

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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Victoria's Vignettes



As the flags wave on the Arlington Field of Honor and the silence envelopes you, one begins to ponder the commitment that all the men and women who served us so valiantly in the armed services and as first responders must have had in their hearts to place others' needs before themselves. The flag, such a simple yet elegant symbol, makes one wonder why it is it takes a field of 911 of them to bring us together.

Those old enough to understand the significance of the number 911 will recall the fateful day when all of us were challenged to stand as one nation. This field becomes a visible means to teach our children that freedom is hard fought and often done at the expense of others. The seventy flags that honor the Texas service members who have received our nation's highest honor ... the Medal of Honor ... reminds those of us that live in Arlington and North Texas of the solemn bond we will forever bear with the National Medal of Honor Museum being constructed in our City. A museum who will educate generations to come of the values of courage and valor conveyed in the very stories of each of the recipients.

The Field of Honor on display in Veteran's Park through September 11th has seen many Rotarians of our club, through their joint efforts and those of the many sponsor and collaborative community partners, bring this living memorial to life these past four years. Like them, might you have an hour or two to spare in the next week to volunteer to greet visitors, to help individuals purchase flags to honor those that wish never to be forgotten, or to

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

John Sauerhag, Coach
UTA Track Teams

COMING SOON

(Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

Sept. 15 Centennial Celebration Update and Board/Committee Signup

Sept. 22 Rob Shulz Greyhounds of the Sea

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY MALCOM CHAKERY

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. Jim Quick led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathleen Smith led the club in singing "God Bless America" on the piano.

Visiting Rotarians by: Vince Hrabal & Jake Enriquez

Keith Calley - Brenham, TX Rotary

Guests by: Vince Hrabal & Jake Enriquez

Announcements:

Field of Honor is here. Please sign up to volunteer. Need all hands on deck.

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ensure these precious flags find their way home and our Veteran's Park gets returned to its pristine condition on September 12th? If you feel moved, please volunteer at <https://www.arlingtonfoh.org/volunteer>. Volunteers are especially needed on September 12th to ensure all flags are properly taken down.

And if nothing else, please visit and stand on the field amongst the flags, or drive by and stop to tell your children and grandchildren why this Field is so important. Remember as you watch those flags blow in the wind, our liberty, freedom and well-being has been secured for us by others willing to serve a mission higher than themselves. As Rotarians we certainly can relate to service above self and the need to continue living out this call here in our community each and every day.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



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Opening day for Field of Honor is September 3rd at Veteran's Park.

Wreaths Across America December 17th, 2022, at 11:00 AM in Arlington

Hunger Action Month - Please consider reaching out to a non-profit in Arlington to help.

Africa Peace Concert September 2nd.

Annual New Member Social September 7th at the Levitt Pavillion. 4 PM-6 PM

Troy's networking event on September 7th at 6PM.

Arlington Field of Honor kickoff Saturday, September 3 with an Opening Ceremony. Live music starts at noon. There will be food trucks. Ariel Hutchins will perform. The day will end with a patriotic lighted drone show.

New member induction: Jeff Roller

Birthdays this week - by Sally Hopper

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

Anniversaries this week - by Sally Hopper

Bill Daley	15 years	August 30, 2007
Bob Griffin	27 years	September 1, 1995
Ken Cox	1 year	September 2, 2021
Bonnie Harris	12 years	September 2, 2010

Vera McKisic led us in a song: "This Land Is Your Land"

Speaker: Dan Steele, District Governor

Victoria and Barry were presented with a certificate for attending PETS and completed the President and President-Elect training seminar.

Some of you may know about our theme for this year, but I'm going to kind of describe where it came from and why. The theme graphic was designed by an indigenous artist in Australia, and it was designed to link with the Melbourne Convention, which will be at the end of May 2023.

The circle represents our connections to one another. The seven dots around the circle represent Rotary and our people, but it also represents our seven areas of focus and Rotary that we use to do all our good work around the

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

Arlington Rotary and Education

Rotary International has six areas of focus. During the month of September the focus is on basic education and literacy. It is well documented that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

During its history the Arlington Rotary Club has been a huge influence on education in Arlington. From all levels, grade school through college, the Club has made a mark on thousands of youth throughout our 100 years. AISD and UTA have always had faculty, administrators, the school board members and superintendents represented as members of the Rotary Club.

In 1945 President W. Ross Wimbish began the Junior Rotarian Program in which a high school senior boy was the guest of the Club for a four meeting period.

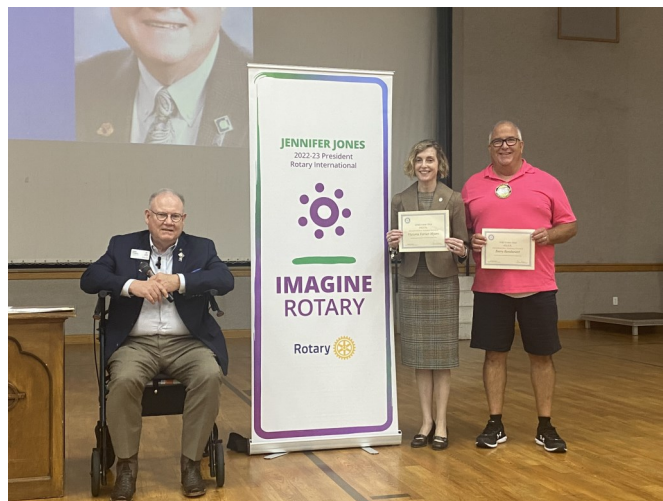
In 1945 Arlington was still a predominantly rural and farming community. The Rotary Club began and maintained a program for Future Farmers of America by donating calves and pigs for the youngsters to raise. A future Rotarian and District Governor from our Club, Hugh Ross, benefitted from the efforts with the gift of a young pig.

In 1954 a more ambitious program was initiated and monitored by our Club's Dairy Improvement Committee. The Rotary Club and individual members would purchase dairy cows for FFA and 4-H members to raise and show. Over the course of approximately 14 years the number of heifers grew to more than 56 with over 29 being named Grand Champions and 26 Reserve Champions at the local Fat Stock Show as well as the Texas State Fair.

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world in our communities. The circle and the dots around it are navigation, the star, our guiding light. The green solid line is a digging stick that indigenous people use to do their hard work for us as people of action. It represents the hard work and the tools that we use to do our hard work. The colors purple, green, and white represents diversity, equity, and inclusion, giving us the freedom to express ourselves differently but still with a special connection. And I think because Jennifer is our first woman as international president, that was special to her that we include that in this theme and the ideas that we're going through this year. purple can also represent polio, and green the environment. White is for peace and represents empowerment and newness. It's also the colors of the suffragette movement. That's a reference to having our first woman as international president. Susie read off all sorts of stuff about me, but I think the important thing is when I was growing up, I had really supportive parents.



Guest speaker, District Governor Dan Steele, presents President Victoria Farrar-Myers and President Elect Barry with certificates for attending P.E.T.S.

Photo by Nora Coronado.

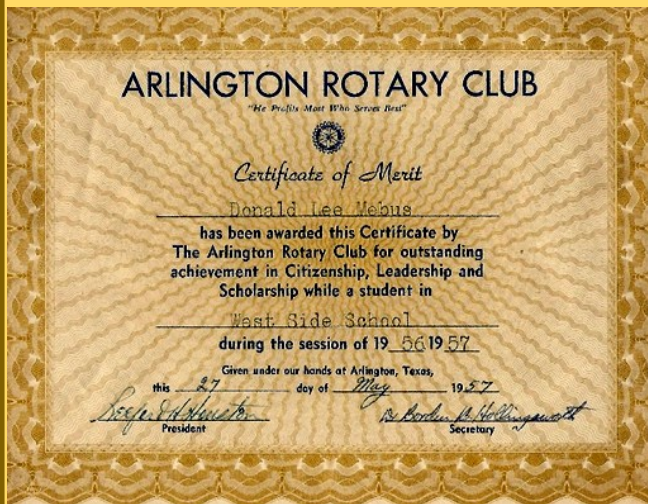
I couldn't have asked for a better childhood to grow up. They were really involved in the church. They

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In 1949 the Rotary Award Program began giving Certificates of Merit to selected elementary and junior high (middle school) students – one boy and one girl from each school. Today this Certificate of Merit program continues through its 73rd year. Members of the Club volunteer to personally present certificates at each school. Two notable recipients (and there may be others we are not aware of) include Valerie Landry and Don Mebus. When Valerie received her certificate it was signed by then president Val Gibson.



Don's certificate for the 1956-57 school year signed by then Rotary Club president Reeford Houston.

The Arlington School district honors those who have contributed to excellence in education by naming schools for them. Most noticeably are the Arlington Schools named for Rotarians who gave service about self to the education community: Martin High School (James W. Martin), Boles Junior High School (Truett C. Boles), Hutchinson Junior High School (Guy C. Hutchinson), Young Junior High School (Charles W. Young), Ellis Elementary School (Jane Ellis), Hale Elementary School (Lynn Hale), Patrick Elementary School (Diane Patrick), Wimbish Elementary School (Ross W. Wimbish).

Val Gibson

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were involved in the community. A lot of other people that were other people in the church were leaders of our youth group, Boy Scouts; they were mentors to me and later came back into my life. So before I left home, I thought that what you really need if you're going to have a nice community, you're going to live in a community that you had to participate in it because I have the example of all these people who participated through the church and through the civic clubs and everything else in the community to make our community a better place to live. If you went to our district assembly, you noticed there was a banner up on the wall with a fellowship hall, and there was a quote by John Wesley, who, if you're a Methodist, you know it was the founder of Methodism. Do all the goods you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.

And that may apply to Methodists, but I feel like it really applies to us as Rotarians because of the work we do in our communities and to help people. I just feel like it fits what we do. So I went back, and I participated in the rotary Follies. There were some song and dance things we did, and then we also had some skits and roasted organizations like the city council, on the school board, and the commissioners. And most of all, we roasted the Lions Club because they were a competing organization. So the Rotary Club really gave them hell about that. But it was all in good fun. It raised about \$30,000 a year, which was a lot back in that time for projects and things we did in the community. So it turned out to be a great community project as well as raising money for the Rotary Club. I was in that club for about eight years, and I went every week. That's back when you had to go to Rotary every week, and you didn't have to make up. But I didn't really know a lot about Rotary. I heard different meetings that talk about this, talk about that. I never did get a full grasp. It just seemed like there were an awful lot of different things about Rotary, and I didn't worry about it too much. After I left, I ended up in Mineral Wells. I was in Mineral Wells for a while, and I really wanted to get back involved in the community a little better. And so places that were customers, I went to church with them, and I got to know them.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. ☺

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Sept. 4 — Sept.10

Sept. 4 Brent DeRaad
Sept. 4 Lynn Stavinoha
Sept. 6 Wally Berndt
Sept. 6 Donna Mack
Sept. 8 Malcom Chakery
Sept. 9 Tom Ware
Sept. 10 Jim Fulgham
Sept. 10 Stu Reichert

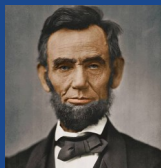
Our club has a tradition of writing birthday checks to the **Rotary Foundation** in the amount of the number years they are celebrating (or rounding it up a little higher if they chose). The gift sent to the **Rotary Foundation** goes into a pool that eventually funds our club grants and also earns you 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!)

"Rotary opens these doors and we need to harness our connections, to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships, And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership."



**Jennifer Jones, President
Rotary International**

"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition."

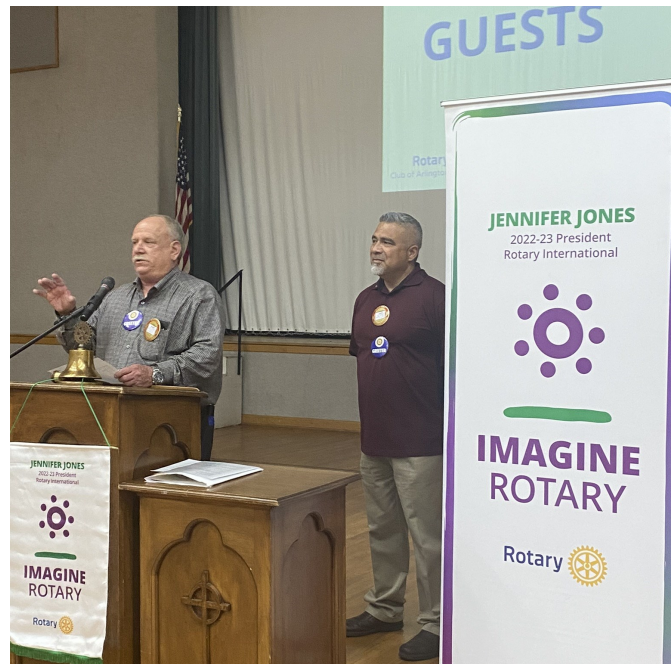


Abraham Lincoln



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: =7bCzHL6



Vince Hrabal and Jake Enriques introduce visiting Rotarians and guests.

Photo by Nora Coronado.

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Meet New Member Jeff Roller

Sponsored by Tashunda Scott



Jeff is the proud father of Ryan, his 19-year-old son.

Jeff has been in Texas for only about 4 months, having come from Hartford, Connecticut. He is currently employed at Company316 as a Safety Advisor and sales rep. for fire detection systems and other fire equipment, which he hopes to open an office in Connecticut.

Prior to that, he was retired from 25 years of municipal I.T. work. His educational background is urban and regional planning and he first worked for a Connecticut municipality in the Planning & Zoning Department.

Jeff has a long history of service to his community, including hosting clean-up days in his neighborhood, volunteering to teach children volleyball, and currently hosting a former prison inmate in his home to prevent abuse by others and the system meant to help him. He is also currently working on a grant to provide best-in-class fire detection and equipment and fire safety education to low & moderate income families in the Stop Six area of Fort Worth. Jeff hopes to continue his service to others with personal financial investments he is making and through connections with the good people in Rotary.



Club board members meet with District Governor, Dan Steele.



Arlington Field of Honor visitors and volunteers view outstanding lighted drone show.



Arlington Field of Honor.

