proud of the Rangers relationship with the city. Another thing Rob toughed on was the idea of 'walkability' in our Entertainment District. This helps attract people and events to our venues.

Matt spoke of the power of sports tourism and how it is a part of the present and future of Arlington. Sports tourism is essentially showcasing Arlington to others and he stressed that all of us have been and will be invested in showcasing our city to others. Examples of how Arlington has excelled in the sports tourism realm are the National Finals Rodeo Event (a 10-day event in December, 2020 hosting both national and international travelers), the MLB Playoffs in 2020 (hosting the NLDS, NLCS and World Series), the Rose Bowl game in December, 2021 between Alabama and Cincinnati, and the recent Wrestlemania which brought in 185,000 fans from all 50 states and 53 countries over the 2-day event. He said that Covid actually helped us with regard to an increase in sports tourism and the use of venues for additional reasons such as local HS and College Graduations (the stadiums supported 64 Graduations in 2020 alone and some of those will be continuing on into the future). Matt feels as though every sporting event is potentially on the table for Arlington going forward. This includes another Super Bowl, an MLB All-Star Game, the World Cup Soccer Tournament, another Wrestlemania, and more.

Both speakers did an excellent job engaging our Rotary members and there were many positive comments from members when they were finished.

Sadly, or happily, even though several of our 'punny'men were present, there was no **Last Laugh**.

Kurt read the '**Quote of the Week**', led us in reciting the **4-Way Test** and then sent us off to '**Serve to Change Lives**'.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at 1:09pm.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

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

Password is: Hqw24j@6



Rangers Executive VP, Rob Matwick, and Matt Wilson, VP for Sports and Events for the CVB, discuss the great work of both organizations.

