## Rotary



# Hubcap

### Club of Arlington

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

**April 28, 2022** 

In this edition: **Zoom Link**, school awards signup information, and more...

#### **Kurt's Korner**

#### By Kurt Bartley



This week's Korner provides some highlights from the monthly board of directors meeting this past Friday. I also want to congratulate TaShunda Scott and Benjamin Harris for attending the meeting as they are working on their blue badge.

Our next board meeting will be held May 20, 2022, @ Legacy Financial @ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. All members are invited and we especially encourage red badge members to attend.

Our next Club social will be the Annual Officer Installation Dinner on Thursday, June 16th @ Texas Rangers Golf Clubhouse. Last year we hosted almost 125 members and their guests. It is a great evening to come together and celebrate the recent year and charge forward into the next!

The District Assembly meeting is this coming Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact me if you have interest in attending. You may also want to put on your calendar the District Conference, June 24-26.

There are seven Major Donors in the Rotary Club of Arlington. The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose combined personal, or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. All-time giving by the Rotary Club of Arlington: \$930,499!

Jill Regina, Director for Youth Services, schedules volunteers for presenting the end-of-year Rotary Service Awards at the elementary & junior high schools. If interested, please email Jill at <a href="mailto:mrmreg@sbcglobal.net">mrmreg@sbcglobal.net</a>

Joy Bates announced that she has \$1,000 remaining in the Webb Elementary budget. She will begin to

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#### THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

#### **Scott Nassar**

Managing Director, Live! by Loews
New Hotel and
Convention Center

COMING SOON

May 5 <u>Matthew Loh</u>

Asia Times
Square/The Loh
Foundation

#### IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Kurt Bartley. Benjamin Harris offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Sarah Knotts introduced guests. Visiting today were Sheri Quick, Mac Martin and Bowie Hogg.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Randy Hendricks, Valerie Landry and Wella Mack are all celebrating birthdays this week. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are Stephen Zimmer and Michelle Deuell. Sally received a birthday check from Valerie Landry.

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purchase school supplies for Webb Elementary. Some of this funding will go toward the pencils that the Rotary Club of Arlington passes out to the Webb students on the first day of school in August.

Our club currently has 144 active and 7 honorary members.

**Current Annual Financial Goals:** 

Polio Plus - \$5,125.76 of our \$5,000 goal (102.5% of goal)

Annual Fund/EREY - \$22,098.00 of our \$17,500 goal (126% of goal). This is the Birthday fund money, remember checks are made payable to Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris: Goal of 10. To date: 17 delivered & 4 holding for delivery.

The Catering Committee – Chad Bates, Susie McAlister, Tom Ware, Joy Bates, Randy Hendricks – with the board's support, has agreed to a contract for weekly catering with Candlelight Inn. Chad Bates will announce additional details at our upcoming meeting.

Because the BOD's work so hard, the Rotary Club of Arlington continues to be the premier club that it is!

Kurt,
President 2021-22

EACH ONE BRING ONE



Jim Quick, Joe Carpenter, and Dick Moise take their shift with Lisann Peters Read with Rotary at Webb. Thanks to Joy Bates for organizing it.

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The District Assembly of Rotary District 5790 will be held on April 30,2022 in Graham, Texas. The meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is at FUMC-Graham.

The End of Year Awards Assembly needs volunteers to make presentations at sixty AISD schools. Please sign up if you are available.

Theater Arlington is presenting its first Club Cabaret on April 29,2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. This show features Lori Woods and Brad Pritchett. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door or \$17.00 online. Theater Arlington will present the Play Reading Club beginning with *American Son* on April 22 and 23, 2022.

Three Minutes for a Dog: My Life in an Iron Lung is being offered for a \$20.00 donation to Polio Plus.

Additionally, if you donate \$500.00 this amount will be matched. Not only will you receive the book, you will also become eligible for a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Walter Virden and Kathleen Smith led us in singing "In the Good Old Summertime".

Ms. Shelly Hill, the Major Gifts Officer of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, recognized Dr. Jim Quick and his wife, Sheri Quick, with a Major Donor Level 4. This recognition and award are presented to a Rotarian who makes a donation of between \$100,000.00 and \$249,999.00 to the Rotary Foundation. Please take time to congratulate Dr. Quick and his wife Shari for their dedication to Rotary.

Victoria Farrar-Myers introduced the program for today's meeting. Julie Evans, the CEO of the Alliance for Children, was our guest speaker. Ms. Evans began her career in child protection as an investigator with Child Protective Services (CPS) in 1999. She spent six years with CPS, mainly investigating serious lifethreatening cases of abuse while co-locating within one of Alliance for Children's centers. In 2005 Ms. Evans joined the staff of Alliance for Children (AFC). In 2013, Ms. Evans became the Executive Director. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer.

Ms. Evans serves on several area and state boards and committees. She is a leading advocate in Texas

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#### CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Melody Fowler 4 Years April 26, 2018

Valerie Landry 11 Years April 28, 2011

Sal Capuli 29 Years April 29, 1993



Julie Evans, CEO of the Alliance for Children, presented an informative program on this vital agency.



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund April 24 — April 30

April 25 Coy Garrett

**April 27** Norman Douglas

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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for protecting children from abuse. She also serves on Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas' Board of Directors; as board chair of the Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County; and as a member of the Northeast Leadership Forum.

Alliance for Children is the children's advocacy center serving all of Tarrant County. Since 1992 over 63,000 children have benefitted from AFC's teamed investigations and coordinated approach. AFC is a nonprofit organization that operates child-friendly centers located in Arlington, Fort Worth, Hurst and Lakeside. AFC's mission is to protect Tarrant County children from child abuse through teamed investigations, healing services and community education.

AFC partners with 31 Tarrant County law enforcement agencies, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Cook Children's Health Care System, IPS Health Network, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Tarrant County Juvenile Services. These agencies work together at AFC centers to reduce trauma to child abuse victims during an investigation and to improve their agencies' responses to children who are often frightened and hurting. This collaboration enables a more efficient investigation, creates stronger case information for investigative decision-making and makes children and protective caregivers more likely to benefit from available services. Some of these law enforcement agencies are the Arlington Police Department, the Fort Worth Police Department, the Hurst Police Department, the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety, Kennedale Police Department and the Mansfield Police Department.

AFC has a team of professionals that conduct forensic interviews of children that may be the victims of child abuse. The goal of these interviews is to gather relevant information from children in a neutral, non-leading and legally defensible manner. These interviews allow the partners of AFC to observe as the interview is taking place. This lessens the trauma to victims while sharing their story in an appropriate and trauma-sensitive setting. This interview can be a key

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Jim and Sheri Quick receive the Major Donor Level Four award from Shelly Hill, the Major Gifts Officer of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."



**Booker T. Washington** 

Rotary Club of Arlington



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: e8WN2Aq^

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component to the investigation and to decisions related to criminal prosecution and safety decisions for the family.

Ms. Evans indicated that reports of child abuse plummeted during the coronavirus pandemic. The children were not being seen by teachers, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, coaches or other people who would ordinarily report signs of child abuse. The freeze of February of 2021 was another event that caused the number of reported child abuse cases reported in March of 2021 to go off the charts.

The recent pandemic and population growth in Tarrant County has created a need for more services provided by AFC. The plan is to increase AFC's physical plant by adding twenty-four thousand square feet of additional space. These facilities will include dedicated space for the Arlington Police Department, an on-site forensic lab and more digital technology and evidence rooms. Funding for these improvements comes from individual donations, block grant funding, the Bird Foundation, the Amon Carter Foundation and the Sid Richardson Foundation.

AFC is hosting a Sporting Clay Tournament on Friday, May 22, 2022 at Defender Outdoors Clay Sports Ranch. Proceeds benefit AFC's mission to protect Tarrant County children from child abuse through teamed investigations, healing services, community education and ensure AFC's services remain completely free of charge to any child in need. For more information about AFC please visit www.allianceforchildren.org.

Victoria Farrar-Myers informed us that next program will be Scott Nassar, Managing Director of Live by Loews.

A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Julie Evans.

Dan Blumberg provided us with the last laugh.

The quote for this week: "What you do has far greater impact than what you say". – Stephen Covey

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



