

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

Hubcap

June 1, 2023

In this edition: <u>Zoom Link</u>, Rotary anniversaries total 155 Years, and more...

<u>Victoria's Vignettes</u>



The month of May is full of endings and celebrations. The school year is ending, graduations are happening, families are planning get-a-ways, and everyone is looking forward to the summer (well, as long as you have air conditioning). We too are planning for this summer. Our plans to commemorate our Centennial are in full gear as we ready ourselves for the dedication of our public art piece in the new Rotary Dream Park at 9 a.m. on June 10th, and that evening for our Centennial Celebration at the Bluebonnet Ballroom. It should be noted our Celebration at UTA is bringing us full circle to the place where our Club founders signed our Club Charter on the campus. If you have not gotten your tickets yet please see our Club website at (https://arlingtonrotary.com/event/arlingtonrotary-centennial-celebration/). If you are starting your summer travel, you can always donate to the Centennial Celebration through a financial gift or perhaps a raffle or silent auction item. Any proceeds left from our Centennial Celebration will go back into our local Rotary Club's foundation to fund our community impact projects going forward.

It also seems fitting that this month is mental health awareness month. A few weeks back I participated on a panel to discuss ways to manage a busy career, volunteering in the community, and still having something left for my family. I was struck by the moderator who went to great pains to define "mental health" different from "mental health issue". All of us as human beings need to find ways to keep ourselves going. She used a care analogy to make this more real. Your car runs on fuel, oil, and proper maintenance. As humans we

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

<u>FUMC Pastors Chris</u> <u>and Molly Hayes</u> Clean Water Projects in Cuba

COMING SOON

June 8 Trent Ballard

Arlington Municipal Airport Operations Meet at Cornerstone Baptist Church

June 15 Raymond D. Benge, Jr.

<u>2024 Total Solar</u> Eclipse

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY LEEANNE CHENOWETH LAWSON

President Victoria Farrar-Myers welcomed us and started the meeting.

The prayer and pledge were led by Kurt Bartley.

"God Bless America" was sung by all and accompanied by pianist Kathleen Smith.

Announcements: Victoria reminded us to log in to add our volunteer hours, and said that more of us need to sign up to be greeters and lead the prayer and pledge. She also said that tickets are still available for the Centennial Gala on June 10.

Clete asked that we send photos to him to be used in the Hubcap.

Jill Regina with youth services thanked the

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owe ourselves the same level of maintenance. It seems such an evident point, but I think in all the hoopla surrounding mental health we do not stop to realize each of us needs to feed our souls, our minds, our health, and our well-being. If we do not, we will have trouble serving our families, our communities, and others in general. So, this summer when you go on a plane and hear "put your mask on first" or when you are gassing up the car for that get-away, remember to take care of you. The more we do for ourselves in this manner, the more we can do in our volunteer life in Rotary. What a wonderful lesson to remember as we take care to acknowledge our Club's past, our current Club state, and imagine what we hope to be in our second century.

Victoria President, 2022-23





President Victoria displays our Vibrant Club banner for 2023 awarded at the 5790 District Conference.

I don't like that man. I must get to know him better."



Abraham Lincoln Rotary

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Rotarians who volunteered at the schools on awards day.

Maggie Campbell with the DAMC (downtown Arlington) reminded us that June 10 is the Rotary Sculpture ceremony at the new park and also a classic car show day. Register your car at damc.org.

Vera McKissic thanked us for nominating minority businesses for awards and reminded us that we need to invite more minority business owners to join Rotary.

Former Rotarian president Walter Virden urged us to get Rotary memorabilia to President Victoria.

Victoria also announced the good news that Arlington Rotary was presented with the Vibrant Club award!

Randy Hendricks announced the recipients of blue badges: Jeffrey Haviland, Samantha Reich and Chris Church.

Birthdays: May 21 David Keal, May 22 Calvin McKaig, May 24 Carolyn Mebus, May 27 Larry Jordan

Anniversaries: Holly Hattendorf 5 years, Mac Martin 1 year, Holly Potter-Harvey 1 year.

Sally Hopper introduced our former mayor of Arlington, Jeff Williams, who was presented with the Paul Harris fellow award.

President Victoria introduced our speaker, Trey Yelverton.

Arlington's city manager, Trey Yelverton, quickly covered many subjects. He presented charts and graphs depicting trends in the real estate market (there is a need for more office/business space), crime rates, the city budget, street maintenance etc. He did mention that there are jobs available in the offices of the city of Arlington. Highlighted, were the facts that crime has gone down in the past decade, and the sports arenas definitely keep our hotels full, which brings more tax dollars to the city. If you have any questions or have any issues you wish to discuss with him, contact him at www.arlingtontx.gov.

Trey Yelverton began serving as City Manager of Arlington, Texas in March 2012. He has 35 years of public service and is the Chief Executive Officer of

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Arlington City Manager Trey Yelverton gives a data-packed presentation on the status of the city.



Trey describes the components of city revenue. *Photo by Jock Bethune.*



Chris Church, Jeff Haviland, and Sam Reich receive Blue Badges. Jeff's mother-in-law and father-in-law attended.

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the municipal corporation of 2,793 employees, an annual operating and capital budget of \$774M, and \$2.8B net assets. With a city population of 396,000 residents, Arlington is the seventh largest city in Texas and the 48th largest in the United States.

Under Yelverton's leadership, the city received AAA bond ratings from two public ratings agencies, Bloomberg Philanthropies' What Works Cities Gold Certification, all five Transparency Stars from the Texas Comptroller, Human Rights Campaign score of 100, as well as numerous corporate accreditations and Dallas Business Journal Best Real Estate Deals.

The city has invested \$2.2 billion in public infrastructure while lowering the debt service tax rate during his tenure. With the support of elected leaders and the community, he also accomplished numerous significant public-private projects including the Levitt Pavilion, the College Park District, City Center -Downtown Library and mixeduse development, AT&T Stadium, Texas Live!, Live! by Loews Hotel, Loews Arlington Hotel & Convention Center, eSports Stadium Arlington, Globe Life Field, Choctaw Stadium, D.R. Horton Headquarters relocation, Six Flags World Headquarters relocation, retention and expansion of the General Motors Plant, redevelopment of the vacated Six Flags Mall to a GM supplier park, redevelopment of Forum 303 Mall to new industrial facilities, development of the Arlington Highlands, and the establishment, and full city-wide expansion, of the Via Ride Share service.

Yelverton has also served as the Executive Director of the Arlington Housing Authority, Executive Director of Arlington Sports Facilities Corporation, Founding Director of Arlington Economic Development Corporation, and Board Member of the Gene & Jerry Jones Arlington Youth Foundation.

Yelverton has completed executive certificate programs at the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M and the JFK School of Government at Harvard. Additionally, he is a member of the International City Management Association and the Texas City Management Association.

Yelverton is a 1988 graduate of the University of

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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 28 – June 3

May 30 Jeff Williams

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!)



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Barry Bondurant	32 Years	June 1, 1991
Jim C. Quick	36 Years	June 1, 1987
Brett Hall	29 Yeas	June 2, 1994
Clyde Godfrey	58 Years	June 3, 1965

MORE FUN!

6/10 Saturday---Rotary Club of Arlington 100th Year <u>Celebration</u> — 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--<u>Installation of Officers</u> — J. Gilligan's—casual—cost is \$15 per person.

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Texas at Arlington, a Life Member of its alumni association, and a periodic adjunct faculty member teaching classes in public administration. He completed his Master of Public Administration from the University of North Texas in 1989.

President Victoria presented Mr. Yelverton with a book to be donated to the Webb Elementary School library in his honor.

Tom Ware presented the historical moment.

President Victoria led us in the 4 way test and we were dismissed.

Next week's speakers: Pastors Chris and Molly Hayes, discussing the Clean Water Projects in Cuba.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by Clicking <u>Here</u>. Password is: **Qb*0tLje**

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