

# Rotary Club of Arlington



# Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

May 19, 2022

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## Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



National Volunteer Month (April) is a spring tradition. It gained official recognition in the early 1990s as a month to inspire volunteerism and recognize the efforts of community volunteers. President George H.W. Bush helped bring recognition with the Points of Light organization dedicated to volunteer service. Since then, millions have committed to volunteering their time to worthy efforts this time of year. And, it's not just the causes that benefit—research has shown that helping others increases happiness, self-esteem and a sense of belonging for the volunteer. It's a win-win.

Even though it is the month of May, it is appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize our Club's volunteerism as we approach the closing of this Rotary Year on June 30, 2022. Rotary is built on Service Above Self.

It often goes overlooked that volunteer efforts can and do impact communities for the better. Shelters are kept running by volunteers. Emergency hotlines, senior homes, hospitals, food banks, churches, schools and soup kitchens are all places that benefit from volunteerism. The kindness and commitment of a few willing people can change lives, and it is this Korner message I am using to honor the efforts of these people in the Rotary Club of Arlington.

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

**Dr. Micki Washburn**  
***Using VR for Substance Abuse***

**COMING SOON**

May 26	<a href="#">Mashal Roshan</a>	Afghan Women's Rights - A lived
June 2	<a href="#">Jay Warren et al</a>	Baseball Town Series

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

**BY LEEANN CHENOWETH LAWSON**

Kurt Bartley, club president, opened the May 12, 2022 meeting.

Benjamin Harris led the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

A number of visitors attended the meeting. Randy Hendricks introduced Jake Enriquez; Linda Gibson introduced Mac Martin; and Dan Blumberg introduced Jage Bothmann, who was installed as a new Rotarian. Mary Tom Curnutt gave Jage a red car that works just fine after given a good push! Visiting Rotarian Paige Payne from the Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club introduced a guest, Long Pham.

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Our Club tracks volunteers and their hours of service either Rotary sponsored or not. We have 27 volunteers who have engaged in nearly 60 days of service.

Much GRATITUDE to you all who Serve To Change Lives!

*Kurt,*

President 2021-22

EACH ONE  
BRING ONE



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**June 16**

6:00 PM

**Installation Dinner**

**Texas Rangers Golf Club**

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A number of Rotarians were celebrating birthdays: on May 9, Marti VanRavenswaay Waddell; on May 10, Michael Jacobson; and on May 11, Holly Hattendorf

Rotarians were celebrating anniversaries of the dates on which they joined Rotary: Jeff Williams joined the club 22 years ago while Robert Shepard joined 23 years ago.

Vera McKissic led us in singing "This Land Is Your Land".

**Announcements:** The club will host its annual installation dinner, during which our new club president and board will be installed, on June 16. The event will take place at the Texas Rangers Golf Course. Make your reservations soon! Nancy Blinn reminded us that a few schools are still in need of Rotarians to present Rotary awards. Contact Nancy for available times. The family liaison at Nichols Junior High School thanked the club for our donations last week, which met the needs of a number of students. Maggie Campbell reminded us that the East Main Arts festival and other events as well as other events would take place the following weekend, with details available at [www.downtownarlington.org](http://www.downtownarlington.org).

**Our speaker was Shawn Serfass of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Mentors**, a non-profit organization. It was only while serving six years in prison for drugs that 37-year-old Shawn Serfass decided to change his life. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Mentors formed to help the next generation reach their full potential, regardless of life situations and challenges. Its mission: to provide students that have experienced some challenges with positive, encouraging role models who care about their future and well-being.

In Shawn's own words: "During my incarceration I realized I needed to make some changes. I was trying to figure out how to better myself and not just sit around in prison and feel sorry for myself so I got four certifications as a personal trainer and an

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### PROPOSED MEMBERS

#### Mac Martin

**Classification: Business Service - Meeting Planning & Entertainment (Active)**

Sponsor: PRID Don Mebus  
Mentors: Val and Linda Gibson

#### Holly Potter-Harvey

**Classification: Business Service - Meeting Planning & Entertainment (Active)**

Sponsor: Susie McAlister  
Mentor: Valerie Landry

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associate's degree," After his release from prison he got married and opened a gym.

A police officer asked him to speak at a school about overcoming those challenges. After he spoke the counselor at the school asked the students how many had a father figure in their lives. Only three of the 22 students raised their hands.

That's when he had the idea to create 2nd Chance Mentors.

"We go into the alternative schools where the kids have already started to get in trouble and we explain our past and how we've overcome it," Shawn said. "Then we give the kids the opportunity to apply for the program," Each student is assigned a mentor. To remain in the program they must be enrolled in school with good attendance and must be passing their classes. Each must also perform two hours of community service each month. Each student meeting these requirements gets Jordan shoes or any shoe up to a \$200 value. Shawn and his wife launched the non-profit in October 2021 and have already seen changes in the students that they serve. Shawn says the program has been life changing for the students and their mentors.

"I had a kid say to me the other day, 'I only joined the program because I wanted the shoes. But now I want to go to all of the events. Can I do extra community service?'" Shawn said. "He did above and beyond the community service that he was responsible for and I can't even explain how rewarding it is." Shawn Serfass and 2nd Chance Mentors was featured on KRLD Difference Makers. If you have any available opportunities or you would like to help in any way, get in touch with Shawn at (817) 760-9544. Learn more at [www.2ndchancementors.com](http://www.2ndchancementors.com).

Dan Blumberg gave us the last laugh!

Next week, May 19, our speaker will be Dr. Micki Washburn. She will speak about using Virtual Reality for substance abuse counseling.

Quote for the day: "The single biggest problem in



### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
May 15 — May 21

**May 18 Chris Hayes**

**May 19 Kailey Broussard**

**May 20 Bryan Roberts**

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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“Never mind your happiness; do your duty.”



Will Durant



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communication is the illusion that it has taken place.” -- George Bernard Shaw

The meeting closed with club President Kurt Bartley leading us in the Four Way Test.

### 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: D=%E=6zf



Jage Bothmann is welcomed into our club by motor maven Mary Tom, sponsor Dan, assistant membership chair Randy, and President Kurt.

**REGISTER TODAY**  
AT [CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG](http://CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG)

Houston, Texas, USA  
4-8 June 2022



## ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON & CARTER BLOODCARE BLOOD DRIVE



**June 30, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**at FUMC Arlington**

### 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](mailto:mrmreg@sbcglobal.net).*



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