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Victoria's Vignettes



The month of June for Rotary International calls upon on us to celebrate Rotary Fellowship. We are to find ways to celebrate our club members, facilitate interactions with other local clubs, and to invite community members to visit with us or share in gaining a greater understanding of Rotary. This seems so fitting since this week we will be bringing together Rotary members from Arlington and throughout our District to celebrate our Centennial. We will also mark our Centennial with the dedication and ribbon cutting of our commissioned art piece by Jen Lewin in the new Rotary Dream Park. The art piece entitled "Boundless" is an homage to our Rotary symbol. It is a fitting reminder that the Rotary Club of Arlington with its ninety-nine-year presence at the First United Methodist Church and the key role it played in the establishment of the Parks system in Arlington will forever be remembered by this most welcoming art piece will bring light and interactivity to all those who visit it. What an amazing way to send light into the world and spark the imagination of those who see it. Our founding members pictured a vibrant downtown and many of our members have worked tirelessly to make this a reality. On Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Rotary Dream Park we will mark a new addition that will bring residents and visitors

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Meet at Cornerstone Baptist
5415 Matlock Road

TRENT BALLARD
Arlington Municipal Airport
Operations *plus*
Arlington Rotary Foundation

COMING SOON

- June 15 Raymond D. Benge, Jr. [2024 Total Solar Eclipse](#)
- June 8 Sarah Stubblefield, Arlington Strategic Initiatives Neighborhood Engagement Program

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY RICHARD URSO

President Victoria Farrar-Myers rang the bell and called the June 1, 2023 meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington to order at 12:10. After she welcomed everyone, Victoria asked for a moment of silence for Grace Whetstone, whose mother passed away recently. She then called on Dan Blumberg to give the prayer and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. As is his usual custom, Dan gave the Prayer in Hebrew and thankfully translated it for the 1-2% of us who have let our Hebrew lapse. We then sang

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alike to share fellowship and imagine a world with so much potential.

Then in the evening of Saturday, June 10th, we will mark together our Centennial Celebration – the rich history of where we came from, the stories of our impact over the years, celebrate what collectively we have accomplished, and imagine in the American Dream City what our second century will be like.

So, whether you can join us or not, be proud of these moments, knowing that we are inexplicably tied to our community, and even in the darkest of nights the next century looks bright and Rotarians will shine!

Victoria

President, 2022-23



New member Shannon Porter receives a warm welcome and a new car from Mary Tom, Victoria, Linda, and Randy.



**If I have seen further,
it is by standing on
the shoulders of giants."**



Isaac Newton



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"God Bless America" accompanied on piano by Kathleen Smith.

Victoria called upon our Greeter, Rigien Jackson, to come up and introduce any visiting Rotarians and guests. No visiting Rotarians were in attendance, but there were four guests. Gloria Pena introduced restaurateur Elizabeth Kobty; Chris Hayes introduced his wife, Pastor Molly Hayes; Victoria Farrar-Myers introduced former UTA President Jim Spaniolo; and Mia Russo introduced financial planner Jason Roach.

Victoria started off the announcements with three of her own. As she does every meeting, Victoria showed a slide with a QR code and asked everyone in attendance to take out their cameras and sign in to the meeting and to log their service hours. Next, she provided us with an exciting upcoming date – June 10th – which will have two important events: 1) the dedication of the new piece of artwork (which is apparently already upright) at the Rotary Dream Park at 8:30 a.m. and 2) the eagerly awaited Centennial Celebration at 6:15 p.m. (or 5:30 p.m. for VIPs) in the Bluebonnet Room at UTA. And, lastly, she urged us all to sign up online for Player/Pledge and Greeter duty.

Clete McAlister, after fiddling with the camera, was first up and apologized for an error he made in labeling one of his recent Hubcap photographs. He mentioned Champions of Change, which is actually tied to the Webb Elementary Scholarship program rather than the other activities done for Webb Elementary School. On that note, he encouraged everyone again to send him photos and asked that we identify the activity and people in each photograph. Linda Gibson gave a quick update on Sally Hopper's hip replacement surgery and said she is doing great.

Jill Regina filled in for Grace Whetstone, our club's Director of Fund Development, and asked for any last-minute donations for the raffle at the Centennial Celebration. Needed items include gift certificates, sports/arts tickets, hotel stays, spa packages or any other items. Victoria will be handling donations from North Arlington and Jill will be handling donations from South Arlington. Lastly, Walter Virden shared that he had received a donation check from Bob and Jean Griffin toward the Centennial Celebration.

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FUMC Arlington Pastors Chris and Molly Hayes detail their efforts to bring clean water to Haiti and Cuba.



Eunice Currie presents the Minority Business Award to Elizabeth Kobty of Prince Lebanese Grill with President Victoria.

Links to Learn

[ArlingtonRotary.com](https://www.ArlingtonRotary.com)
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 5790](#)
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One important aspect of our club's community involvement is presenting Minority Business Recognition Awards. Eunice Currie introduced Elizabeth Kobty of Prince Lebanese Grill as the latest recipient of this honor. Elizabeth spoke briefly about her family's business and thanked us for the honor.

Next up was Randy Hendricks who brought forth another exceptional addition to our club. Shannon Porter is the current Executive Director of River Legacy Park. After multiple jobs at River Legacy, she took over as Executive Director about 1 ½ years ago. Victoria presented Shannon with her Red Badge. Dick Moise is her sponsor and Linda Gibson is her mentor.

Victoria then invited Rigien Jackson to come back up to the podium and lead us in singing the "Star Spangled Banner," feeling that it was only fitting and very special for her to do so because she has just received her United States citizenship. This prompted a rousing round of applause and a standing ovation, not just our usual smattering of stuttering claps.

With Sally Hopper on IR (that's "Injured Reserve" for you non-sports fans) with a lower body "injury" (if you're a hockey fan, that's all the info you get regarding your favorite players during the playoffs), Curt Bartley filled in to report on birthdays and anniversaries. Jeff Williams had the only birthday this week (May 30). Anniversaries this week included Barry Bondurant (32 years), Jim Quick (36 years), Brett Hall (29 years) and Clyde Godfrey (58 years). Cleto pointed out that this was 155 years of Rotary Membership!

Victoria called upon Cleto to introduce the speakers for today's program, Pastors Chris and Molly Hayes of First United Methodist Church in Arlington, our Rotary Club of Arlington meeting place for the past 99 years. Their talk was entitled "Clean Water Projects in Cuba". Chris gave an overview of their mission to bring clean water to underdeveloped nations like Haiti and Cuba. Molly then began her presentation by asking two questions: *What have you used water for in the last 24 hours?* and *Why is clean water important?* They presented some startling statistics including: 1 in 10 people have no clean water; one in three people have no proper sanitation facilities; every two minutes a child dies

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
June 4 – June 10

June 4 David Sargent

June 6 Jake Fain

June 8 Kathleen Smith

June 9 Jake Enriquez

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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from a water-borne illness; 2.5 times the U.S. population (785 million people) do not have access to clean water; and 266 million hours per day (30,000 years per day) are spent collecting water.

Chris and Molly are associated with "Water to Life," a group which aims to transform lives and communities starting with clean water. They started over ten years ago in Haiti with the introduction of 'bucket filters' which cost around \$40 to get a family situated with clean water for ten years. After the recent turmoil in Haiti it became difficult to provide humanitarian assistance there so they turned their attention to rural areas of Cuba. They attribute the success of the program to the ease of getting the filters to the countries in need as well as the low cost of the supplies. But the most important aspect of the program is building relationships in the communities they serve so that the project is sustainable. No better example of this is the relationship they forged with a cardiac surgeon in Cuba who noted that patients had successful surgeries but ended up with dysentery upon leaving the hospital because it had no clean water. The solution was a relatively low cost (\$2500-3000) facility filter which can process 500 gallons of water hourly. Their goal is to outfit as many rural hospitals as they are able to with this system and then to make sure that the local residents have a bucket filter and instructions on how it works. Afterward, they took several questions from the group. Victoria presented them with a book to sign for the Webb Elementary School library.

Kris Landrith made us chuckle with his 'Hysterical/Historical Minute'. Victoria reminded us that next week's meeting will be at Cornerstone Baptist Church and will include a program on Arlington Municipal Airport Operations by Trent Ballard. She then thanked Dan, Rigien, Kathleen and our newest member, Shannon, as well as our four visitors.

The quote of the week was "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." – Abraham Lincoln

The membership then joined in reciting the Four Way Test and Victoria sent us out reminding us that "We are people of Impact, go make a difference this week." The meeting was then adjourned.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by Clicking [HERE](#). Password is: **nd=c.0By**



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Marcelo Cavazos	10 Years	June 6, 2013
Donna Mack	4 Years	June 6, 2019
Wella Mack	4 Years	June 6, 2019
Jake Enriquez	1 Year	June 9, 2022

MORE FUN!

6/10 Saturday---Rotary Club of Arlington 100th Year Celebration — UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom—Cocktail attire--VIP Reception---5:30pm, dinner seating—6:30pm. Full table reservations currently being taken by Kurt Bartley--\$1250/table. Individual tickets--\$100.

6/29 Thursday—6:30pm--Installation of Officers — J. Gilligan's—casual—cost is \$15 per person.



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