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Victoria's Vignettes



As I sit here on the morning of our 100th Anniversary, I cannot help but reflect on all the Rotarians who came together to make the realization of our 100th year Project and evening Celebration a success. As I looked out at all of our members, I could not help but feel awed at the amazing family I had chosen to join. Nor could I help but see a glimpse of our second century in the palpable energy of our Club and in the eyes of the next generation ready to carry on the torch.

I was asked to share as my column this week the remarks I made at the unveiling of our commissioned art piece "Boundless" and the unveiling of the plans for the Rotary Dream Park. So here you go ...

Good morning. My name is Victoria Farrar-Myers and I am the President of the Rotary Club of Arlington. Rotary is a worldwide organization formed by individuals committed to service above self, and leaving their communities and the world better than they found it. The Rotary Club of Arlington was formed on June 11, 1923, and is often referred to as the "downtown" club. On behalf of our club and all Rotarians in Arlington, it is my honor to dedicate this commissioned, public art

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY RAYMOND D. BENGE, JR. 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

COMING SOON

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| June 22 | TBA | City of Arlington
Code Compliance |
| June 29
6:30 PM | 2023-24 Installation
Dinner | At J.Gilligan's |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY LEE ANNE CHENOWETH LAWSON

President Victoria Farrar-Myers welcomed us to the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington. She also thanked the members of the Cornerstone Baptist Church for the use of their beautiful building.

Jim Quick led the club in prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also announced our visitors. The club sang "God Bless America" acapella.

Announcements: President Victoria reminded us to check in and record hours when we enter a meeting and to use hashtags for social media: #arlingtonrotary and #arlingtonrotary100. She also mentioned our 8:30 a.m. dedication of the Rotary Dream Park and our sculpture celebrating our centennial as

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piece that challenges us to contemplate our place in the world without limits.

This moment has been long in coming. We appointed a committee five years ago to determine what would be a fitting gift to the city to commemorate our Club's centennial this year. After all, our club has long contributed to the fabric of this community. The founders of our club and members over the years names appear on street signs, parks, and buildings, and are among the leaders who have helped Arlington become the city we all love. Our club donated the land for the first park in Arlington, Meadowbrook Park, and helped foster the City's park system through subsequent donations.

It is no surprise then we wanted to find a way to honor this storied past, but also leave an everlasting gift for residents and visitors alike to identify with our city. After consulting key community stakeholders and the City, we embarked upon the acquisition of a public art piece fitting of its place at the gateway of downtown and forever located in what will now be known as the Rotary Dream Park.

While the vertical element of the sculpture, whose pieces light up and swirl when visitors interact with it, represents an homage to the iconic Rotary emblem, the sculpture itself was created to inspire all to imagine the boundless possibilities available here in The American Dream City and in the world.

I would be remiss without thanking the members of the Rotary Dream Park Project Steering Committee:

Kurt Bartley
Dan Blumberg
Maggie Campbell
Val Gibson
Susie McAlister
Joyce Stanton

Parks Director, James Orloski, Asst Dir Michael Debrecht & the staff of the Parks Department

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well as our 6:15 p.m. Rotary Gala Dinner (5:30 for VIPs), both on Saturday, June 10, 2023. She also mentioned that we need more people to sign up to lead the club in prayer and in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotarians may sign up for these things on the club website, www.arlingtonrotary.com. Jock Bethune urged all to attend the Arlington Senior Men's Club on Wednesday, June 14, 11:30 am -1:00 p.m. The speaker will be our own club member and former Arlington mayor Jeff Williams. LeeAnne Chenoweth mentioned that the next Timeless Concerts events are on Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, July 15. To get more information and tickets go to www.timelessconcerts.com. Richard Urso informed us about the current Theater Arlington musical production, Fly by Night. Tickets and information are available at www.theatrearlington.org. Sara Knotts urged us to get tickets for the upcoming Installation of Officers, which will take place at J. Gilligan's on the evening of Thursday, June 29. Barry Bondurant will be installed as our new president! Tickets are available via the club's website. Contact Sarah if you have trouble getting tickets from it. Past District Governor Peter Scott told us to contact Belinda Gist about free Rotary Club gear! An overstuffed issue! Go to 1804 Tennyson Drive on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and take your pick!

Randy Hendricks presented our club's 20th and 21st new members during the 2022-23 Rotary year, Joe Ferrell and Shirley Cox, who received their red badges.

Birthdays this week: June 4 David Sargent; June 6 Jake Fain; June 8, Kathleen Smith; June 9, Jake Enriquez.

Anniversaries: 10 years, Marcelo Cavazos; 4 years Donna Mack and Wella Mack; 1 year, Jake Enriquez.

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City Manager, Trey Yelverton

I would like also to thank Mayor and Council for supporting this project from its inception to today, and the many Rotary Club of Arlington members throughout the years who ensured we would have the funds to take on such a large project.

Of course, our vision could never have been realized without the mastery of artist Jen Lewin and her team.

"Boundless" is our gift to the City, but more importantly it's a symbol of the Rotary Club of Arlington's commitment to serve and inspire others for generations to come. Thank you!

Victoria
President, 2022-23



Jill with the 2023 RYLA leaders from Arlington High.

Links to Learn

ArlingtonRotary.com
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 5790](#)
[Rotary International](#)

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Barry Bondurant introduced Gloria Pena, President of the Arlington Rotary Foundation, who gave a very thorough presentation of the financial state of our foundation and our Webb Elementary School project. This Rotary year the Arlington Rotary Foundation has provided \$69,000 in scholarships to 66 high school graduates who attended Webb. We also provided a \$2,000 scholarship to each of two Arlington High School seniors. We donated 564 Book Fair books to the Webb School; \$2,666 of the necessary funding came from our dedicated Lisann Peters Read With Rotary fund, which is invested together with our other foundation funds. The foundation spent \$2,940 to send Webb fifth and sixth graders to Camp Carter. And the foundation provided fifty medals to Webb attendees at five Arlington High Schools. Finally, we presented 71 medals to Webb Elementary School sixth graders.

Barry Bondurant also introduced our speaker, Trent Ballard, City of Arlington Airport Manager. He was previously a Board Member at the Texas Airports Council. Some highlights of his very informative presentation were the facts that the Arlington Airport relieves the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Love Field of overcrowding flight training and corporate air traffic. Also, Bell Helicopter conducts flight testing at the Arlington Airport. The economic impact of the airport is impressive: 22 businesses and 240 aircraft are based there. The airport employs about 900 employees. The salaries, wages and benefits total \$520 million. Economic activity arising from the airport totals \$236 million. Mr. Ballard pointed out that air traffic increases drastically during periods in which the Dallas Cowboys are playing at home, particularly during Super Bowl events. The main segments of business based at the airport are aircraft sales, research/flight training, flight instruction, aircraft repair, aircraft storage and itinerant aircraft services. Van Bortel Aircraft, the

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
June 11 – June 17

June 14 Steve Kleiber

June 17 Rick Jenkins

June 17 Vera McKissic

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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world's largest Cessna dealer, is based there. It sold over 300 planes valued at \$149,000 each during 2019 for a total of \$2.1 million in sales. The Arlington Airport also houses the designated Cessna prop-jet service center. Another business based there is Harrison Aviation. The airport is also involved in outreach to the community, hosting airport field trips for youth, discovery days, the North Texas Council of Governments aviation education initiative and historic aircraft tours. Trent can be reached at trent.ballard@arlingtontx.gov.

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

Dan Blumberg gave us a hysterical historical moment that took place in Childress, Texas.

Our next club meeting will feature Raymond D. Benge, Jr., a Tarrant County College Professor of Meteorology. He will be discussing the 2024 total solar eclipse. We will be back at the First United Methodist Church in Arlington next week.

Quote for the day, by Isaac Newton: If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.

President Victoria led us in the Four Way Test and we were dismissed.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

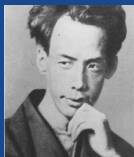
David Sargent	8 Years	June 11, 2015
Lou Ann O'Donnell	6 Years	June 15, 2017
Mike O'Donnell	6 Years	June 15, 2017
Miguel Juarez	7 Years	June 16, 2016

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

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



Individually, we are
one drop. Together,
we are an ocean."



Ryunosuke Satoro



MORE FUN!

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



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TIME FOR SOME

Cheers and Beers



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON
OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER**

JUNE 29, 2023 / 630PM - 830PM
J GILLIGAN'S BAR & GRILL / 400 E ABRAM ST
\$15 PER PERSON / CASH BAR / CASUAL

RSVP BY JUNE 22 - LINK ON CLUB WEBSITE

BOARD MEETING
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON
This Friday, June 16 at 11:30 am
at Legacy Financial
1205 W. Abram (park in back)
Any club member may attend.



We welcome to our club former member Joe Ferrell and former Rotarian (Arlington South) Shirley Cox.



Gloria Pena, President of the Arlington Rotary Foundation, presents its Annual Report.



Trent Ballard gives a very interesting overview of the operations of the Arlington Municipal Airport.

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“Boundless” artist Jen Lewin with President Victoria.
Photo by O.K. Carter.



Jim and Sheri Quick inducted into the Arch Klumph Society by PRIP Ron Burton before the Centennial Celebration. *Photo by Dwayne Lee.*

PROPOSED MEMBERS

Jason Roach

Classification: Finance/Financial Planning
(Active)

Sponsor: Mia Russo
Mentor: Derrick Kinney

Eric Hendricks

Classification: Insurance—Home & Auto/
Information Management (Active)

Sponsor: Randy Hendricks
Mentor: Randy Hendricks

Bowie Hogg

Classification: Medical Services—Physical
Therapy/Sales (Active)

Sponsor: Randy Hendricks
Mentor: Tom Ware

James Spaniolo

Classification: Education—University
Administration (Active)

Sponsor: Victoria Farrar-Myers
Mentor: Jim Quick



22 Rotary Club of Arlington Past Presidents in attendance at the Centennial Celebration receive an American Flag flown in their honor at the 2022 Arlington Field of Honor. *Photo by Dwayne Lee.*

Look for oodles of Centennial pictures in the Thursday edition of Hubcap EXTRA!



PRIP Ron Burton delivers an engaging Keynote address at the Centennial Celebration. *Photo by Dwayne Lee.*

