

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), awesome anniversary, school awards signups, letters. and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



It is hard to believe we are already into the month of May. Rotary International's theme is Youth Service – a perfect way for us to turn our attention as a club to honoring Webb School's sixth grade graduates and all those who have now gone on to graduate from high school. Soon we will have a whole new cohort of individuals who are using our scholarship to pursue their post-secondary degree. And of course, please do not forget to sign-up with Jill Regina to participate in these important award ceremonies.

We will soon also be selecting our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) recipients. These recipients are usually sophomores or juniors in high school who apply and after interviews are chosen as RYLA recipients by our club's selection committee. Recipients then attend a weekend camp experience centered around a program designed to foster youth leadership all the while creating an atmosphere for students to create networks that will serve them well for a lifetime. Our club usually sponsors four recipients a year. We will hear from our recipients later this summer about all that they learned from this experience.

Planning for our Club's Centennial is in high gear. Please be sure to purchase your tickets to attend or take the opportunity to donate to recognize this important milestone in the life of our Club. Thanks to the efforts of Don Mebus, we have secured Past RI President and Rotary Foundation Chair and Trustee Ron Burton as our Centennial Keynote. Ron Burton has been a Rotarian since 1979. He has an illustrative Rotary Career having served in many

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Bud Kennedy
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

This meeting will start promptly at noon!

COMING SOON

- May 11 Juanita Hargrove DFW National Cemetary
- May 18 At Simply Divune

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY BENJAMIN HARRIS

President Victoria Farrar Myers called the April 27, 2023 meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington to order. Bill Daley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Rotarians participated in a chorus of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith accompanying on the piano. We didn't sound too-off key, thanks to the efforts of valiant members such as Donna Mack. Kurt Bartley and Samantha Reich tag teamed the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests. Samantha is rapidly approaching the not-so-highly-coveted blue badge.

Announcements: Victoria displayed the QR code to the club and encouraged Rotarians to record their service hours for Rotary. Victoria also reminded us to use our hashtags #arlingtonrotary and #arlingtonrotary100.

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capacities at all levels. He was RI President in 2013-2014 and Rotary Foundation Chair (2018-19) and Trustee (2015-2019). He retired in 2007 as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar and the Oklahoma Bar Association. He has received numerous career and service awards, among them the RI Service Above Self Award, the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, and the International Award for a Polio-Free. We look forward to words of wisdom he will share with us as we mark one-hundred years or impacting our community on June 10, 2023.

Speaking of our Centennial, dirt has begun to turn at the site for the newly created Rotary Dream Park on Center. We received a video this week from our contracted artist Jenn Lewin of the first portion of our art installation being crafted in her studio. We learned from Maggie Campbell last Thursday that Downtown Arlington Management Corporation will be hosting a Classic Car Show following the 9:00 a.m. ceremony marking the official commemoration of the public art piece our club is donating to the City of Arlington. So, please be sure to mark your calendars (June 10, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the Rotary Dream Park on Center) to join in this ceremony and be the first to interact with the amazing public art piece.

Victoria

President, 2022-23



Graham and Polly Schadt celebrated 70 year anniversary April 15th at home.

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Derrick Kinney, Director of the Community Service Committee, commended us on an outstanding mugging. As you are hopefully aware, for the last two weeks Rotarians have been collecting new and gently used mugs to donate to the Arlington Life Shelter. As per usual, the Rotarians went above and beyond. The mugs will be donated to the Arlington Life Shelter sometime next week.

The Downtown Arlington Car Show will be held June 10 from 11am-4pm. Be sure to enter your classic car and make sure to stop by after the show to attend the dedication of the Rotary Dream Park before the Arlington Rotary Centennial Gala.

Paul Fulks announced Top O' Hill's A Night In The Tea Garden at Arlington Baptist University Tea Garden on May 4.

Richard Urso announced a new Arlington arts organization: Opera Arlington. Opera Arlington is in their inaugural season. The group will perform Mozart's hilarious opera buffa, *Così Fan Tutti*, May 12 and 13 at Tate Springs Baptist Church.

Donna Mack announced that her dog, Wella, won fourth place in a guide dog photo contest sponsored by Guide Dogs For The Blind. Additionally, they raised \$3,005 for their cause. But the most exciting announcement she made was that Wella was featured as the face of Guide Dogs For The Blind's global guide dog day announcement. Congratulations, Wella!

Bill Daley encouraged us all to go out and vote. Make your voice heard!

Randy Hendrix announced that a new sculpture will be installed and dedicated at Arlington Sculpture Garden at Meadowbrook Park.

Vera McKissic stepped up to the microphone to lead the Rotarians in a heartwarming rendition of "Rotary, My Rotary." With her encouragement the Rotarians almost sounded like they knew the words to the song.

Kurt Bartley filled in for an absent Sally Hopper and announced birthdays: Norman Douglas and Coy Garrett. The club sang "Happy Birthday" to both of these Rotarians. Additionally, Kurt recognized the following Rotarians for their Rotary Anniversaries: Melody Fowler 5 years; Valerie Landry 12 years; and Sal Capuli 30 years.

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Grace Whetstone wins the 2023 Sam Province Award for Excellence in Disability Awareness and Advocacy from Restore Ability.

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Barry Bondurant introduced the program for the day, Dick Hill, a legendary Arlington Police Officer. Dick became a police officer after being a star football player at UTA and playing in the NFL for two seasons.

Dick discussed his 49 years as a police officer. Officer Hill encouraged the gathered Rotarians to obey the law, something which some of us have a difficult time doing on area roadways. Dick's experiences regarding the changes in law enforcement equipment, procedures, attitudes and behaviors was fascinating. Additionally, Dick's Audio-Visual presentation was outstanding. You could easily hear him and you could definitely see him! Dick's engaging tales brought contemplation, laughter and fond memories to the gathered Rotarians. Dick answered several questions from the assembled group after his formal presentation concluded. Rotary thanks officer Dick Hill for his dedication to protecting and serving the citizens of Arlington.

Victoria presented Dick with a book for his signature. Rotary will donate the book to Webb Elementary in honor of Dick's presentation.

Tom Ware provided the group with a look back at the past and a mild chuckle during his Historical Moment.

Next week's meeting will feature Bud Kennedy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Victoria thanked our guests and everyone else for attending. She then led the club in the Four Way Test and adjourned the meeting.

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL AWARDS
Jill Regina needs help with school awards especially on May 17, 18 and 22.
Email her at mrmreg@sbcglobal.net or text her at (817)909-1937 to sign up.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?
The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by Clicking [HERE](#). Password is: **!g859!i2**

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.

It is the hopeful, buoyant, cheerful attitude of mind that wins. Optimism is a success builder; pessimism an achievement killer."

Orison Swett Marden

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Dick Hill, going on 50 years as a motorcycle officer with the Arlington Police Department, shares his lessons.



Paul announces Top O' Hill Terrace fundraiser, *A Night in the Tea Garden*, Thursday, May 4, 6:00 P.M. at Arlington Baptist University. Entertainment will include a comedian and an up and coming singer.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
April 30 – May 6

- May 1 Benjamin Harris
- May 2 Brett Hall
- May 3 Keith Kallie
- May 5 Joy Nunn

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

Links to Learn

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Sam Scott

38 Years May 1, 1985



Randy announces a new sculpture coming to the Sculpture Garden in Meadowbrook Park. Randy, Val, and President Victoria attended the unveiling of "Looking Glass".



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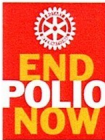


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

WILLIAM B. BOYD
*Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees, 2011-12
President, Rotary International, 2006-07*



February 2023

The President of the Rotary Club of Arlington,

Dear Victoria,

Would you please extend the best wishes and warmest congratulations of Lorna and me to all the members of the Rotary Club of Arlington for that wonderful celebration you have ahead of you.

One hundred years of service is very special and you will enjoy reflecting on how Arlington has been blessed by the projects you have given the city and the leadership you have shown.

What is especially impressive is your gift of the Rotary Dream Park so that you share the special occasion with the city. We all enjoy a party but it becomes something extra when you share it with your community!

Our warmest regards and best wishes for the years ahead.

Bill

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March 1, 2023

Dear President Meyers:

I was delighted to be informed by my good friend, Rotarian Don Mebus, that your Rotary Club of Arlington is celebrating its 100th anniversary in June of this year. I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to you and all the members of your club on this special event.

My Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario had its 100th anniversary just two years ago and it was a great success as we considered just what the members of our club had done during 100 years of service. These memories brought back warm thoughts of just what had been accomplished by the men and women of Trenton during its first 100 years.

I am sure that the Rotarians of your club who collectively have served during this 100 years have achieved. I congratulate each and every member both past and present on their service to your community, your country and the world. And I'm sure that all members will be looking forward to the future!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wilf. Wilkinson'.

PRIP Wilf Wilkinson

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