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Victoria's Vignettes



Basic Education and Literacy is one of the seven areas of focus for Rotary International for the month of September. For many, education is the pathway to a better life. However, we often forgot in this larger goal that educating all of us on what is happening right here in our own City is incredibly important. I remember moving here as a young, newly hired professor for UTA. I was told I joined a University and a City that were "Best Kept Secrets." What I soon realized is that this meant no one really knew about us and understood what we could do.

Too hard a task to shake this moniker? Well, that same University of 18,000 students I was hired into is now a Tier One Institution who is known for its rich diversity and as an outstanding Hispanic and Veteran serving institution. Also, for the sixth year in a row, UTA has enrolled the most first-time-in-college students this year (some 4,463).

With a vibrant educational environment both at K-12 and along with TCC, we have much to be excited about here in our city. The faculty, staff, and young minds are bringing an ever-dynamic entrepreneurial spirit and a labor force ready to attract and retain companies of choice. Our Rotary Club is playing a part in this initiative by adopting the Webb School, and working with its feeder school, Nichols, to give hope to every student, regardless of their circumstances, that they can graduate high school and pursue a post-secondary certification and degree of their choice.

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Rob Shulz
Greyhounds of the Sea
COMING SOON
 (Click any underlined Text to Learn More)

Sept. 29	Ashley White	Safehaven
Oct. 6	J.T. Wenger	UTA Volleyball

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Grace Whetstone offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful, acapella rendition of "God Bless America". Tommy Thompson introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Announcements: Clete commended Jeff Roller on providing his member profile and encouraged anyone interested to send their profile to Clete to be included in the Hubcap.

Sal Capuli invited everyone to participate in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on October 1, 2022. You can donate, walk or just register with the

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So, what can you do this year in Rotary to ensure we rise above the moniker as “Best Kept Secret” and ensure everyone in our city understands our rich history and tradition and will join us in celebrating our Club’s contributions for the past 100 years to our City this coming June at UTA? We are challenged as Rotarians to pledge to increase our Public Image and to educate others about what we do and how we do it; and how they too can join a group of individuals who put “service above self” and work with all aspects of our community to create understanding and lasting connections.

We can do this by ensuring we are telling the story of all that we do individually and collectively in our city. We can do this in several ways, for example:

- Check in to meetings each week and utilize our Hashtags ([#ArlingtonRotary](#) & [#ArlingtonRotary100](#))
- Take photos of our Rotarians in action (both at play and in service to others around town) – Perhaps at North Texas Giving Day at the Levitt Pavilion this Thursday
- Order a Rotary Polo and “Rotarian at Work” T-Shirt and wear one of them while you are out in the community
- Post a fun fact about our Club from one of the history stories in the Hubcap or shared with you during the Historical Minute
- Invite friends to join you for lunch at a favorite program of interest and be sure to personally invite them to join the Club
- Be sure to share on your social media of choice the Save-the-Date card for our Centennial Celebration (June 10, 2023)
- Learn to use our Club’s website, and download the Clubrunner and Club Finder Apps
- Be sure to learn to post your service hours so the Club can report at the end of the year the collective impact we have had
- Remember the “100 Minute Challenge” and find a way to serve the community either in one of the “done in a day opportunities” or through an “ongoing opportunity with a group of interested club members”

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Alzheimers Association to support this very worthwhile cause. Sal reminded us that Rotary International proudly supports this cause.

A Resource Fair to collect supplies for Arlington schools will be held on October 19, 2022 at Texas Live-Lockhart Smokehouse. Attendees bringing supplies will receive a 10% discount on food and beverage purchases and AISD staff will also receive a 10% discount.

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

Don Mebus presented the Club with an historical moment about the beginnings of Rotary. Rotary started with the vision on one man-Paul Harris. Paul P. Harris was born in 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin. Paul spent his formative years in Vermont. Paul became an attorney and practiced law in Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary’s reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Dave Davis and Joe Carpenter were celebrating birthdays this week. The Rotarian celebrating an anniversary was Tom Long.

Victoria announced the program for today as the Centennial Planning Update as our club rapidly approaches its one- hundred- year anniversary. Victoria was assisted by Susie McAlister, Val Gibson, and Kurt Bartley.

The theme for this celebration is “Imagine Rotary”. A new centennial logo was created to commemorate this special occasion. The logo includes “Service Above Self” as well as the years

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There are so many ways we can begin to get our community to know the Rotary Club of Arlington as a vibrant club and key contributor in the past and future of our great City. Won't you take a few moments to do one or more of the above activities or suggest some other way for us to share our story to the world. "Best Kept Secrets" only stay that way if no one is intentional in telling the story. Our Club is primed to be intentional in celebrating its 100th year and setting the pathway to the second century even more engaged and known by our fellow Arlingtonians. As a Board, we discussed at the end of the year sharing our story with the RI magazine. What a worthy goal for all of us to strive for ... accomplished by each one of us, one action at a time.

Victoria

President, 2022-23



PROPOSED MEMBER

Stephanie Melchert

**Classification: Community Service—Arlington
Life Shelter Administration (Active)**

Sponsor: Donna Mack

Mentor: Sally Hopper

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1923-2023.

Several committees have been formed to make this celebration a huge success. The Public Image committee is chaired by April Pettitt and includes Chris McMurrough, Bill Daley and Clete McAlister. They have been tasked with promoting the centennial celebration through the use of social media, the Rotary website, press releases and photographs. Victoria encouraged everyone to use the social media hashtags #ArlingtonRotary and #ArlingtonRotary100 when promoting our club on social media.

The Historical Committee is chaired by Val Gibson and includes the following, Tom Ware, Don Mebus, DN Blumberg, Jim Quick, Linda Gibson, Mary Jean Moloney, Joe Carpenter, Tom Cravens, Richard Urso, Clete McAlister, Kris Landrith and Hal Thurow. The purpose of this committee is to gather and preserve historical records, Hubcap articles, historical moments and to create a Commemorative Historical Booklet.

The Community Impact Project Committee is chaired by Victoria Farrar-Myers and the members are Val Gibson, Susie McAlister, Kurt Bartley, Barry Bondurant, Joyce Stanton and Maggie Campbell. This committee has been tasked with supervising the art installation at the Rotary Dream Park on Center Street and to oversee the ribbon cutting with celebration committee. The famous artist, Jen Lewis has been commissioned to create a Rotary Wheel to be installed at the Rotary Dream Park.

The Centennial Celebration Committee is chaired by Susie McAlister and the members are Mary Jean Moloney, Stacy Bridger, Joan Church, Tanis Garrett, Sarah Knotts and Sally Hopper. This committee has arranged for the celebration event to be held at UTA's Bluebonnet Room on June 10, 2023. The keynote speaker will be Jennifer Jones, President of Rotary International. Please mark this very important date on your calendar.

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

Arlington Rotary and Webb School

In the early 90's the Rotary Club adopted Webb Elementary as a Club project. It began with volunteers helping at the school with tutoring, building a garden, repairing benches, etc. and the connection has grown from there. The Club continues to support Webb Students with pencils, school supplies, backpacks and volunteers each school year.

Books and reading material have always been an emphasis of the Club's efforts. Countless dictionaries and thesauruses have been donated to students. Hundreds of books have not only been given to the Webb Library but to each student personally. The gift of a book to a child still resonates a thrill with the students even in this day of technological devices. In 2002 the Board opted to donate a book to the Webb School Library in the name of the guest speaker for the week. This was in lieu of a gift for speakers and included having them sign their names in the book before forwarding it to the library. It is estimated over 900 books have gone to the Webb Library with this program that still continues today.

Long time Rotarian and former President Lisann Peters benefacted to AISD in 2005 a separated reading area at Webb Elementary. Her generous contribution allowed the school to construct a separate reading area for students as well as allowed for the purchase of new books. Her legacy continues with an endowment amount being held as restricted funds in the Arlington Rotary Foundation for future use for the Webb Library.

For several years, records do not reflect the exact beginning, The Rotary Club of Arlington facilitated the attendance of 5th grade students to a 4 day camp experience at Camp Grady Spruce. In conjunction with AISD and the YMCA youngsters were given the outdoor experiences many had never had. In 2020 this program suffered at the hands of Covid and finally AISD budget restrictions and was discontinued. However in 2021 the Club began a program to send students to Camp Thurman for a two day experience.

Next week the Webb scholarship program...

Val Gibson

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The Centennial Celebration Fundraising Committee is chaired by Kurt Bartley and the members are Susie McAlister, Dixon Holman, James McCroskey, Grace Whetstone, Rick Jenkins and Tim and Mary Jean Moloney. This committee is tasked with raising \$50,000.00 from sponsors. Grace Whetstone is in charge of collecting items for a silent auction. If you have a silent auction item to donate, please contact Grace.

The last event of today's meeting was a club fair and sign up. President Victoria encouraged each member to use our time, talents and energy to become more engaged in the activities of our club.

Victoria informed us that next program will be Rob Schulz, Greyhounds of the Sea.

The quote for this week: "You've got to get up each morning with determination if you are going to go to bed with satisfaction". – George Lorimer

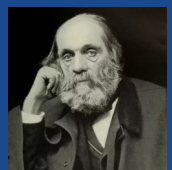
President Victoria reminded us that we are "People of Impact", so go make a difference this week!

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

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: **cxN!m*?0**

"If you have accomplished all that you have planned for yourself, you have not planned enough."



Edward Everett Hale

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Sept. 18 — Sept. 24

Sept. 18 Angie Meister

Sept. 22 Mike O'Donnell

Sept. 23 Al Clark

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!)



TaShunda Scott urges members to come to the Resource Fair with supplies on October 19 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Lockhart Smokehouse inside Texas Live!



CONGRATULATIONS!

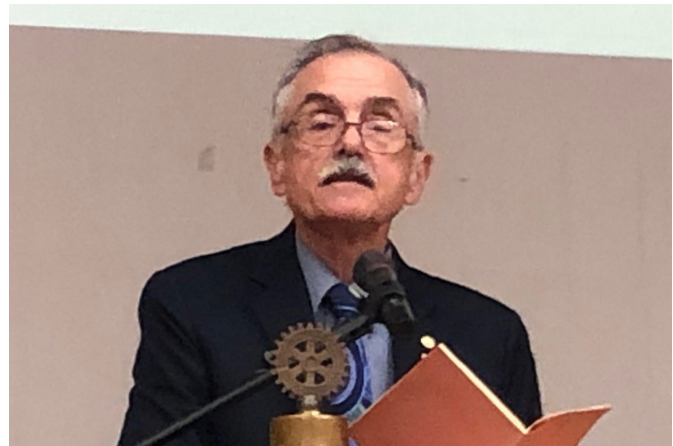
Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of "Service Above Self."

Jim Fulgham **19 Years** **Sept. 18, 2003**
Joe Way **24 Years** **Sept. 18, 1998**

VETERANS-PLUS MEETING

Veterans, family members, and allies are invited to meet in the Great Hall on Thursday, 22 September immediately following the Rotary Club meeting to consider forming a Veterans Committee within the Rotary Club of Arlington. An Agenda with additional information will be presented at the time of the meeting.

Jim C Quick



Don Mebus was excited to tell us about the beginning of Rotary by Paul Harris and three friends in Chicago in 1905.



HONORING OUR OWN "BE LIKE MIKE"

The loss of fellow Rotarian Mike Jarrett hit us all hard last year. As a fitting testimony to a life well lived, organizations most beloved by Mike have joined together to create a scholarship at UTA in his name. You can participate in this fund in an upcoming "Be Like Mike" Putting Competition Benefitting the Michael Jarrett Scholarship Fund.

Click [Here to learn more.](#)

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BOARD BITES

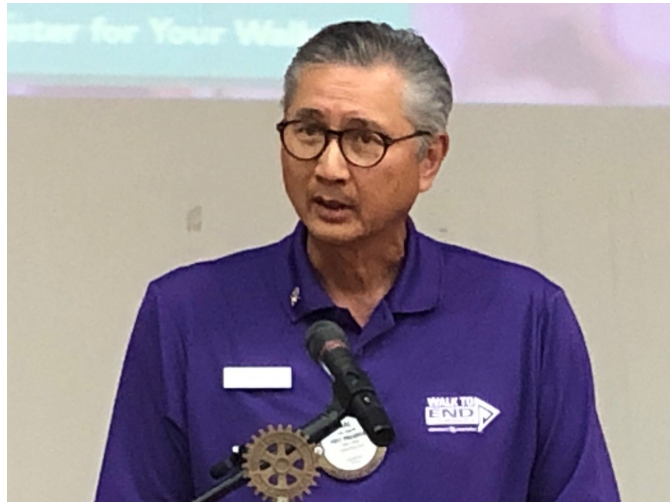
Our Club's Board met this past Friday, and here the primary items we discussed and actions that were taken:

- Rotary International and the District passed along dues increases that were more than anticipated in our original budget outlook. This amount, however, will be offset by money budgeted for the Heroes Run, which is not occurring this Rotary Year.

The module for online RSVP and payment for Club events is now available and will be tested to prepare for upcoming events.

Training for new and existing Club members on the use of Club Runner will occur at a Club meeting in the near future.

- In an effort to increase our public image, all members were encouraged to please begin to post about Club activities, check into meetings, and encourage others to do so on their social media of choice. We were reminded to use the hash tags when posting in social media: #ArlingtonRotary & #ArlingtonRotary100
- * Centennial Celebration plans are in progress. The Gala will be in partnership with UTA. The sponsorship committee is hard at work planning sponsor levels and encourages all Club members to participate in helping to identify potential sponsors and donations for the silent auction.
- * The Public Image and Celebration Committee are working jointly on a Save-the-Date card shareable in various formats.
- * In conjunction with community outreach, the RAMBA committee is devising an application process for recognizing minority owned businesses which utilizes the 4-Way test as a basis for evaluation. They welcome any nominations the Club could provide. Submission form to be provided soon.
- * Fund development is planning an October event to raise money and awareness for Polio Plus.



Sal asks the members to help with the Walk to End Alzheimer's, a Rotary project, on Saturday, October 1 in Arlington. Everyone, whether walking or not, should register on this [site](#).

- The District matching grant for \$7,500 was approved. The resulting \$15,000 will go toward the Centennial project.
- Community Service is working with non-profits affiliated with our Club in a campaign entitled "Supporting Our Own Who Support Our Community." Requests for "done in a day" as well as ongoing projects will be available for members as they arise.
 - Angel Tree will once again be a Club project. All donations will be due by Nov. 18. More information will follow.
 - We were reminded that orders for shirts identifying us as Rotarians are being taken. Be sure to get on the list at the next Club meeting.
- Social Directors are working on upcoming opportunities to have events in conjunction with UTA and will be providing a full calendar of events for sharing with the Club.
- A hearty thank you was given to all who assisted in the new member social including the Levitt Pavilion as well as Simply Divine caterers.

