

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

August 18, 2022

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), [Objects Falling from the Sky](#), [the start of the Hub Cap](#), and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



Have you ever wondered why when you applied for membership to Rotary you were given a classification? Our Rotary membership is based upon a classification that describes the "distinct and recognized business or professional service" that you as a Rotarian contributes to society. So, every time you put on your badge for a meeting remember that you bring something unique to our organization, but collectively our impact is more that we could even imagine. As a new member you were asked (or soon will be) to give a short, three-minute classification talk to inform the rest of the club about yourself and what you do. Through these talks we hear about your career, why you chose your particular pathway, and about you and what you value. It is a wonderful way to turn a large luncheon into an intimate space where you get to know each other. From time to time, people still remind me of the story I told during my own classification talk about the name of my first doll. The first person who lets me know about this at Thursday's meeting and gets the name right will win a gift card! (Editors are excluded!) Nothing like a healthy competition and a little nudge to read these columns to make life fun!

This year our Vocational Service Director, Bryan Roberts, along with committee member Benjamin Harris will be looking to schedule classification talks for those who have not had an opportunity to tell the club about yourself. We look forward to hearing more about each of you in the coming year.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to cordially invite members, particularly Red Badges, to attend

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Brad Oliver, Texas Ranger, Ret.
Shooter Awareness Training

COMING SOON

(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

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| Aug. 25 | James Orlaski, Dir. | Arlington Parks and Recreation Department |
| Sept. 8 | John Sauerhag, Coach | UTA Track Teams |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY LEANNE CHENOWETH LAWSON

First of all, a sad announcement: Diane Cravens passed away last night. We are all saddened by this news; president Victoria Farrar-Myers held a moment of silence.

Our greeters today were Donna Mack and Randy Hendricks

The pledge and prayer were led by Jage Bothman.

I apologize for not hearing all of the visitors, as I could hear on the recording or in person. Peter Scott brought visiting Rotarian Keith Kelly, who will join our club. Visiting Rotarian Fred Schmidt attended from the Fort Worth Rotary Club.

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our club's Board meeting this coming Friday, August 19 from 11:30-1:00 at Legacy Financial on 1205 W. Abram Street.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



Benjamin Harris receives his Blue Badge from mentor, Derrick, and sponsor, Randy.

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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Tom Long brought his wife.

Announcements:

Peter Scott reminded us that Vibrant Club workshop is Aug. 20 in Mineral Wells at the high school. You may still sign up.

Clete McAlister announced that the Arlington Field of Honor still needs volunteers for flag assembly day on the 27th. Sign up at www.arlingtonfoh.org. Richard Urso announced the Vocal Majority concert Sept. 17. Cost is \$25 at Trinity United Methodist Church on Green Oaks at Pioneer. It is a fundraiser for Open Arms. See www.openarmshealthclinic.org.

Benjamin Harris earned his blue badge, Randy Hendricks was his sponsor.

Birthdays:

Aug. 7 LeeAnne Chenoweth Lawson

Aug. 8 Don Mebus

Aug. 10 Steve Kunkel

Aug. 11 Veronica Rodriguez

Aug. 12 Nathaniel Hearne and Dan Blumberg

It is David Wilbanks' 5th anniversary as a Rotarian.

Paul Harris recipient: Bob Matasso

Donna Mack led us beautifully in singing the cherished song Edelweiss, to make us feel the refreshing mountain air of Austria!

Today's program featured Raymond Bengé, TCC professor of Physics & Astronomy. Did you know that most asteroids are between Mars and Jupiter? Or that more than 15,000 asteroids have been found? Earth is hit by 500-700 tons of material per day! Also, shooting stars are not stars (: What you see is the flash of hot air ..the object is the size of a small pebble. His facts made me want to learn more! Prof. Bengé told us about the history of those who watched the skies hundreds of years

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

HOW THE HUB CAP STARTED

The history we have for our club between 1923 and 1946 is mostly from handwritten notes and occasional Presidents' yearly recaps found in the archives as well as stories passed down from members generation to generation.

Today we rely on our weekly HubCap to keep us informed and up to date on current Club events. So how did The HubCap get its start? This glimpse into the history of the Club comes from an anecdote in Ramblings of a Country Doctor written by Zack Bobo, Jr., MD:

"My good friend Bob Cooke, when he was not on the golf course or fishing off the coast, wrote the following article and published it in the *Arlington Citizen-Journal*:

In May 1946, "Doc" as president elect, along with his Vice President, Duncan Robinson, went to the Rotary Conference at Amarillo as the official delegates of the Arlington club. As their expenses were paid by the club, they went by train so they could relax, so they said. However, when they arrived at Amarillo, they discovered the two lowly alternates, Spurge Hood and the writer, who had gone there by Ford, were already waiting in the best suite the hotel had.

After we showed them how to play 42 and toured all the night clubs, we really got acquainted.

To make a long story short, Doc and Duncan cancelled their train trip and returned to Arlington with Hood and me. On the trip home the now famous *Hub Cap* was born. Bobo took over the president's job on July 1st. His Vice President Robinson was the first editor of the *Hub Cap*, and we merchants took out ads at \$5.00 each to pay for the printing, which George Hawkes did at cost."

Our archives contain volumes of written information in the past issues – it is entertaining and informative to peruse and take a trip back in time!

Linda Gibson

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ago, in Germany and Italy, where these watchers were organized. It was a very interesting program.

I found an article from 2008 that I would have liked to discuss:

By Frank Heinz • Published December 4, 2008 • Updated on December 4, 2008 at 12:21 pm

A [Tarrant County College](#) professor is headed to [Houston](#) to fly with [NASA](#).

Raymond Bengé, associate professor of physics and astronomy at the college's Northeast Campus, will board a C-9 dubbed "Weightless Wonder" for a one-day flight to conduct gravity experiments. Bengé is on one of three teams selected by NASA from more than 100 Texas aerospace scholars to take part in the Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program. To prepare for the experiment, Bengé will undergo a week of NASA training in Houston.

Prof. Bengé has taught physics and astronomy at Tarrant County College in the Fort Worth area for 24 years. In his words: I teach physics and astronomy at Tarrant County College, a large multi-campus community college in the Fort Worth area. I have also written most of the laboratory curriculum used in the physics labs and astronomy labs. In addition to my other duties, I frequently conduct public star parties and lectures to bring science (particularly astronomy) to the public. I teach physics and astronomy at Tarrant County College, a large multi-campus community college in the Fort Worth area. I have also written most of the laboratory curriculum used in the physics labs and astronomy labs. In addition to my other duties, I frequently conduct public star parties and lectures to bring science (particularly astronomy) to the public.

Professor Bengé had also been an adjunct professor at TCU 2001-2005, and before that at Richland College 1994-1998. He received his MS, Physics at Texas A&M 1988, his BS, Physics at Duke 1983, and was a teaching fellow at UNT 1988-1994. Also at UNT, he was Observatory Director 1990-1994. Chris Landrith gave us a club history moment and a bit of a laugh at the expense of

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“Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be.”

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Tom and Susie Ware!

Next week's program will be BRAD OLIVER, retired Texas Ranger. His topic will be shooter awareness training.

Closing thought: The past is never where you think you left it (by Katherine Anne Porter). ☀



Professor Raymond Bengé delivers a fascinating lecture on meteors and asteroids.

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: 5BDF%48o



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
August 14 — August 20

- August 15 Andy Nguyen
- August 17 Richard Greene
- August 17 Shellie Velasco
- August 19 Deborah Coppola
- August 19 TaShunda 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!)

PROPOSED MEMBER

Eunice Curry

Classification: Education - Human Resources/
Diversity Training (Active)

Sponsor: Jean Hood
Mentor: Kurt Bartley

CONGRATULATIONS!



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

- Chris McMurrough 3 Years August 15, 2019
- Wally Berndt 32 Years August 16, 1999
- Bill Coppola 10 Years August 16, 2012



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