

# 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, guest column, more parks history, and more...*

## Victoria's Vignettes

Guest Column by *Kaylee Bragg*



Rotaract is a vital opportunity to connect like-minded young adults in an organization that provides both service and professional growth, in addition to the possibility to network with professionals that are further along in their careers through Rotary. The main reason that Rotaract clubs are needed is that they are inclusive, unlike many organizations that would provide similar opportunities.

Currently, I serve as the District 5790 Rotaract Representative and President of UNT Rotaract. I began my involvement with Rotary when I was selected to attend RYLA by the Denton Noon Rotary Club. I had previously been involved in other leadership experiences, but RYLA was different. I felt I had found a place where my passions and talents would not be wasted. I returned to my high school and restarted its Interact chapter, which I was President of my senior year. I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from the Denton Noon Rotary Club. With all of this, joining UNT Rotaract was a natural progression. After my first semester of college, I became Treasurer of the organization, and I served as the Vice President last year. I also was lead RYLarian counselor this year after serving as a counselor in 2021.

*Kaylee Bragg*

President, University of North Texas Rotaract



## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

**Dan Steele**  
Rotary District 5790  
District Governor



**COMING SOON**  
(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

Sept. 8	John Sauerhag, Coach	UTA Track Teams
Sept. 15	Rotary Board	Service Fair

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY JONATHAN JACKSON

The weekly meeting was called to order by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. In Victoria's President's Minute, she spoke briefly on groups and committees of The Rotary Club, encouraging Rotarians to think and identify the different ways to engage with Rotary locally as well and internationally. Kay King offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone then sang "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Rigien Jackson stepped in to introduce visiting Rotarians and guests. Our visiting Rotarian was Keith Kallie, from Brenham. Our guest this week was James Orlaski.

Announcements: The Africa Peace Concert is this

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**Charles Brady speaks after his selection as City of Arlington Volunteer of the Year.**



**Some of the Rotary Club of Arlington members recognized at the City of Arlington Boards and Commissions reception.**



**Parks Director, James Orlaski, after a great presentation, receives a book to sign for Webb.**

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Friday night at 6:00 pm in Africa. It can be seen live at the church, but it will also be recorded to be listened to on your own time. District Governor Dan Steele has sent out an electronic invitation to all Rotarians.

Stacy Bridger announced the flag assembly is next Saturday and need volunteers to help throughout the week for the Field of Honor. Volunteers will direct visitors on where to go and answer any questions anyone that passes by might have. Many volunteer spots are available throughout the week.

Holly Potter Harvey announced this year's Theatre Arlington fundraiser is Game Night and themed "Friendly Feud". It will be held Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Nguyen announced on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, the Asian Business Counsel of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce is hosting a panel discussion about community involvement. He will also be one of the panelists. Another event is a discussion about mental health and suicide prevention. This event will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Bob Duncan Center.

Randy Hendricks called me up, my wife Rigien Jackson and mentor Dan Blumberg to present and acknowledge my change from red badge to a blue badge. This was a proud moment for me.

Next, Diego Pena gave a wonderful classification talk. Jacob is an arbitrator and mediator, also referred to as alternative dispute resolution. Diego described how a mediator is the person in the middle of two opposing parties that tries to bring them to a positive resolution or agreement rather than fighting. Arbitration has no mediator in the middle. The arbitrator, that is agreed to by both sides, listens to both side and makes a decision based on what is heard. Diego first entered arbitration and mediation because of his competitive nature. He was recruited by Southwestern Bell but became an arbitrator after he retired from Southwestern Bell.

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### **RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE Arlington Parks System the Sequel**



In 2005 the Rotary Clubs of Arlington established and dedicated The Meadowbrook Sculpture Garden in observance of Rotary International's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rotary International President, Bhichai Rattakul, was present at the dedication and addressed our club's gala in celebration of our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The first sculpture placed in the park was named Blue Sky Dream sculpted by highly recognized artist Seth Venable. In partnership with other Rotary Clubs the Arlington Sculpture Garden Foundation was formed as a 501(c)3 entity. The sculpture garden, although modest in size, has grown to 6 sculptures with new ones planned to be added yearly. Although not a specific Rotary project Rotarians are still actively involved in the sculpture park's development in conjunction with the Arlington Parks Department and private donations. Everyone is encouraged to check it out and it is especially noticeable lit up after dark. Over the last Century our clubs Rotarians have been recognized for not only their involvement with the Parks system in Arlington but their overall contributions to the City of Arlington.

Arlington Parks named honoring Arlington Rotary Club members:

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Walter led everyone in one of my favorite songs, "Deep in the Heart of Texas". It always makes me proud to be Texan.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays, Willie Rodriquez and David Wilbanks. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to David, who was at the meeting. Sally also received a birthday check from Andy Nguyen. Rotary anniversaries included Joan Church for 8 years, April Pettitt for 4 years, Michael Jacobson for 6 years, and Kurt Bartley for 18 years. Congratulations to them all.

Barry Bondurant introduced the program for the day with speaker James Orloski, City of Arlington Parks Director. The program was over the current and future status of the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The Arlington Parks Department vision: Arlington is a vibrant city that enjoys a high quality of life through great parks and exceptional recreational opportunities. These services provide for the physical, social, economic and environmental viability and well-being of the community. The Mission: To provide quality facilities and services that are responsive to a diverse community and sustained with a focus on partnerships, innovation and environmental leadership. James provided a snapshot of the current department numbers including 99 park sites and over 4,000 acres of park sites. Major facilities include 4 Recreation Centers and 1 Athletic Center, 3 Event/Rental Centers, 4 Golf Courses, 2 Senior Adult Centers, 8 Pools, Lake Arlington, Arlington Tennis Center, Living Science Center and 2 restaurants.

James discussed the many other amenities within these major facilities as well as the maintenance and operations within the same facilities. The Arlington Parks Department also hosts more than twenty special events. With all of this also comes challenges to face. Most are aware of the Lifeguard staffing issue seen this past year, but also other challenges including mowing cycles, which James

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Gene Allen Park, Bob Cooke Park, Cravens Park (Tom L. Cravens), H.A.D. Dunsworth Park, O.S. Gray Natural Area, Dixon Holman Park, Bob McFarland Park, Duncan Robinson Park, Gene Schrickel Park (Ollie E Schrickel), Vandergriff Park (Tom Vandergriff), Marti Van Ravenswaay Park, Martha Walker Park, Lana Wolff Linear Park (future park)

Involvement with the enhancement of Parks continues up until present time. Cooperation between other Rotary clubs includes the addition of playgrounds in the early 2000s with a new and renovated playground at Dunlop Park in North Arlington, and the cleanup of areas such as Fish Creek running through some of the Parks in Arlington.

As if that wasn't enough, the biggest park event is yet to unfold. For our own club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there is a planned opening of another new park in Downtown. Plans and budgets have been set so just wait for more details. It will be phenomenal! A future article and club presentation is planned for later in the year.

*Val Gibson*

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never thought he would spend so much time reviewing and scheduling.

The Parks Department has many current capital projects ongoing at the moment, including the Active Adult Center, two memorials, the Mineral Well Public Plaza, Richard Simpson Park Phase II improvements, the River Legacy Park improvements, and the one known best to our Club the Rotary Dream Park.

The City of Arlington Parks Department has a lot happening currently and many new idea's that James is excited to get started. The city of Arlington is lucky to have James as our Director of the Parks Department. Thank you to James for taking the time to speak with us.

Victoria presented James with the book "Animal Ark" to be donated to Webb Elementary Library.

Dan Blumberg presented the Historical Minute discussing the history of club member Tom Vandergriff and his involvement with the production of this publication, The Hubcap.

Next week District Governor Dan Steele will be visiting our club meeting.

The quote for this week: "Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking." - Steve Jobs.

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



Jonathan Jackson receives his Blue Badge.

## 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: 5Dg1\$Adw



Diego Pena tells us about alternative dispute resolution as part of his classification talk.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
July 28 — September 3

**August 28** Heidi Hardy  
**August 28** Jill Regina  
**August 28** Fred Weekley  
**August 30** Joy Bates  
**August 30** Michelle Deuell  
**Sept. 1** Val Gibson

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!)



## Club Members Currently Serving on City Boards and Commissions

**Animal Services Center Advisory Board**  
April Pettitt

**Convention and Visitors Bureau**  
Chad Bates  
Maggie Campbell  
Michael Jacobson  
Willie Rodriguez

**Housing Finance Corporation**  
Andrew Piel

**Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Citizens Advisory Committee**  
Chris McMurrough

**North Texas Higher Education Authority**  
Jerry McCullough

**Parks and Recreation Board**  
Val Gibson  
Clete McAlister

**Planning and Zoning Commission**  
Charles Brady  
Linda Gibson  
Tom Ware

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
Randy Hendricks  
Dixon Holman  
Steve Kunkel

## CONGRATULATIONS!



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

<b>Bill Daley</b>	<b>15 Years</b>	<b>August 30, 2007</b>
<b>Bob Griffin</b>	<b>27 Years</b>	<b>Sept. 1, 1995</b>
<b>Ken Cox</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Sept. 2, 2021</b>
<b>Bonnie Harris</b>	<b>12 Years</b>	<b>Sept. 2, 2010</b>



Leadership is  
service, not position.

**Tim Fargo**



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## PROPOSED MEMBER

**Elvis Ononobi**

**Classification: Medical Services - Emergency  
Care/Marketing (Active)**

**Sponsor: Randy Hendricks  
Mentor: Nancy Blinn**



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