

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

October 15, 2020

In this edition: [Zoom meeting link](#), Chamber of Commerce Report, new member, and more...

President's Message

By *Susie Wine McAlister*



OCTOBER IS HERE AND ALMOST GONE!

October brings us falling leaves, football, cooler temperatures (usually), festivals (not this year), and gatherings with family and friends (wearing masks). This year continues to be like no other and not one anyone could have planned for. Wear your masks, no large group meetings, wash your hands, no hugs, no handshakes; so what CAN we do?

Director of Fun, **Diane Patrick**, is coming up with social activities, that keep us safe and follow protocols. **Derrick Kinney**, Director of Community Service, is developing community projects that don't require personal contact. **Joy Bates**, Director for Webb Elementary, is developing ways of helping Webb students with the restriction that no contact is allowed with the school or the students.

This year is challenging for all of us. Your Board of Directors is facing these challenges and attempting to develop new ideas to react to the new normal.

What can YOU do? Attend our weekly meetings and be informed about what we are doing. Hear the great programs that **Kurt** is bringing us about our community and other interesting projects. Be informed and involved in our club projects as they develop. Got some new ideas? Share them! Even though we can't meet in person, join our zoom

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Dr. Nathaniel Hearne

Made Up Minds

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By *Bonnie S. Harris*

The weekly Zoom meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington was called to order by President Susie McAlister on Thursday October 8, 2020. Vera McKissick shared the prayer and led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." Donna Mack then blessed us with a beautiful acapella version of "God Bless America" as Wella was napping in the background.

A small number of visitors and visiting Rotarians were warmly greeted and welcomed.

Walter Virden reminded those of us with Amazon accounts to change your "Amazon Smile" setting to "Arlington Rotary Foundation." This setting makes The Arlington Rotary Foundation the benefactor to receive a percent of every dollar you spend with Amazon.

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meeting and visit with your fellow Rotarians before the ringing of the bell.

We can do this! Rotary is made up of people from different backgrounds, a variety of resources, with endless possibilities. The board wants to hear from you. Let's get creative and come up with some new ideas for this unprecedented year.

Rotarians are People of Action!

Susie Wine McAllister
President, 2020-21

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Can Benefit the
ARLINGTON ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Shop Amazon Smile and designate Arlington Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary, then a portion of your purchase will go to our foundation. **Do this today**, so our foundation will benefit from your Amazon Prime deals on October 13 & 14.

ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING
Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?
pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFEed2xKVFlaNjNtQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFEed2xKVFlaNjNtQT09)

Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772

Passcode: 1923

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The Rotary Board voted at the last meeting to donate one "Kindness" bench to be placed at Webb Elementary School. As you recall, Mayor Williams asked that a bench be donated and placed at every grade school in Arlington to encourage peace and friendship among students and staff. The bench placed at Webb will have a small plaque indicating that it was donated by The Rotary Club of Arlington.

Congratulations to Craig Bishop who received his first Paul Harris Fellow today with the esteemed Paul Harris pin. Thank you for your continued support of this club and our commitment as Rotarians around the globe.

Happy Birthday was sung to those with birthdays this week (listed in your Hubcap). Don't forget that it is a fun tradition to write a check to the Rotary Foundation for the number of years you are "old." This is just another way we can "give back" to the wonderful service projects that are going on all over the world!

Kurt Bartley introduced our speaker, Michael Jacobson who is no stranger to most of us. Mr. Jacobson is not only a member of our Rotary Club; he has been The President and CEO of The Arlington Chamber of Commerce for the past 4 years. He has had a long and successful history of business development leadership including The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, site acquisition and development for The Intel Corporation, The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and is currently the leader of over 1200 businesses here in Arlington.

The Chamber of Commerce's fiscal year begins in October. Things started out with a bang in 2019 with the launch of a new Chamber website, the opening of the National Medal of Honor Museum, the acquisition of The Hotel and Convention Center's mixed-use office building in The Ballpark, The Inspired Women's Luncheon, the "5-Star"

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Great Links to Click

ArlingtonRotary.com
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 5790](#)
[Rotary International](#)



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Oct. 11 – Oct. 17

- October 11** Patsy Jenkins
- October 11** Chris McMurrough
- October 13** Dick Moise
- October 14** Craig Bishop
- October 17** Jori Lindsay
- October 17** Eric Tucker

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. (Please note this is the **Rotary Foundation** not the Arlington Rotary Foundation. Thanks!)

**ROTARY AND ITS PARTNERS
HAVE REDUCED POLIO CASES
BY 99.9% SINCE 1988.**

WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER



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accreditation given to Arlington Chamber of Commerce by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the success of The Prayer Breakfast (to mention a few). Then COVID hit. The Chamber of Commerce is the largest nonprofit organization in the community! Their job is to foster economic growth by bringing over 20,000 people a year together. If local businesses suffer, then The Chamber suffers.

The leaders of The Arlington Chamber of Commerce (thanks to Mr. Jacobson, Don Duke, and all the board members) rolled up their sleeves, refused to be idle, and created a strategy to keep going. Three teams were created at the Chamber: 1) contact every member to let them know the Chamber cares, inform them of available resources and help them maneuver the paperwork and hurdles; 2) survey every member to determine their needs and what impact the COVID crisis had on their businesses; 3) create a virtual connection with members and the world.

Some of the results were predictable such as 75% of members indicated that the pandemic had created a negative financial impact on their businesses and revenue. Mr. Jacobson said that surprisingly the economy has remained fairly stable in part due to the rapid response of The CARES Act, The Payroll Protection Plan, Small Business Loans, the generosity of local banks. He went on to praise the compassion of local citizens who donated food and supplies to first responders; who offered precious time to help those in need; and citizens and business owners who continued to patronize via curb-service those restaurants and businesses that would have otherwise closed due to lack of customers. An unexpected result of the pandemic is that The Chamber's "Facebook Live" presentations and internet presence has brought over 70 thousand business people together. Pre-COVID, this number was only 18 to 20 thousand! Who would

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PROPOSED MEMBER

Stacy Bridger

Community Service - Volunteer Management
(Active)

Sponsor: Susie McAlister

Mentor: Sally Hopper

have ever imagined that a crisis which separated everyone could actually bring more people together? For 4 or 5 months, The Chamber generously provided services to businesses in need whether they were members or not. Now that the immediate crisis is over, The Chamber leaders are creating new ways to incorporate non-members into members to therefore maintain a revenue stream.

All in all, Michael Jacobson is optimistic about the future and stated that Arlington is blessed to have such a strong, loyal, resilient and innovative business community.

A book was donated to the Webb Elementary School Library in Michael Jacobson's honor and we were dismissed after reciting the Four-Way Test and the ringing of the bell. 🕒

HYBRID CLUB BOARD MEETING

The club board meeting, Friday, **October 16 at 11:30**, will be **hybrid**; in-person with masks for some and virtually for everyone else.

In-person with masks: Legacy Financial
Community Room
1205 W. Abram St.

Thanks to Chad and Joy Bates!
(Park in the back and enter the back door).

Virtually: Click this Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitlNVFEd2xKVFlaNjNtQT09>

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed for one week by clicking [HERE](#).

Password is: YU52r\$!b

CLUB GOALS FOR 2020-21

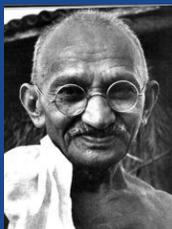
	GOAL	YTD
Polio Plus	\$5,000	\$300
Annual Fund/EREY	\$15,000	\$1,269
Net New Members	+15	
Member Inductions		2

The all time total giving from the Rotary Cub of Arlington to the [Rotary International Foundation](#) is an amazing **\$854,771**.



Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi



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