

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

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In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Proposed Member, amazing Rotary milestones, and more...

Treasurer's Report



Rotarians,

Our board of directors has been working hard on a budget for our centennial year that is both a responsible use of our resources and allows us to meet our community and international service goals. We began our year with an operating cash balance of \$47,841, which is higher than it has been in years past due to cost savings we experienced during the pandemic. Although the board is mindful of moving forward with a large reserve, we recognize that we may have some larger expenditures in the future and, at this time, we do not have a plan to increase our membership dues. We also have a balance in our Edward Jones account of \$25,598 which has been designated for our centennial celebration gift to the City of Arlington. For this year, we are projecting to have revenues totaling \$125,785 and expenditures of \$139,366. You can easily tell this results in a deficit of \$13,581. It is our club's long-standing tradition to send our incoming president to the Rotary International Convention regardless of location. From time to time, this results in us relying on our reserves, which is the case for the upcoming convention in Melbourne, Australia in 2023. I'm thankful for the work of the board of directors for their help in pulling a reasonable and meaningful budget together for our centennial year. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a vibrant club!

Kim Crawford

Treasurer



THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

[Kim Rocha](#)

Down Syndrome Partnership

COMING SOON

(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

Aug 4 [Wendy Burgess](#) Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector

Aug. 11 [Raymond Benge, TCC](#) Near Misses From Above

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President-Elect Barry Bondurant. Sal Capuli offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Jean Hood introduced guests. Visiting today was Garret Martin, Elvis Ononobi, Lesley Bettis, Willie Rodriguez, Karen Bondurant, Mayra Cepeda, Eunice Currie, Leah Reyes, Lynn Rossi Scott and Rachel Slosson. Keith Kallie was our visiting Rotarian from Brenham, Texas.

Clete McAlister informed us that we will be having our club group picture taken on December 15, 2022 at FUMC-Arlington. Grace Whetstone spoke on behalf of the Arlington Miracle League and reminded us that the Fall season begins on 9-24-22

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Mark Rawlings delivers an interesting presentation on the renovation of the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells.

Please Note

We were not able to take credit cards for the meal last week. If you owe money, please bring cash to this week's meeting.



Willie Rodriguez is welcome as our newest member by new car presenter Mary Tom, PDG Peter, PE Barry, and Membership Chair Randy.

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and she is seeking volunteers to be on a fundraising committee. Rotary will be hosting a Vibrant Club workshop on 8-20-22 at the Mineral Wells High School from 8a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Salty Dog BBQ. Sal Capuli asked for volunteers for greeters, and pledge and prayer leaders. Mary Tom Curnutt asked for volunteers to hand out pencils on 8-15-22 at Webb Elementary.

We had a new member induction led by Randy Hendricks. Willie Rodriguez was inducted into our club. Peter Scott is his sponsor, Paul David Fulks is his mentor and Mary Tom Curnutt presented Willie with a new car.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Joan Church, Jean Hood, Mary Jean Moloney, Brian Anderson and Steve Zimmer are all celebrating birthdays this week. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are Carolyn Mebus and Konstantin Maslenikov. Sally received birthday checks from Peter Scott, Jean Hood and Mary Jean Moloney.

Richard "Wick" Alexander was remembered as a former member of our Rotary Club. Dr. Alexander was a long time orthodontist in Arlington and he recently passed away.

Vera McKissic led us in singing "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In". She was accompanied on piano by Kathleen Smith.

Barry Bondurant introduced the program for the day as well as the speaker. The program was on The Baker Hotel Renovation in Mineral Wells, Texas. Mark Rawlings is the principal of Syndicated Contracting Services and is responsible for spearheading the restoration for The Baker Hotel and Spa. Mark has found his niche specializing in remodeling for the hospitality industry, focusing on restaurants and bars, particularly those involving historic restorations. In 1998 Mark's focus turned to the hotel industry, project managing the restoration of the Historic Driskill Hotel in Austin. Mark has been instrumental in restorations throughout the State of Texas.

The Baker Hotel opened in 1929 in Mineral Wells, Texas. The hotel was built by T.B. Baker at a cost of \$1.2 million dollars. The hotel opened two weeks after the great stock market crash. The hotel had 460 rooms, two suites, two complete spas, an outdoor Olympic-sized pool and famous cloud room. The hotel served as a playground for

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

SO HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

The Club Organization Meeting was held on May 29, 1923. Tom L. Cravens and Gordon Hill were responsible for the organization. Bert Tolbert of Fort Worth was a special representative for the organization.

The Charter was presented by District Governor John Singleton of Waxahachie on June 11, 1923. There were seventeen charter members: Elvis W. Altman, Dry Goods Retailing; Garner C. Ammon, Restaurants; A. Cliff Barnes, Hardware Retailing; Horace E. Cannon, Florist; Carl F. Chancellor, Telephone Service; William E. Clark, Newspaper-Magazine Agency; P. Leslie Coulter, Drug Retail; Tom L. Cravens, Real Estate; Frank P. Hall, Auto Accessories Retail; V. Gordon Hill, Newspaper Publishing; Edward C. McKnight, Groceries Retailing; C. Ray McKnight, Men's Furnishing Retail; Hugh M. Moore, Undertaking, Thomas Spruance, Trust and Savings Bank; Elmer L. Taylor, Furniture Retail; Myron L. Williams, Education-College; and Sam F. Wine, Electric Light and Power Service. Sam Wine was elected the first president.

The club's week luncheon meetings were held in Ammon's restaurant but this was unsatisfactory because the meeting place did not have a separate dining/meeting room. The meetings were moved to the First Christian Church and service was by the ladies of the church. Within a year (1924) the club moved to its current home, First United Methodist Church. The ladies of the church prepared the meals.

From these beginnings The Rotary Club of Arlington has continued to serve our community by sponsoring improvements as a group and through individual members.

Val Gibson, Centennial Chair

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celebrities, famous musicians and cattle barons. The fully air-conditioned hotel hosted Clark Gable, Judy Garland and Ronald Reagan. The Baker Hotel operated until it closed for good in 1972.

The hotel was purchased in 2019 by the development team. The hotel had been on the market for sale since it closed in 1972. It sat vacant for forty-seven years. The restoration began by utilizing 964 roll off dumpsters. All the plumbing had to be removed as well as the electrical wiring. The team intends to re-purpose as much of the original material as possible. This includes marble that is three inches thick, doors, chandeliers, light fixtures, a shoe-shine booth and a ticket booth.

The Baker Hotel and Spa will have 165 guest rooms, retail shops, restaurants, a private Brazos Club, a ballroom that will seat 700 guests, a spa, convention and business facilities and a coffee shop. The local mineral springs will be utilized again, along with modernized amenities made for the lifestyle of modern guests. The hotel expects to host weddings, special events, conventions and weekend travelers. To learn more about the renovation of The Baker Hotel, please visit thebakerhotelandspa.com.

Barry Bondurant informed us that next program will be Kim Rocha, Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas.

A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Mark Rawqlings.

Kris Landrith provided us with the last laugh.

The quote for this week: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". – Nelson Mandela

Barry thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. He 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 for a limited time (one week) by clicking [HERE](#). Password is: @Xd.+7=K



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Always remember that you are absolutely unique — just like everyone else."



Margaret Mead

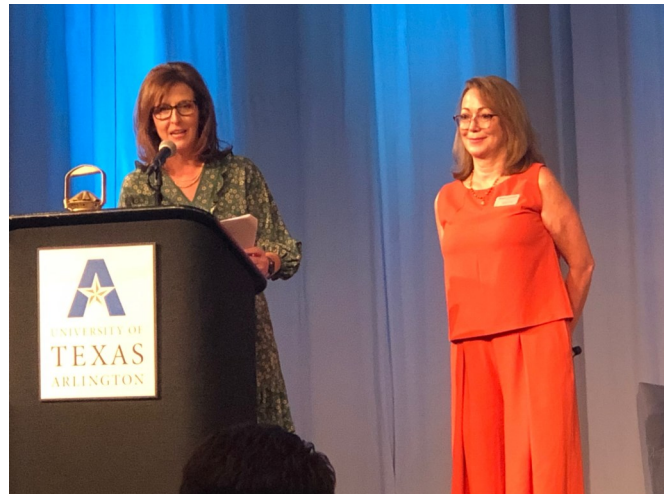


BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
July 24 — July 30

July 24 Jennifer Cathcart
July 27 Pat Connor
July 28 Barry Johnson
July 29 Mary Tom Curnutt

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!)



Rotarians around town (downtown). Downtown Arlington Management Executive Committee Chair, Mary Tom Curnutt and Maggie Campbell, CEO/President at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED MEMBER

Jeff Roller

Classification: Home Safety — Equipment Sales
(Active)

Sponsor: TaShunda Scott

CONGRATULATIONS!



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

Graham Schadt	53 Years	July 24, 1969
Carey Walker	9 Years	July 25, 2013
Lynn Stavinoha	16 Years	July 26, 2006
Kris Landrith	33 Years	July 27, 1989
Bob Stoessel	45 Years	July 28, 1977
Jeannie Deakyne	1 Year	July 29, 2021
Jack Garbo	29 Years	July 29, 1993



We love having guests and we had a good number last meeting.



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