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## Victoria's Vignettes



Last June when I started my adventure as Club President with my board, we discussed how not only did we want to do right by the Centennial Celebration, but continue to look for ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of how the club operates in order to continue to make an impact in the community.

We wanted to straighten some internal processes. For example, we added fees for on-line transactions in conformity with most non-profits. We streamlined how dues would be collected. We sought out better ways to track volunteer hours. While the QR code was not everyone's favorite, it did spur many to check in at meetings and report their service. Thanks to our Treasurer and Assistant Membership Director, we adopted a new on-line ability to set-up events and register for them. Our Treasurer agreed to chair a financial review committee to look at the health of our finances in light of us not increasing dues in eight or so years, and having District and RI increasing costs at every turn. The review led to dues increase, which will take off some of the financial pressures next year. We also undertook a review of the club bylaws that led to some minor revisions to modernize club practices. Our AV folks worked hard with the church to seek out a new jack, which will make

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY ASHELY WOOLNOUGH

City of Arlington, Animal Services

In the Banquet Room of FUMCA

### COMING SOON

June 29	2023-24	At J.Gilligan's
6:30 PM	<a href="#">Installation Dinner</a>	
July 6	<a href="#">John Doney</a>	Symphony Arlington

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY RICHARD URSO

President Victoria Farrar-Myers rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 12:08. After welcoming everyone she called on Stephanie Melchert to lead the club in prayer and in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. We then sang "God Bless America" accompanied on piano by Kathleen Smith.

Victoria called upon our Greeter, Benjamin Harris, to come to the podium and to introduce any visiting Rotarians and guests. No visiting Rotarians were in attendance but there were nine guests. Randy Hendricks introduced four guests: Tim Hughes, Arlington City Council member Bowie Hogg, Chris White and Jason Roach. Stephanie Melchert introduced Jane Minardi. Tom Ware introduced Allen Hale (no...

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our sound, audio, and playing of videos just that much better. Our Membership group was asked to confront the different ways people locate our club. A newly clarified process and some needed web changes were made to put the application online and to streamline a process for those who might find our club without a sponsor.

We created a Centennial logo and our Public Relations team worked hard to coordinate our historical information, which led to a lot more traffic on our channels. A webmaster was appointed to make our website more user-friendly and to provide information in a timely manner. Our Vocational Service restarted the Classification talks, which added a bit of vibrancy to the club. In Youth Services we continued building upon our relationships with Webb, Nichols, and Arlington High. Just this past week, we sent a group of four individuals to the RYLA camp. Our Interact Group was also active and sought the club's assistance in several of their community service projects. Our Community Relations Director worked on creating a Minority Owned Business Award program, and total of four awards were given out this spring. Our Community Service Director hosted multiple opportunities throughout the year for us to get out into the community and make an impact locally. Our Directors of Fun planned several socials to ensure we could have time to get to know each other outside the meetings on Thursday. The Club received more news coverage than ever. Our Centennial was reported on by the City of Arlington, DAMC, Arlington Today Magazine, UTA Shorthorn, and with any luck our submission to the Rotary Magazine will hit!

Our meetings were adjusted just a little to allow at the first of each month an RI Minute by Don Mebus. Our Last Laugh became the Historical/Hysterical Minute. Many letters, historical articles, and the like were published in our own Hubcap.

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not The Skipper on *Gilligan's Island*). Stu Reichert introduced his wife, Penny. And Vera McKissic introduced Dale and Jeff Jenkins.

Victoria noted that those who wanted to come up to give announcements should stay seated for a bit since she had a multitude of her own. She first noted that during the ceremony commemorating the gifting of Jen Lewin's sculpture, "Boundless," in the Rotary Dream Park on the morning of June 10, 2023 we received a proclamation from the City of Arlington read by Mayor Jim Ross. State Representative Chris Turner was unable to attend the ceremony unveiling "Boundless" but he subsequently sponsored a House Resolution declaring June 11, 2023 a special day for our club and the city. Victoria then exhibited the large check which represented the \$10,000 which our club donated to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Ron Burton, our speaker at the Centennial Celebration. Each of us who attended the soiree on that Saturday night received a commemorative 100-year Rotary pin and Victoria noted that there were some on the back table for anyone who did not get one at the event. She noted that every living past president of the club was called up to the stage during the Centennial Celebration, which made for a memorable picture. However, past president Sal Capuli was unable to join that group. Accordingly, Victoria called him up to the podium to recognize and thank him for his prior service as club president.

After Victoria was finished with her announcements the usual line to make announcements formed. First to speak was President-Elect Barry Bondurant (only a few weeks before he takes full control of the reins – look out!). He made mention of the monthly meeting of the club's board on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 11:30 and urged Red Badgers to come and check off two hurdles for the price of one as they move toward a Blue Badge. He also pointed out that next week's meeting will be

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We successfully completed a district grant to go towards the installation of the public art piece we commissioned by Jen Lewin for Rotary Dream Park. We hosted the dedication and ribbon cutting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. And of course, the Centennial Celebration saw almost 75% of our current members attend a program that led us back to the same place that our founders signed our charter one-hundred years ago.

Finally, we met every one of our RI goals by mid-year. We exceeded the vibrancy goals and was named a Vibrant Club by our District. One of our couples chose to be Arch Klumph Society members and many of our members attended training by District throughout the year. We ended the year having our President-Elect attend RI Conference in Melbourne and several of our members proceed into district and zone level appointments.

So, looking back the club is stronger, our presence and stature in the community is heightened, and we enter our Second Century ready for just about anything.

*Victoria*

**President, 2022-23**



**Dale and Jeff Jenkins receive the Minority Business Award for The Jenkins Agency.**

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down the hall from our usual meeting place in the First United Methodist Church in Arlington's Banquet Hall.

Sarah Knotts reminded us about the Officer Installation Dinner at J Gilligan's on Thursday night, June 29, 2023. There is now a link on the club's website, [ArlingtonRotary.com](http://ArlingtonRotary.com), where you can sign up and pay for tickets. Dress for the event will be very casual.

LeeAnne Chenowith mentioned that the next Timeless Concert entitled "London to Rome" will take place on July 8 and July 15, 2023. These concerts will include English jigs, Neapolitan songs of Italy and the music of the movie "The Red Violin". Tickets are still available for both concerts on Timeless Concerts' website, [timelessconcerts.com](http://timelessconcerts.com).

Stephanie Melchert mentioned that the Arlington Life Shelter is having its first annual "Stock the Shelter" event which runs June 12-30, 2023. The shelter's needs include shelter, hygiene, kitchen and clinic supplies. More specific information can be found on the shelter's website, [arlingtonlifeshelter.org](http://arlingtonlifeshelter.org).

Nancy Blinn announced that Dental Health For Arlington's upcoming fundraiser, its annual "Love That Smile" Casino Night, Fundraiser and Auction will take place on June 24, 2023 from 6 -11:00 p.m. at the CR Smith Museum at 4601 Highway 360 in Fort Worth, Texas. Proceeds from this event help meet the dental needs of thousands of disadvantaged children and adults. Heather Kipker mentioned that there would be a meeting regarding the Arlington Heroes Run in the back of the hall at the conclusion of this meeting for anyone interested.

Next, as she does every meeting, President Victoria showed a slide with a QR code and asked everyone to take out their cameras and sign into the meeting and to log their service hours. Lastly, she urged us all to sign up online

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## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
June 18 – June 24

**June 20 Steve Brooks**

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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for Player/Pledge and Greeter duty.

Vera McKissic introduced this month's recipients of the Minority Business Recognition Award, Dale and Jeff Jenkins of The Jenkins Agency. Vera gave a wonderful example of their commitment to the community by applying the 4-Way Test to their efforts.

Next Randy Hendricks presented Darius McCall with his Blue Badge. Walter Virden then led us in a rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag" accompanied by Kathleen Smith on the piano.

Sally Hopper (back from 'Injured Reserve' list and moving confidently while approaching the podium without her cane) reported on this week's Birthdays and Anniversaries. Steve Kleiber (Jun 14), Rick Jenkins (Jun 17) and Vera McKissic (Jun 14) celebrated birthdays this week. Both Rick and Vera were present to receive their 'Happy Birthday' serenade. Anniversaries this week included David Sargent (8 years), Lou Ann and Mike O'Donnell (6 years each) and Miguel Juarez (7 years).

Victoria then called upon Barry to introduce the speaker for the day's program, Raymond J. Benge, Jr. He has been an Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Tarrant County College's Northeast Campus for 25 years and has teaching experience at TCU, Richland College and Collin College. Barry noted that you might recall his interesting presentation last August on "Near Misses From Above", which involved him speaking about asteroids, meteors and meteorites. His talk this year was entitled "Texas Solar Eclipses". Professor Benge began by saying that his interest in astronomy and the stars started in grade school when he witnessed a partial eclipse in Houston. He went on to say that solar eclipses are both common and rare – common because there are numerous occurrences somewhere

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Paul Fulks	19 Years	June 24, 2004
Nathaniel Hearne	2 Years	June 24, 2021
Derrick Kinney	24 Years	June 24, 1999
Joyce Stanton	19 Years	June 24, 2004

## MORE FUN!

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

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”



Oprah Winfrey



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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

### Links to Learn

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



**Darius receives his Blue Badge.**

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on earth, yet rare in any particular location. This has to do with the nature of the moon's orbit around the Earth. Professor Bengé then went on to talk about two Total Solar Eclipses over our area. The first was recorded and documented in an archived picture in 1878, with the apparent location of the telescopes somewhere between present day John Peter Smith and Baylor All Saints Hospitals in Fort Worth. This represented what may have been the first professional scientific research of any kind in Texas. The next Total Solar Eclipse will be on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our area will be within the area of totality during this eclipse, which will last around 2 hours and 40 minutes with the actual total eclipse lasting 3 minutes (which he said will seem like ten seconds). Areas just southwest of here will actually be in the exact middle of the path. Bengé mentioned some interesting things which will occur during this period of time including shadows having an odd appearance, the sky getting dimmer, the weather changing and animals acting strangely. And, at totality, the sky is dark, you can see daylight in the distance and you can see the outermost layers of the sun. He mentioned the importance of proper eyewear (i.e., don't just buy something cheap on Amazon) and not looking directly at the eclipse except during the very short 3 minutes of the total eclipse. He finished by discussing some upcoming partial eclipses in Texas this year in October and ten years from now in 2033. Professor Bengé then took two questions, one of which involved whether he believed in UFO's. On one hand, he said it is a very vast universe and it would seem likely that there is some form of life somewhere within it. On the other hand, he did say that given the incredible technology that it would take to traverse such incredibly long distances in the universe, wouldn't that technology be good enough to conceal their presence and to prevent crashes? At that, we all laughed and he ended his talk. After professor Bengé's talk concluded President Victoria presented him with a book for him to autograph and which we will donate to the

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## BOARD BITES

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

- The Board discussed the outcome of the Centennial Celebration. While the books are still being rectified, it appears close to \$96,000 should be returned to the unrestricted portion of our local Arlington Foundation.
- President Victoria provided the Board with a comprehensive final report noting our goals we selected to meet at RI, the personal goals of each Director and the overall achievement of such. She asked for any updates or edits. The final RI goals will be updated through June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Randy Hendricks reported that for the year that 25 new members will have been inducted by next week. Prospects who came to our last meeting make the future look strong. Please continue to post on social media as this seems very successful in getting individuals interested in our club.
- Secretary Kipker informed the board that the club had currently reported 3,896.51 hours of volunteer service. Our meeting with the most attendance was December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Centennial Club Photo and Martin Show Choir Christmas Program.
- The Board was reminded that the Installation Dinner is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at Gilligan's. You can register through the Club's website.



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Webb Elementary School library. Victoria next called on Tom Ware, who made us chuckle with his 'Hysterical Minute'. Victoria reminded us that next week's meeting will take place in the Banquet Hall on the other side of the church kitchen from our usual meeting place and will include a program on the City of Arlington's Code Compliance program. She then thanked all who participated in today's meeting, as well as our nine visitors. The quote of the week was "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." – Ryunosuke Satoro.

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". Upon her ringing of the bell, the meeting was adjourned.

### MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by Clicking [HERE](#). Password is: **wVUbJ7.?**

