

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

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In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), school awards, Sam Scott's milestone, Loews Hotels, and more...

Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



IMPACT! – Walter Virden, Chris McMurrough, Linda Gibson, Barry Bondurant, Jim Quick, Susie McAlister, Nate Hearne, Peter Scott, Val Gibson, Randy Hendricks, Scott Hendricks, and me – **IMPACT!**

These are your Club members who participated in the Rotary 5790 District Assembly (8am-2pm) in Graham, TX this past Saturday. Several of them – Peter (Membership), Walter (Treasurers), Jim (Foundation), Nate (Membership), and Scott (Grant Management Certification) – led breakout sessions to the nearly 180 attendees from 72 clubs. District Governor-Elect, Dan Steele, kicked-off the Assembly with the charge to “RE-Imagine Your Rotary Club” as we move into the new Rotary year, 2022-23.

The closing challenged us to take our learning from the day and make an **IMPACT** in our Club!

I extend my personal gratitude to each of our Club's participants, for committing their time to prepare for their rolls in leadership for the Rotary Club of Arlington.

Kurt,

President 2021-22

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

[Matthew Loh](#)
**Asia Times Square/
The Loh Foundation**

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY HEATHER KIPKER

President Kurt Bartley called the April 28, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington to order. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. TaShunda Scott opened the meeting with a prayer, led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing “God Bless America”.

Jonathan Jackson welcomed our guests and visiting Rotarians in attendance this week.

President Kurt invited Rotarians to attend the upcoming Rotary District Assembly, which will take place in Graham, Texas on April 30, 2022. Jill Regina, Youth Services Director, asked Rotarians to volunteer in schools across Arlington to present Rotary Awards for all elementary school and eighth-grade award ceremonies. Nancy Blinn announced Dental Health Arlington's upcoming “Love That Smile” event, which will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Dental Health Arlington provides free preventive dental care to Arlington Independent School District students. Chad Bates announced on behalf of the Catering Committee

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EACH ONE
BRING ONE



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Condolences

To the family of long time Rotary Club of Arlington member (48 Years) Dr. Richard Gerald "Wick" Alexander. Wick served as club president (1971-72), on the Arlington City Council (1971-77), and in many other community leadership roles.

Click [here to read his obituary](#).

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European Rotaract clubs organize to help Ukrainian refugees. Click image to learn more.

PROPOSED MEMBER

Jage Bothmann

Classification: Real Estate - Residential Agency
(Active)

Sponsor: Dan Blumberg
Mentor: Dan Blumberg

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that the club has contracted with the Candlelight Inn for weekly catering. Richard Urso let Rotarians know that the Club Cabaret Series starts this weekend at Theatre Arlington. Andy Nguyen invited Rotarians out this weekend for the 47th anniversary of Remembrance Fall Scion Hong Kong, which will take place at Asia Times Square in Grand Prairie. Mia Russo announced on behalf of Arlington Classics Academy that its Spring auction fundraiser is underway. Bids may be made online at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?vhost=arlingtonclassicsacademy>.

Peter Scott inducted Brent DeRaad, President & CEO of Arlington Convention Center, into the club.

Sally Hopper presented both Chad Bates and Joy Bates with Paul Harris Fellowships +1.

Sally Hopper wished a happy birthday to Coy Garrett and Norman Douglas. We also celebrated Rotarians with anniversaries this week: Melody Fowler, Valerie Landry and Sal Capuli.

President-Elect Victoria Farrar-Myers presented today's program, Scott Nassar, Managing Director Live by Loews. Scott was previously with the Ritz Carlton for sixteen years and won two Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards. He has opened over 64 properties throughout his career including the original Live by Loews here in Arlington.

Live by Loews is a 14-floor, 300-room, \$150 million dollar luxury hotel that opened in Arlington's Entertainment District in 2020. 33% of the team members are from Arlington. It is owned 25% by the Texas Rangers, 25% by Cordish Companies and 50% by Loews Hotels & Co. With the ownership set up this way it allows these organizations to act as both owners and managers, allowing them to reinvest in the hotel. This year alone ownership is reinvesting \$550,000 into the hotel. Scott went on to mention that the hotel industry is recognizing that the economy is opening back up. In the last 21 days Live by Loews' occupancy has gone up 80%. In quarter one 5800 rooms were filled by corporate groups. In April corporate groups occupied 3000 rooms. In May this number is expected to grow to 4700 rooms.

The new Loews Arlington Hotel is expected to be 100' taller than Live by Loews with 888 rooms, 96 of those being suites, 44-break out rooms, 260,000

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Sam Scott 37 Years May 1, 1985

Ify Uzomah 3 Years May 2, 2019

Jill Regina 6 Years May 5, 2016



Scott Narrar, Managing Director of Live! by Loews gives a fascinating presentation on the new hotel and convention center to open 2024.

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square feet of indoor meeting space and 30,000 square feet of outdoor space, including a massive video wall, space for food trucks, outdoor smokers and live bands. Arlington Loews will also include a 2,000-square-foot area for kids and both a spa and a salon. The hotel will also have two additional restaurants with a third coming in down the street as well as a third-party restaurant.

The goal for the continued growth is to create a walkable destination spot. This will allow Arlington to continue to pull in larger-scale events and retain the guests here in Arlington with the luxury rooms and spaces being provided. Loews Arlington Hotel is expected to open in quarter one of 2024.

In honor of the program President Kurt presented a book to Scott Nassar that the club will donate to Webb Elementary on his behalf.

Tom Ware gave The Last Laugh.

President-Elect Victoria Farrar-Myers announced next week's program, Matt Loh with Asia Time Square.

President Kurt recited this week's quote and then led Rotarians in the Four-Way Test. We were then adjourned.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
May 1 — May 7

May 1 Benjamin Harris

May 2 Brett Hall

May 5 Joy Nunn

May 7 Diego Pena

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!)



Joy and Chad Bates each receive their Paul Harris plus one pins.



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ROTARIANS NEEDED!

To present 6th grade and 8th grade Rotary awards.
Many dates/times are available,
especially May 25, 26.
Please contact Jill Regina: mrmreg@sbcglobal.net.



The price of greatness is responsibility."

Winston Churchill



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Club members at the District Assembly included Randy, Scott, Linda, Val, Susie, Walter, Margaret, Jim, Kurt, and Barry. Not pictured are Peter, Nate Hearn, and Chris McMurrough.

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: gkQc7%.



Stu asks members to **SAVE THE DATE** for the **INSTALLATION DINNER** at the **TEXAS RANGERS GOLF CLUB** June 16 beginning at 6:00 pm.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

The Social Committee will meet following our regular noon meeting on **May 5** to finalize plans for our Installation of Officers banquet on June 16. The committee will discuss menu, decorations, and other details.



Brent DeRaad is welcomed to the club by Peter, Victoria, Mary Tom, Maggie, and Kurt.



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