

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, Board Bites, parks history, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



There are so many areas to get involved within our Club. We have club administration areas to become immediately engaged (e.g., Prayer and Pledge, Greeting, Audio Visual Team, Music team, Last Laugh team, Clubrunner minutes, Website, Social media posting, etc.). We also have Webb School projects, Youth projects, Vocational recognitions, Community Service projects, Fund Development, Community Outreach and DEI, and, of course, all of us are a part of being membership ambassadors for our club. This year we need all of you to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebration and community impact project. So, please find something that sounds interesting to you and get engaged. See myself or one of the Board members in the area that most piques your interest and lean into your Rotary home club.

In addition to our own Club activities, there are district-wide programs, for example, our District 5790 is sponsoring a Rotary Leadership Institute. You can participate in the Institute and complete module 1 & 2 out of four on September 10, 2022, from 8-3:30 at First United Methodist Church in Justin, Texas. The Institute is designed for you to learn more about Rotary at all its levels and is especially good for those who are in club leadership or may want to be in leadership in the future. Nine of us just completed the Vibrant Club training this past weekend, which I think all can agree we learned a lot by meeting and listening to fellow Rotarians.

Rotary International has RI Action Groups and Fellowships you can be a part of as well. RI Action

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

James Orloski, Director
Arlington Parks and Recreation



COMING SOON

(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

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| Sept. 1 | John Sauerhag, UTA Track Teams Coach |
| Sept. 15 | Ahmad Goree Resources to Navigate A Small Business Beyond COVID-19 |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Bill Daley offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Sarah Knotts introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visiting today were Chris Church and Sam Reich. Keith Kallie and Holly Clinton were our visiting Rotarians

Announcements: Communities Foundation of Texas North Texas Giving Day is on September 22, 2022. A free concert will be held at Levitt Pavilion featuring The Brad Thompson Band on this day from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Arlington Independent School District Foundation is having a fundraiser on October 1,

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Groups are "independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field." There are Rotary Action Groups that focus on Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water and Sanitation, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies, Protecting the Environment, and Action Groups that work in more than one area of focus. Many of our members are a part of each of these. For example, last week we heard about how we can join the Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotary Action Group in the fight against Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Walk on October 1, 2022, at Texas Live. We can also join the Rotary Diabetes Action Group in the fight against Diabetes by participating in the upcoming JDRF One Walk on November 12, 2022, at Choctaw Stadium (formerly Globe Life Park).

Rotary Fellowships are "international groups that share a common passion." As for Fellowships, they range a full spectrum of interests including the popular Wine Fellowship that many of our own members have joined. They have a snazzy cork-screw pin, and a wonderful newsletter and gatherings. Check them out or if you are adventurous start your own!

In life we should always challenge ourselves to live our passion so, as the expression goes, "we do not work a day in our life!" As a Rotarian, you are challenged to do the same ... find the right level of involvement whether it be at the club, district, national, or international level where you want to work on your passion project. The best part about finding your niche in Rotary is that it makes the time you invest so much more meaningful. And remember, you are choosing to do so with a group of individuals committed to making a lasting impact. I cannot image any greater way to live out "service above self."

Victoria

President, 2022-23

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



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2022 at the Texas Rangers Golf Course. The event features the well-known Rat Pack Tribute Band. Tickets may be purchased at arlingtonef.org.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, will recognize the Arlington Historical Cemetery on December 17, 2022.

Sal Capuli encouraged those with Red Badges to volunteer as greeters and pledge and prayer leaders.

The Alzheimer's Association of North Texas is having its annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 1, 2022.

The Arlington Field of Honor is seeking volunteers for September 3, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Mary Tom Curnutt presented new member Holly Potter Harvey with a new car. Due to the supply chain crisis, the new car for Holly just arrived.

Benjamin Harris gave a Classification presentation. Benjamin is an attorney in Arlington specializing in Probate, Estate Planning and Real Estate. He is a graduate of Baylor University having received M.B.A. and J.D. degrees. Benjamin became interested in becoming a lawyer as a young man when a lawyer in his community provided free legal services to his family. The lawyer was able to obtain a positive result for Benjamin's family and Benjamin became motivated to be able to help people in need. Benjamin is able to help those grieving the loss of a loved one by navigating them through the process of administering the estate.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Andy Nguyen, Richard Greene, Shellie Velasco, Deborah Coppola and TaShunda Scott were celebrating birthdays this week. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are Chris McMurrough, Wally Berndt and Bill Coppola. Sally received birthday checks from Shellie McMillian and Deb Coppola.

Vera McKissic led us in singing "This Little Light of Mine". She was accompanied on piano by Kathleen Smith.

Barry Bondurant introduced the program for the

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE ARLINGTON PARKS SYSTEM PART 1

Over the last century the parks system in Arlington has been greatly influenced by the Rotary Club of Arlington. In fact the club could be considered the founder of the current park system.

The population of Arlington in 1923 was estimated at 3,031. It was in this environment Rotarians championed Arlington's first public park. Through the efforts of Rotarians Tom Cravens and Zack Bobo the city was encouraged to develop what is now Meadowbrook Park in East Arlington. The Park was officially opened in 1924. Obviously it is also approaching a 100th year anniversary.

The Club continued to support the park by furnishing playground equipment and organizing youth activities. Over the years Meadowbrook Park was a central gathering point for generations with a zoo, swimming pool, playground, picnic areas and an activity center. The zoo effectively went away when the monkeys all escaped.

After Meadowbrook Dr. Zack Bobo a heavy proponent of healthy youth activities talked E.G. Senter of Dallas out of eighteen lots down on Mary Street. The Arlington Rotary Club bought three more lots to make room for the first city-wide summer recreation program. This was opened early in 1947 with all volunteer help. This park is named Senter Park in honor of the donor's father. The Rotary Club deeded this land to the city and this was the second park in Arlington.

The summer softball program was operated by the Rotarians until the city appointed a park board and employed a paid staff. This same year a few lots were purchased on North Elm for softball and a playground. This recreation site was named Bobo Park.

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day as well as the speaker. The program was on Shooter Awareness Training presented by Brad Oliver, Retired Texas Ranger. Ranger Oliver retired as a Texas Master Peace Officer after 27 years of service. He began with the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1994 and was promoted to Sergeant Investigator in the Narcotics Service of DPS Criminal Law Enforcement Division in 1998. In 2003 he was selected to become a member of the Texas Rangers. Ranger Oliver was a founding member of the Texas Ranger Recon Team; a founding member and first Team Leader for the Texas Ranger Co. B Special Operations Team; assisted the Executive Protection Bureau of DPS with providing personal protection to the Texas Governor, Lieutenant Governor and their immediate family members. Ranger Oliver is a Police Academy Instructor, having taught over 10,000 students consisting of law enforcement, Criminal District Attorneys and Attorney General Investigators. Ranger Oliver is a TCOLE licensed firearms instructor in pistol, rifle and shotgun.

Ranger Oliver and Captain Mike Lane own Cinco Peso Training Group. Cinco Peso developed the Texas School Defender Program in 2009. The program was created at the request of three rural Texas school districts. These districts were seeking to enhance their Emergency Operations Plans. The Program's mission was to empower Immediate Responders to effectively operate during the time frame from commencement of a critical incident to the arrival of First Responders. Emphasis was placed on threats originating from both man-made and natural disasters.

Cinco Peso has trained forty school districts that have armed teachers, administrators, maintenance workers and cafeteria workers. Cinco Peso vets each individual that utilizes their training. Not every person that goes through the training qualifies to be able to carry or use a gun at a school. The training is an ongoing process. Each participant must shoot fifty rounds of ammunition monthly.

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"Doc" Bobo so inspired the members and especially Duncan Robinson that the next year the Rotary Club bought another playground in northeast Arlington for \$700.00. The property was owned by Harvey Pirie and subsequently named Pirie Park. It still exists today.

Since those early days the Rotary Club has always been involved in support for the Arlington parks system not only through contributions but personal involvement on committees, organizing and running youth sports leagues and the Arlington Parks Board. Members of that board included long time member Bob Cooke. More recent members include Joe Way, Clete McAlister, and Val Gibson.

Linda Gibson

**NEXT WEEK — ARLINGTON PARKS SYSTEM
THE SEQUEL**

Did You Forget to Pay Your Dues? It is Easy to Forget

But, don't let your membership lapse. We all love having you in the Rotary Club of Arlington. In this, our 100th year, many exciting projects, socials, and special events are being planned. We want you to be a part of it all. Please pay your past due dues.

And to keep from forgetting again, consider setting up a monthly ACH withdrawal. **Just set it and forget it.**

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The goal of the training is to allow the defenders to serve a critical role before help arrives. Cinco Peso trains people to run, hide or fight. Items in schools that can be used for defense and protection include books, reams of paper and filing cabinets. Ranger Oliver indicated that two school books will stop a 9mm bullet as well as a .223 or 5.56 bullet.

Ranger Oliver indicated that two school districts have recently changed to using AR-15 rifles as defensive weapons. The change to rifles requires the school districts to undergo additional training. More districts are requesting additional training since the incident in Uvalde.



Retired Texas Ranger, Brad Oliver, delivers his Active Shooter Awareness program. Photo by Nora Coronado.

Cinco Peso trains civilians at two locations in Texas. Additionally, Cinco Peso provides medical and stop the bleeding training. Cinco Peso has two doctors on their advisory board: Ronald E. Hoxworth, MD, FACS, MBA and Colonel Harry K. Stinger, MD, US Army (Ret.). Dr. Hoxworth is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Colonel Stinger is an emergency room trauma surgeon for a major metropolitan hospital.

Victoria informed us that next week's program will be James Orlaski, Director of the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department.

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
July 21 — August 27

August 24 Willie Rodriquez

August 26 David Wilbanks

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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The club donated a book to Webb Elementary School to honor Ranger Brad Oliver.

Tom Ware provided an historical moment. Tom informed us that when our club began in 1923 it was one of 200 Rotary clubs in the world. Our club helped create Arlington West Rotary Club, Arlington North Rotary Club, Arlington South Rotary Club and Mansfield Rotary Club. These clubs were all formed in 1980. Now Rotary has 46,000 member clubs worldwide with 1.4 million members.

The quote for this week: "Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be". – Og Mandino

Victoria thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. She then led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🍷

CONGRATULATIONS!



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

Joan Church	8 Years	August 21, 2014
April Pettitt	4 Years	August 23, 2018
Michael Jacobson	6 Year	August 25, 2016
Kurt Bartley	18 years	August 27, 2004

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: \$sJz6pBQ



Visiting Rotarian, Holly Clinton, from Arlington North West urges us to participate in the upcoming Alzheimer Walk. Photo by Nora Coronado

PROPOSED MEMBER

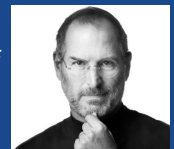
Keith Kallie

Classification: Finance—Debt Relief Lending
(Active)

Sponsor: Peter Scott
Mentor: Jim Fulgham

“Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking.”

Steve Jobs



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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:

- Past District Governor (PDG) Gerald Robinson visited our meeting to request that our club designate our District Designated Funds (DDF) for a District Global Grant to create Mobile Medical Clinics for Ukraine. After discussion, the Board unanimously supported designating our allocation (\$7,500) toward this grant.
- The Board selected from the two final logos presented by the Centennial Steering Committee. The logo chosen will be used in all promotions for the Centennial this year.
- Outreach Director, Vera McKissic, presented to the Board the idea for a Rotary Club of Arlington Minority Business Awareness Program (RAMBA), loosely based on the model the Fort Worth Club presented at Rotary International and brought to our attention by PDG and District Membership Chair, Peter Scott. The Board agreed unanimously to pursue this initiative with input from Vocations, Membership, Public Image, and others in a collaborative effort spearheaded by a separate steering committee Vera would Chair. A form will be created to solicit nominations from our club membership and further details will be solidified within the committee.
- Our new membership welcoming reception will be held on Wednesday, September 7th from 4-6 at the Levitt Pavilion.
- The Board discussed Public Image efforts including creating organic and some scheduled posts. We want to be sure we use Facebook, Instagram, Linked-In and other social media sites as well as engaging material on our Club's website. Several members will get together to formulate our plan and strategy, and agree upon hash-tags and advice to the club membership to increase our presence and awareness in the community.



President Victoria and Past President Kurt at the Vibrant Clubs Workshop.



Holly Potter Harvey receives her new car, belatedly, from Judge Mary Tom.



Great turnout of club members and friends for the start of school and delivering sharpened pencils to teachers at Webb and Nichols.