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Victoria's Vignettes



This past weekend many of our fellow Rotarians made the trek to Mineral Wells for our Rotary District 5790 conference. Those who attended not only partook in the learning experience, but also taught sessions, facilitated, escorted the main speaker, and participated in the main program, among other roles. It is no surprise then our club was one of only twenty clubs in our District of sixty-six clubs to receive a "Vibrant Club" designation. This was an award that District Governor Steele created for his term in which a person from each club would participate on the creation of a standards questionnaire that all clubs would have to meet by year end to receive such a designation. Last fall, our designee, April Pettitt, participated in the creation of the tool that would be used by all the clubs in the district to measure how "Vibrant" they were. Last fall, I was tasked with evaluating our club on the criteria which were above and beyond the goals on which Rotary International judges our club each year. This past April, I was tasked with evaluating where we stood on each criterion. I am happy to report we met every standard; so not being called Saturday night would have been quite a shock. While recognitions like these are important in helping our club distinguish itself and tell others about our performance, the real test of our metal – the one we each have to assess – is how well we meet the standards we set for ourselves. Like the Four-Way-Test each week, we are asked as a club to set goals each year that we strive to achieve. These new standards were just a reflection of what collectively District 5790 determined to be what healthy clubs need to strive for. As I look out each Thursday and see members

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Trey Yelverton,
City Manager
City of Arlington

COMING SOON

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| June 1 | FUMC Pastors Chris and Molly Hayes | Clean Water Projects in Cuba |
| June 8 | Trent Ballard | Arlington Municipal Airport Operations |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Linda Gibson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America". Chris Church introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visitors were Theresa Crouch, Shirley Cox, Susie Thurow, Debra Freiheit-Reich, Dr. Aaron Reich, Erik Hamilton and Honest Kapic.

Announcements: Victoria reminded us to utilize social media and check in using #ArlingtonRotary and #ArlingtonRotary100. She also reminded us to

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happily sharing with one another and choosing to be together even if by Zoom, I have seen the vibrance and enthusiasm each member brings. After all, you make a choice each Thursday to prioritize Rotary and our programs. And when life, family, or work calls you away from our meetings, you each make the time to get involved in service throughout our community and choose to bring your time, talents, and treasure to bare on our collective impact we wish to make in Arlington and through our District, Zone, and Rotary International around the world. So collectively this Thursday we will celebrate the recognition together and “fly” our new “Vibrant Club” banner, and know we are charting a path to our second century built upon the very best we each have to offer.

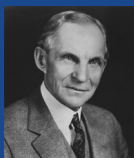
Victoria
President, 2022-23



President Victoria, holding the banner for the Vibrant Club Award for 2022-23, is joined by our club's contingent at District 5790 Conference.



If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."



Henry Ford



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utilize the club website in order to sign-up for prayer, pledge and greeter opportunities. Additionally, tickets for our club's Centennial Celebration, scheduled for June 10, 2023, can be purchased on the website.

Randy Hendricks and Sally Hopper presented Stephanie Melchert with her blue badge. Sally presented Hal Thurow with a Paul Harris Fellow plus six. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute \$1,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with anniversaries and birthdays. Celebrating birthdays were Elvis Ononobi, Chris Hayes, Stacy Bridger and Bryan Roberts. Rotarians with anniversaries are Robert Shepard.

Barry Bondurant announced the program for today. The program was presented by our own Samantha Reich. Samantha Reich is one of our past Global Grant Scholars. She is the daughter of Dr. Aaron Reich and Debra Freiheit-Reich. Samantha (Sam) received a Global Grant Scholarship in 2018. Global grants are for graduate students studying abroad in on of Rotary's causes. Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program.

Sam did her graduate studies in France. Her concentration was in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action. She also spent time during her graduate studies on research methods. Sam has started a program to document refugee testimony, concentrating on Ukrainian refugees. Sam currently works at the Dallas Holocaust Museum where she facilitates exhibits and sells tickets for admission. One of the things that the museum is doing is interviewing holocaust survivors and using these interviews in an interactive way utilizing holographic technology.

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BOARD BITES

Our Club's Board met this past Thursday, and here are the primary items we discussed and actions taken:

- Each Director was asked to do a final review of their respective sections of the club's website for any additional updates, edits, or changes and provide to our Club's webmaster, Bill Daley.
- Centennial Planning is moving right along. Work continues on the Rotary Dream Park and the installation of our commissioned public art piece. We are still anticipating dedicating this art piece to the city on the morning of June 10th at 9:00 a.m., barring any complications encountered by external inspections. We currently have a total of 343 people scheduled to attend the Centennial Celebration. The total amount raised in sponsorships for the Celebration now stands at \$75,500. The Board was encouraged to be sure they are reaching out to members, former members and relatives of such, local businesses, and related networks to ensure that everyone locally who wants to attend the Centennial celebration is able to purchase a ticket, sponsor a table, or donate if they cannot attend. All table sponsors were encouraged to let Susie McAlister know the names of their table attendees. An email prior to the Celebration will be sent informing participants about the location, VIP reception, valet parking, raffle, silent auction, and table arrangements. Grace Whetstone is currently organizing a raffle for the event and continues to collect items. She encouraged the Board to be in contact with her with any potential items. We currently have two silent auction trips to offer as well.
- The Board was asked to consider the awarding of a gift to Rotary International Foundation in the name of our keynote speaker, Ron Burton. Research has been done with District and Rotary International to determine the level of gift and expectation set by precedent in these situations. After discussion by the board, it was motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously that a \$10,000 donation from our centennial budget to the Rotary International

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The museum has interviewed over 50 survivors and utilizes AI in order to process the information.

These interviews motivated Sam to document and record and bring attention to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Sam started interviewing Ukrainian refugees with the aid of UTA's video and audio technology. Sam is currently seeking out additional refugees to interview and memorialize their testimony. Sam's goal is to collect this testimony and to utilize AI in order to make it readily accessible. The goal is to make this information available to schools, colleges and libraries on a global scale. These stories from these refugees are empowering. Sam believes it is important to hear individual voices and to make a historical record of each persons' individual story.

Sam indicated that due to her many travels abroad, she is more appreciative of the United States of America. She realizes that Americans have a very good standard of living.

Sam is also a Study Abroad advisor at UTA. Sam is uniquely qualified for this position due to her own experiences as a well-traveled young lady. Sam has studied in France and London and has traveled to over fifty countries.

Victoria presented a book to the Webb Library to honor Samantha Reich.

Victoria informed us that next program will be on May 25, 2023. The program will be Trey Yelverton, Arlington City Manager on the State of the City. As a reminder, we will be back at FUMC-Arlington next week.

The quote for this week: "This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again". – Paul Harris.

President Victoria reminded us that we are "People of Impact", so go make a difference this week!

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Foundation will be named in honor of our speaker, Ron Burton, and presented at the Centennial Celebration.

- The Club took up from the table the discussion of the request to sponsor a new club being formed for Roatan, Utila and Guanaja (the primary islands of the Bay Islands of Honduras). The board had charged our Director of International Service, Scott Hendricks, with doing research on the current situation in Honduras. After providing this information, the Board discussed the situation on the ground and then was asked to vote upon the request to sponsor the new club. The motion failed with one abstention. President Victoria was tasked with letting Earl Harcrow (the requester of such support) know of the Board's decision.
- The President thanked each Board member for sending her items for the final club report. She is in the process of collating this to present to the Board at the joint Board meeting in June.
- The Board took up the new business of the Church's bid for an additional sound connection that would improve the Zoom quality as well as the sound quality in the hall when using videos. Our Sergeant at Arms and AV head, Steve Brooks explained that while the new connection would be owned by the Church, it was primarily being added for Rotary's use. He explained how we have made many work arounds currently to accommodate Zoom and videos, but as we all know these work arounds have failed or made meeting experience difficult for presenters and members. It was noted that if we would proceed with the connection upgrade, we should also purchase an additional mike that would interface with the new sound connection to ensure improvement of our sound and mike performance during meetings. Treasurer Kim indicated that our Club's current budget had overestimated the amount to set-aside for the President-Elect's travel to Australia for the Rotary International Convention and we could reallocate the funds necessary to cover the sound connection upgrade and the new

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Victoria thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. She then led us in the Four Way Test, and we were adjourned.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by Clicking [HERE](#). Password is: **H?3k0eGJ**



Wearing a blouse made by her Ukrainian friend, Sam Reich gives an information-packed account of her efforts to collect Ukrainian Testimonies.



Stephanie Melchert gets her Blue Badge.



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microphone purchase. A motion for the Rotary Club of Arlington to allocate the stipulated \$2,498 to pay for the First United Methodist Great Hall sound connection upgrade and an additional \$200 for the purchase of a new microphone that is compatible was passed with one abstention.

- The President reminded the Board that our June meeting will be a joint meeting with President-Elect Bondurant's Board. The first half we will cover our final report for this Rotary year and any remaining items. President-Elect Bondurant reminded the Board we will have another off-site meeting on June 8th.
- Committee reports ensued with highlights from our Club Secretary, Heather Kipker, that we have had as of May 15th a total of 3,784.21 hours of volunteer hours logged by our members, and she encouraged all to continue reporting them. Membership Director, Randy Hendricks, reported we have inducted a total of eighteen members this year, but due to two deaths and job/moving, we have a current net of plus ten members. We still have a few members to finish the membership process yet to go this Rotary year. Director of Fun, Sarah Knotts, reminded the Board the installation dinner will take place on June 29th at Gilligan's. She will ensure that the website is ready to take



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.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
May 21 – May 27

- May 21** David Keal
- May 22** Calvin McKaig
- May 24** Carolyn Mebus
- May 27** Larry Jordan

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!)



Hall Thurow receives his Paul Harris plus 6 pin.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

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| Holly Hattendorf | 5 Years | May 24, 2018 |
| Mac Martin | 1 Year | May 26, 2022 |
| Holly Potter-Harvey | 1 Year | May 26, 2022 |



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PROPOSED MEMBERS

Shirley Cox

Classification: Finance—
Business/Business Lending (Active)

Sponsor: Mary Jean Moloney
Mentor: Tim Moloney

Shannon Porter

Classification: Community Service— River
Legacy Park (Active)

Sponsor: Dick Moise
Mentor: Linda Gibson



Stacy Bridger stands while we sing "Happy Birthday."



Mike O'Donnell relates his great experience giving a school award at Dan Dipert.

Centennial Celebration Raffle Items Needed



- Gift Certificates
- Restaurants
- Movies
- Museums

- Sports Tickets or Memorabilia

- Hotel Stays

- Spa Packages

- Nothing is too small!

Contact Grace Whetstone at gmw9902@gmail.com



Grace Whetstone asks for raffle items for the Centennial Celebration.