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The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Save the Dates, candy needed, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



Sitting in College Hall at the University of Texas at Arlington watching the formal investiture ceremony of the 10th President and first female to hold that position unfold in front of me, I could not help but reflect how fitting a way this was to close out Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy Month with such hope and prospect for a brighter future. Additionally, receiving the official paperwork and bylaws to restart our Rotaract Club in conjunction with UTA's Honor's College made the possibility of deepening our club's connection with UTA students even more exciting. Creating a pathway for our Interact members at the Dan Dipert Center to transition to UTA and to enrich their experiences with interactions with our members of all classifications begins to paint more than a pipeline picture, but one of mentorship and reciprocal learning and understanding. It is only fitting then that we are asked to build upon this strong foundation this month during Rotary International's Community Economic and Development theme. We are called to be intentional in our service and understand how to help foster prosperity in our community. Being intentional about where we go to eat, where we buy our goods, and how we choose to run our companies all can have a great impact on our local economy. Looking at the members of our club and finding ways to use their services and find local leads also is a way we can both honor our members and strengthen the economic prosperity locally. Furthermore, we can look for ways to stay and buy local. Finally, we assist in fundraisers like volunteering for the first shift at River Legacy's upcoming Fall Festival this coming Saturday,

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

J.T. Wenger

**UTA Volleyball
COMING SOON**

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| Oct. 13 | Texas Rep. Tony Tinderholt
Dist. 94 | Legislative Update |
| Oct. 20 | Jeff McKissack | UFO's, the Media, and the Military |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

BY BENJAMIN HARRIS

The meeting was called to order by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Vera McKissic gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Rotarians participated in a rousing chorus of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith accompanying on the piano. Jean Hood introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Our visiting Rotarian was Corey Callaway, President of the Arlington Highlands Rotary Club. Our guests this week were Stephanie Melchert, Sandra Walsh, Darrius McCall, Lori Urso, Jim Sparks and Jeff Harland.

Announcements: Victoria exhibited a QR code Rotarians might use to record their service hours for Rotary. She indicated that she would be displaying this QR code regularly at meetings and invited Rotarians to use their smart phone cameras to obtain an image of it. Additionally, Victoria

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October 8th, or volunteering with Miracle League for their nine or ten o'clock games on October 22nd to enhance the quality of life for all our city's resident's. Our classifications and collective will to impact our community can make "Community Economic and Development Month" more than a theme, but a call to action in how we are not just Rotarians but ambassadors of our community to the world.

Victoria

President, 2022-23

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



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shared an upcoming event from Diane Patrick, our "Director of Fun," known as Pinot for Polio. This fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 5:30-7:00pm at The Sanford House Inn. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. Victoria also reminded us to use our hashtags #arlingtonrotary and #arlingtonrotary100.

Sal Capuli stated that more volunteers are needed for giving the opening prayer and pledge. As always, priority is given to members with a red badge. If you missed the sign-up sheet contact Sal.

Derrick Kinney, Director of the Community Service Committee, updated us on upcoming community service opportunities. Review your e-mails for a list of upcoming community service events through December. This month we have two community services events. First, Rotarians will volunteer for the First Shift (10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) of the River Legacy Fall Festival, which will take place Saturday, October 8 at the River Legacy Park and the River Legacy Nature Center. Second, Rotarians will volunteer with Miracle League Baseball at the 9 am and 10 am games on October 22 at Randol Mill Park. These are memory making events to create shared experiences. Volunteer and bring people with you!

Heather Kipker announced that Rotary polos and t-shirts are available for purchase. The shirts are a beautiful blue which is quite slimming and is guaranteed to make anyone look and feel ten years younger!

Jill Regina announced the collection of candy for Nichols Junior High School's upcoming trunk-or-treat event. The event is at the end of October. You may bring candy to the Thursday lunch meetings or give money to Jill to purchase candy until the October 20 meeting.

Sara Knotts announced on behalf of the Social Committee that Rotary's annual Holiday Party will take place December 2 at the home of Mojoy and Julia Haddad. Mark your calendars!

Corey Callaway announced the Arlington Highlands Rotary Club Charity Fun Shoot. The event will take place October 16 at the Winchester Shooting Gallery in Fort Worth. Register online at highlandsrotary.com.

Vera McKissic announced that volunteers are needed for Read to Win, a program wherein

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RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

Women in Rotary

I have a story for the club's Centennial archive about our Rotary Club's then president, Dwight Miller's 1987 announcement to the club that Rotary would soon begin admitting women. A brief summary:

Most people thought that Rotary and Rotarians were sexist for refusing to admit women until 1987. However, it was not the Rotarians who opposed this. (Most were fine with it.) It was their wives. The thought of Rotarians having lunch each week with young, attractive businesswomen was just too much for some of the Women of Rotary (an auxiliary organization at the time). Nothing good could come from such a circumstance, many thought.

Dwight's wife, Syble, was a good example. She was normally a very shy, very deferential woman. Although she often accompanied Dwight to Rotary meetings (where he introduced her as his "Rotary Ann") she rarely said more than hello, nice to see or meet you and goodbye. Dwight was in his 80s and he and Syble had only been married since 1973, so some Rotarians thought that she was supervising him. (She was only 67.) In any event, Syble would never have dreamed of disagreeing with Dwight in public. However, she very much opposed Rotary International's decision to admit women. Dwight tried several times to announce this development to the club. However, each time he began she would redden, mutter under her breath and begin what for all appearances might have been an angry fit of screaming. Each time Dwight interrupted himself, went on to something else and did his best to comfort Syble. Soon, however, we all knew that something was up and that sooner or later Dwight would have to tell us. Some of us had also begun experimenting with this new thing called the internet and had discovered that there was news not normally reported in the local newspapers. And those of us who kept up with decisions of the United States Supreme Court (which were regularly read by the lawyers in the club) knew that that court had handed down a decision that would likely impact Rotary's refusal to

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persons go to schools and read with the children once a week.

Randy Hendricks called Deigo Pena and Vince Hrabal to the front to exchange their Red Badges for Blue Badges. Congratulations to Diego and Vince.

Vera McKissic returned to the microphone a third time to lead the assembled Rotarians in a heartwarming rendition of "Home on the Range." The song was, in this reporter's opinion, beautiful and an excellent choice for the gorgeous fall day.

Sally Hopper announced birthdays: Dixon Holman, Clete McAlister, Richard Urso, Kim Crawford, Linda Gibson, Jim Quick, Miguel Juarez and Walter Virden celebrated birthdays during the week. The club sang happy birthday to the celebrants in attendance. Additionally, Sally recognized the following Rotarians for their Rotary Anniversaries: Nancy Blinn 8 years, Michael Wade 14 years, Joy Nunn 10 years, Charles Brady 6 years.

Barry Bondurant introduced the program for the day: Awa Sy, Marketing Manager at SafeHaven of Tarrant County.

Awa discussed the vital services SafeHaven provides in Tarrant County. SafeHaven's mission is "to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change." SafeHaven has been in Tarrant County for 45 years. SafeHaven sheltered 1,526 women and children in 2021 and fielded 12,560 calls on its domestic abuse hotline. Approximately one in three women in Tarrant County will experience domestic abuse during her lifetime. SafeHaven assists domestic abuse victims by providing emergency shelters, a 24-hour hotline, counseling, case management, legal services, housing, prevention services and reformatory services. SafeHaven serves both male and female victims of domestic abuse. The hotline number is 1-877-701-SAFE (7233). Please save the number into your phone to give out if the need ever arises. Awa and her associate, Mia, answered more than a dozen questions at the end of the presentation. Thank you to Awa and her associate for taking the time to speak with us about the resources Tarrant County has for people in desperate need of aid.

Victoria presented Awa with a book for her signature and which Rotary will donate to Webb

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admit women.

In any event, during his third try in as many weeks, Dwight finally screwed up his courage to the point where he was able to report to the club that Rotary would soon begin admitting women. This was too much for poor Syble, who virtually exploded. But, to her credit, she was able to keep relative control herself. Red-faced, she said merely "of all the nerve..."

Despite many predictions, the club survived.

Dan Blumberg



Syble Miller (1919 - 2010)

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Elementary in honor of Awa's presentation.

Kris Landrith regaled the club with a Last Laugh.

Next week's meeting will feature J. T. Wenger, Coach of UTA's Women's Volleyball Team.

The quote for this week: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Victoria thanked our guests and everyone else for attending. She then led the club in the Four Way Test and adjourned the meeting. 🍷

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: Y%uA1l&O

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[Rotary District 5790](#)
[Rotary International](#)

“What you do has far greater impact than what you say.”



Stephen Covey



BIRTHDAYS



Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Oct. 2 — Oct. 8

Oct. 7 Sally Hopper

Oct. 7 Robert Shepard

Oct. 8 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!)



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Stuart Thomas	8 Years	Oct. 2, 2014
Jean Hood	1 Year	Oct. 7, 2021



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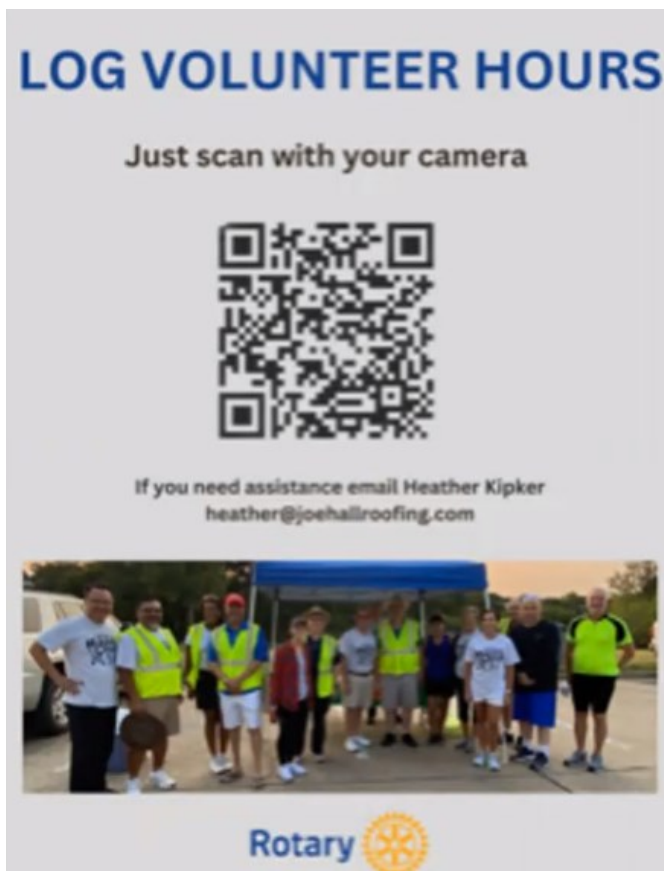
Save the Date Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 26, 2022
5:30-7 pm
The Sanford House Inn, 506 N. Center St.
Tickets \$50 + processing fee/person

Pinot for Polio




Diego Pena and Vice Hrable receive Blue Badges.




LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS

Just scan with your camera



If you need assistance email Heather Kipker
heather@joehallroofing.com



Rotary



Our favorite veterinarian, Dr. Bonnie Harris will speak at the Sunrise Rotary Club on October 7. I wonder if Bonnie knows they meet at 7:00 AM? Her topic is "What it is like to be a Veterinarian from A to Z". Need a makeup?

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Awa Sy, Marketing Manager for Safe Haven explains the purposes and needs of the organization.



SAVE THE DATE
Holiday Party
Home of Julia and Moji Haddad
Friday, December 2



Save the Dates Rotary Community Service Opportunities

1. Saturday, Oct. 8
River Legacy Fall Festival /First Shift
10:30 — 4:30 [Click Here to Signup](#) (select first shift)

2. Saturday, Oct. 22
Miracle League Baseball,
9AM, 10AM or BOTH

3. Saturday, Nov. 5
**Open Arms Health Clinic Run for
Another/ Run and Fun Run.**
Check in at 7AM.

4. Saturday, Nov. 12
**Mission Arlington; Stuff "Ready to
Prepare"
Thanksgiving dinner boxes**

5. Saturday, Dec. 9 10AM to 7 PM
Salvation Army Bell Ringing , Hobby
Lobby on South Cooper. Eight 1 hour slots.

6. Monday, December 19, 8:30 AM to 2 PM
**Arlington Charities Holiday Food
Distribution**

Click the image to learn more.



NEW PODCAST EPISODE

A New Weapon Against Polio

Rotary Podcast