

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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In this edition: [Zoom meeting link](#), [Mental Health and Criminal Justice](#), and more...

President's Message

By **Susie Wine McAlister**



Our tough Coronavirus year keeps lingering on. I hope all our Rotarians are safe in God's care. Soon, most of us will have recovered or received at least one of the vaccines. Then, we will be able to work in the world the way Rotarians would like. There are still some opportunities with which to make a difference. Each week, I receive information about projects and activities that need help from Rotarians.

For example, Melody Fowler reports a chance to serve as an interview judge with the Region 8 Academic Decathlon, hosted by AISD. The first interview will be **Friday, January 29, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Your options for receiving the required training are:

January 26: 9-10am, 2-3pm, 3:30-4:30 pm

January 27: 9-10am, 2-3pm, 3:30-4:30pm

Please email Jeanne Maxwell (jmaxwell@aisd.net) for more information.

Jim Quick reports that the 2022 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is February 1, 2021, or just one week from Monday. Jim says, "Please let us know if you have questions, and we look forward to working with you if you have possible nominees. We are looking for 1, or 2 or 3 outstanding women and men." To learn more, send Jim an email (jquick@uta.edu).

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Scott Hendricks

International Projects

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Classification Talk by
Jennifer Cathcart

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IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By **Carey F. Walker**

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Immediate Past President Tom Ware. Derrick Kinney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vera McKissic sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America". Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Diane Patrick and Stuart Thomas were the Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week. Sally informed us that she has received a check to The Rotary Foundation from Paul

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These are a couple of opportunities that came up this week. If you have a project Rotarians can assist with, let us know how we can help because Rotarians are "People of Action."

Susie Wine McAllister

President, 2020-21



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
January 24 – January 30

January 24 Paul Strong

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!)

Great Links to Click

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

MISS THE LAST MEETING?

The recording of the last Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time by clicking [HERE](#).
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Strong, Jim Quick, Diane Patrick and Fred Weekley . Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are John Dancer, Dick Moise and Victoria Farrar-Myers.

Randy Hendricks reminded us to identify and reach out to friends, family and colleagues to become members of our club. The application for membership can be found in the upper right hand of www.arlingtonrotary.com

Clete McAllister introduced the speaker and the program for the day. The speaker was Judge Brent Carr. Judge Carr is the judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court Nine. Judge Carr took office on September 1, 1991 and has been re-elected in each subsequent election. Judge Carr is a graduate of the South Texas College of Law and was licensed to practice law on May 13, 1983. Judge Carr is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is also a member of The College of the State Bar of Texas. Judge Carr was in the Marine Corps for twelve years and attained the rank of Major. Prior to being elected Judge Carr was a felony prosecutor in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

Judge Carr's program was about Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System. Judge Carr was instrumental in creating the Mental Health Diversion Program in Tarrant County. The program was founded in 2003. The staff that began with the program seventeen years ago are still with the program.

The program has been very successful in achieving its goals. The recidivism rate for graduates of the program is fourteen percent as opposed to sixty percent recidivism rate for the general public. Twenty six percent of the general public have been diagnosed with a mental health issue. Those that are in jail have a fifty-five percent diagnosis of a mental health issue. Four percent of the twenty six percent of the general population have serious issues, such as depression and schizophrenia.

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The Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge was a lot of fun last year. Let's do it again this Saturday. More information at: <https://www.facebook.com/>



I know for sure that
what we dwell on is
what we become."

Oprah Winfrey



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The Tarrant County jail has two pods of single cells for inmates with serious mental health issues. The jailers are required by law to check on these inmates every ten minutes. Additionally, these inmates tend to stay in jail for longer periods of time. The cost to house these inmates is \$300.00 as compared to \$75.00 for general population inmates.

Competency restoration is the primary goal of the criminal justice system. There are only 2500 beds statewide dedicated to mental health. Sixty percent of these beds are for competency restoration. While these inmates are waiting for a bed to become available, they are treated in the Tarrant County jail. MHMR has an in jail forensic unit that performs an assessment onto determine if a person has mental health issues. MHMR prepares a report containing a treatment plan formulated to address the issues of each particular individual. Judge Carr indicated that an emergency line exists for mental health professionals that is available 24-7-365.

Judge Carr informed us that sixty percent of criminal defendants receive a court appointed attorney. The number for mental health defendants is eighty to ninety percent receive court appointed attorneys. Diverting those with mental health issues to the Mental Health Diversion program benefits the defendant as well as the taxpayer.

The Mental Health Diversion Court has produced 560 graduates. In turn, these graduates create a huge savings for the criminal justice system. Additionally, these graduates are far less likely to reoffend.

The program has been evaluated five times and has received excellent marks each time. The program has been able to maintain funding during its seventeen-year existence. The dedicated team members are responsible for the success of the program. The team members guide the participants through a program that lasts anywhere

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from ten months to two years. Graduation and promotion decisions are based on progress that each individual achieves.

The program works with the Texas Employment Commission, Goodwill and job training centers. The program is constantly seeking new resources in order to better serve the participants. The Tarrant County program is the model for one-third of all mental health courts.

Judge Carr informed us that the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world. Texas would be number six in the world if we were a country.

Judge Carr is the judge that oversees the Veterans Court Diversion Program. Veterans make up ten percent of the homeless population in this country. Judge Carr indicated that there are ninety veterans in one of these diversion programs. Many of these veterans suffer from drug and alcohol addictions in addition to having mental health issues. These courts are serving the needs of our veterans and attempting to improve their lives.

Another avenue where mental health issues are being addressed is in the training of police officers. Police academies are providing mental health training so that police are better equipped to handle persons suffering from mental health issues. Training of police officers is imperative. The threat of physical violence or dangerous individuals requires police intervention.

Kris Landrith provided us with the last laugh. Kurt informed us that next week's program will be presented by Scott Hendricks, International Projects. A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Judge Brent Carr.

The quote for this week: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts". — Eleanor Roosevelt.

Kurt thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. He then led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🙏



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Shop Amazon Smile and designate Arlington Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary.

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