

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Operation Sharp from the Start, our club's beginnings, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



Our world is ever connected with the remotest of locations being often a plane ride away. Diseases like Polio, unless somehow personally affecting us, tend to be out of the American consciousness as modern medicine has fought back the disease's grip on our nation and much of the world's. We have become lulled into believing that it is now only a disease that affects countries well beyond our borders in remote villages and towns "over there". But that is just it – there is no such thing as "over there" anymore. With the ability to reach far off places in a matter of hours, diseases can spread before anyone realizes they are sick. What was once plots of Hollywood's pandemic stories (think Dustin Hoffman in 1995's "Outbreak" where he was able to trace the origin of a rapidly spreading airborne disease to a single monkey) seem all too real in the wake of COVID-19 and recent pronouncements by multiple governmental organizations that monkeypox constitutes a "public health emergency."

In this environment, one of the core missions of Rotary International and Rotarians around the world, seeing the end of Polio, has taken on a whole new meaning. As if we needed anymore reminders, just this past week the United States experienced its first Polio case since 2013 when an unvaccinated man in his 20s was struck with the disease. Although the nation is not facing a Polio outbreak, the case has been linked to vaccine-derived viruses in Jerusalem and London, and serves as a wake-up call that collectively as a human race disease knows no boundaries, no moral norms, no differences.

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Wendy Burgess

Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector

COMING SOON

(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

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

Aug. 18 [Brad Oliver, Texas
Ranger, Ret.](#) Shooter Awareness
Training

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY SALLY HOPPER

Past-President Susie McAlister called the meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington to order at 12:10 PM. in First Methodist Church of Arlington Great Hall. President Victoria and President Elect Barry are both traveling and send their regards. Sal Capuli led us in the prayer and pledge and the singing of God Bless America, with Kathleen Smith on the piano. Rick Jenkins welcomed visiting Rotarian Jack Webb of the Sunrise Club and Keith Kallie of Brenham. We were also happy to have numerous guests with us today.

Announcements: Grace Whetstone announced that (1.) Miracle League is looking for volunteers and (2.) as chair of the Fundraising Committee Grace also needs volunteers to help with club fundraising activities. Please contact her to sign up for either.

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So, when considering contributing funds for Rotary's PolioPlus this year, remember the greatest leveler of all is Mother Nature. Another way to think about PolioPlus is through the lens of our Four-Way Test:

Is it the TRUTH? - The answer is a resounding YES, we can all be affected by disease.

If it FAIR to all concerned? - Since disease knows no boundaries, preventing disease is indeed fair to all.

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? - What can help build better goodwill and friendships than helping save another's life.

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? - If Rotarians can help prevent the outbreak of disease anywhere in the world, the whole world will benefit.

Our Club's goal for contribution to PolioPlus this year is \$3,000. As the Four-Way Test is your litmus test for what ideals you must uphold as a Rotarian, please let it also guide you when contributing to Polio Plus. PolioPlus is more than eradicating a single deadly disease "over there ... somewhere"; it is also building a stronger health system for the planet as a whole.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



OPERATION SHARP from the START

The Youth Services committee will collect PRESHARPENED pencils for the teachers at Webb and Nichols through the month of August at Rotary meetings. Easy to order on Amazon, or we will take cash donations. For questions, contact Jill Regina at 817-909-1937.

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Donna Mack announced an online training next Wed., Aug 3 from 1:00 to 2:00. The webinar will train on how to be inclusive of people with disabilities in your activities. The link to the webinar is [Donnazoom.com](https://donnazoom.com). Contact Donna for the password to access the meeting. (This reporter wasn't fast enough to get it down.) Jill Regina asked for Amazon pre-sharpened pencils for math teachers at Webb and hopefully if there are enough, they will be distributed at Nichols too. Stacy Bridger announced the Field of Honor will be held the week of 9/11 to honor our Vets and our Community Heroes. Volunteers can sign up on the website beginning next week and there will be a sign-up sheet available at next week's meeting as well. Paul Fulks announced Aug 27 at Three Di Design we need volunteers to put together the flags. At the park on Sept 3 there will be food trucks and a



Mike O'Donnell receives his Blue Badge. Helping celebrate are Lou Ann and their daughter, mentor Paul, and Randy.

drone show to open the exhibit. On Sept 10 Levitt will have a big concert in conjunction with the Field of Honor. Sept. 12 will be tear down and volunteers will be needed then too. Also please consider being a sponsor of the event.

Randy Hendricks presented Mike O'Donnell with his Blue Badge. His wife Lou Ann and daughter were with him to celebrate the wonderful occasion.

Walter Virden led us in a rousing version of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, with Kathleen Smith on the piano.

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

A History of the Year 1923-1924 of the Arlington Rotary Club

By Sam F. Wine, President
Electric Light & Power Service

The official beginning date of the club is May 29, 1923. The charter was presented by District 13 (all of Texas) Governor John Singleton of Waxahachie. I believe the Charter Banquet was held in the NTAC dining hall.

Bert Tolbert of the Ft. Worth Rotary Club was the governor's representative in organizing the club. The organization meetings were held in the Arlington Journal office which was located about where Kane Cleaners is on West Main Street. Gordon Hill was owner of the Journal at that time, having purchased it from Colonel Bowen.



Tom Cravens was Vice-President and the second President. Gordon Hill was secretary. We started with 17 members. I believe William Knapp (Dry Goods, father of James Knapp) and J.R. (Red) Wright were inducted during the first year.

The Club meetings were held in J.C. Ammon's restaurant which I believe was located in the building between Texas Electric and Dave Herman. It is possible the restaurant was south of the alley but I know it was on the west side of Center St. between Main and Abram. This was not a satisfactory place for the meetings as we met in the front part of the restaurant at tables along beside the counter where the public was being served. We moved to the First Christian Church, stayed there for several years and then moved to First Methodist.

None of us knew anything about Rotary and the majority of our early programs were Rotary Information talks by members of the Ft. Worth and other clubs. Only two clubs, Ft. Worth and Dallas, were in our area. We had many visitors – many times we had more visitors than members.

During the first year, we were principally

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Peter Scott introduced our program, Kim Rocha, of the Downs Syndrome Partnership of N. Texas. Downs is caused by a 21st chromosome and children with the condition generally have many more health problems than those without the chromosome. As late as 1983 their life expectancy was only 21 years of age, but today their life expectancy is 65 years of age and with new training available they are able to live very productive lives. The agency provides prenatal training for parents who have learned their baby will have Downs. They also provide training for doctors and other medical personnel on how best to work with families of these children. They advocate for the National Downs Syndrome Society to provide parents with the latest in available research. Numerous social activities are available including a 'summer camp' for adults with Downs that is out in West Texas and parents are not allowed. It helps the adult Downs patients to learn to be much more self-sufficient. Ashley Pechacek, parent of a Downs child and staff member helps with family support in a program called First Call and numerous other programs. We heard from Ethan Whitt, a 25-year-old Downs patient who is a graduate of Mansfield High School. He was named Homecoming King his junior year in



Paul Fulks tells us about all the great plans for the Arlington Field of Honor on Opening Day, 9/3, and the Patriot Day event 9/11.

high school in 2014! He also has attended Green Oaks Adult Learning Program, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, is an usher at his church and competes in rodeos in the Fort Worth Stock Yards!

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concerned with learning about Rotary. I believe our only project was the encouragement we gave to the city to purchase the land for Meadowbrook Park. Tom Cravens was largely responsible for this. After the Park was started, the club purchased playground equipment for it.

There was considerable discussion in the Club at the beginning. I had to be arbitrator on many occasions. It was freely predicted that the Club would not survive. All other clubs prior to that time had failed, in fact, several including a Lions Club failed after Rotary was organized.

For many years, we had no dues. The funds for operating the club were obtained by adding a certain amount to the price of the luncheon. Our visitors helped support us through the depression of the thirties, but the price of our luncheon was still lower than other clubs around us.

I do not remember who our song leader was, if we had one. We probably had no sweetheart.

The Bull was a brain-child of Tom Cravens. We had Liar Contests and the winner had possession of the Bull until someone else won it. Anytime a member made a statement which did not ring true, someone (usually Tom Cravens) went to the closet, brought the Bull out and presented it to the man making the doubtful statement. I think probably John (Pop) Kookan, Supt. of Schools, obtained permanent possession of the Bull with a story that he lost his watch in his cow pasture where there was a young calf. When this calf was sent to market as a 2-year old beef steer, the packing house sent his watch to him and it was still running and right on time.

It has been a genuine pleasure for me to be a member of the Club for almost forty years.

(Handwritten notes at the bottom).

*Club Organization Meeting – May 29, 1923
Charter was presented at N.T.A.C. Dining Hall by John Singleton, D.G. of Waxahachie, 11 June 1923.
17 Charter Members – 4 remained in Club
3 have been in Club continuously: Tom Cravens, Hugh Moore, and Sam Wine.
Cliff is 4th Charter Member still in club, but was out for a period.*

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He is honored to be a Global Messenger for Downs Partnership of North Texas. He is an amazing and very likable young man.

Dan Blumberg presented our first Historical Moment of our Centennial Year. August 1922 was the very hottest month ever in Arlington it seems. Susie McAlister's grandfather, Sam Wine was the secretary of the club and they put a great poem about heat in that week's Hub Cap which Dan read to us. Amazing how it was still so appropriate for today!!

After the Four Way Test, Past President Susie rang the bell and another very informative Rotary meeting was in the books. ☺



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
July 31 — August 6

August 6 Jerry McCullough

August 6 Sam Scott

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."

Maggie Campbell	3 Years	August 1, 2019
Heather Kipker	4 Years	August 2, 2018
Linda Gibson	1 Year	August 5, 2021
Sally Hopper	23 years	August 5, 1999
Tim Moloney	12 Years	August 5, 2010

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Tom Cravens & Gordon Hill really responsible for organization. Bert Tolbert was special representative for organization John Singleton, District Governor of Waxahachie presented the Charter

(Transcribed from Sam Wine's handwritten notes by Susie Wine McAlister)



When we lose ourselves in the service of others we discover our own lives and our own happiness."



Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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Kim Rocha helps us to better understand the challenges and opportunities of families dealing with Down Syndrome.



This Down Syndrome parent shared her joys and challenges made easier by the Down Syndrome Partnership. An interesting fact is that the life expectancy of Down children has risen from 25 to well into their 60's. This blessing brings challenges as well.

