

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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In this edition: [Zoom meeting link](#), *Arlington Fire and Covid 19, and more...*

President's Message

By *Susie Wine McAlister*



Service above self

WHAT BETTER WAY TO SERVE OTHERS THAN LIVING OUR ROTARY MOTTO. November is Rotary Foundation month but it also seems like the beginning of the year's most precious holidays. With Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon, it's a time to not only be thankful for what we have but also a time that we can give thanks and blessings to others. One of our most popular service projects is the Salvation Army Angel Tree. This year more than ever, they need our help.

Our club will have the Angel Tags available for adoption at Rotarian Angie Meister's dance studio (United Performing Arts) on Friday and Saturday this week. Our club donated over \$7,000 in gifts last year and I know we can exceed that total this year. Angel tags are available on the dates and times as shown on the flyer attached to the Hubcap transmittal. COVID has made it necessary for us to think out of the box and create new ways to carry out our mission of serving others. Instead of having our little tree at the church, we are excited to partner with UPAC and have our Angel Tree at Angie's studio.

Please, please, adopt an Angel or two, and make some little one's Christmas merry and bright.

Susie Wine McAlister

President, 2020-21

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Stephen Raeside

"Tarrant Area Food Bank"

COMING SOON

Nov. 19	Dr. Jason E. Shelton	Arlington Unity Council Updates
	Chair, Arlington Unity Council	
Nov. 26	THANKSGIVING	No Meeting

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By Dan Blumberg

The Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas met virtually via Zoom on November 5, 2020. Club President Susie McAlister called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Rotarian Jim Quick, aware of the approaching election, offered a moving Gallic blessing wishing the club members deep peace and healing. Not to be outdone, club member Donna Mack utilized her beautiful, melodious voice to lead the club in a moving rendition of "God Bless America".

The only visiting Rotarian present for the event was Bill Dailey.

Jim Quick introduced a guest, Jasmine Schmidt, who he and Rotarian Sally Hopper hosted. Our club has nominated Jasmine for a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. Ms. Schmidt graduated from Colleyville Heritage High School in 2011 and graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Texas at Arlington in 2015. While a UTA student Jasmine belonged to the university's Political Science Honors Society. She is bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish, having enjoyed a volunteer internship in Barcelona, Spain. Jasmine joined the club from Atlanta via Zoom. She is a member of the Women's Foreign

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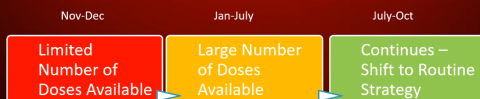
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Arlington Fire Chief, Don Crowson, presented a detailed update on the Covid 19 fight.

Vaccination Timeline:

- Ramp up (Oct-Jan) Targeted Administration
- Peak (Jan-July) Broad Administration (660 million doses)
- Transition (July-Oct) Open Vaccinations
- Routine (Oct-) Continues as necessary



Chief Crowson expects a vaccine for medical & first responders later this month or next. It will be a two-shot inoculation 21 or 28 days apart.

MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

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

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ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFE2xKVFlaNjNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772

Passcode: 1923

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Policy Group in Washington, D.C. She has traveled to sixteen different countries and presently works as for the United States Chamber of Commerce as an Associate Manager, Global Initiatives, International Operations. She has been accepted to The University of Edinburgh in Scotland for a one year M.S. program in development and has chosen to concentrate on economic and community development.

Tanis Garrett announced that our Rotary Club's annual Salvation Army Angel Tree project will begin again on Friday, November 13, 2020. Because the First United Methodist Church's building is still closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic it has become necessary for the club to locate an alternative site where our members can pick up tags and deliver Christmas gifts intended for disadvantaged children. Rotarian Angie Meister has generously offered the dance space of her company, United Performing Arts Studio, for this purpose. The studio is located at 2304 West Park Row Drive, Suite 27, in Pantego, Texas. Last year the Salvation Army donated gifts to over 50,000 children in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Because of the pandemic the Salvation Army will attempt to provide gifts to twice that number of children this year. Last year our Rotary club donated more than \$7,000 worth of gifts for children in Arlington. We hope to donate at least that number of gifts this year. Angel tag "adoptions" will begin on Friday, November 13, 2020 at the United Performing Arts Studio. Tanis invites anyone with questions to contact her.

Former Club President Clete McAlister announced that the club will again conduct an outdoor Veterans' Day event at Veteran's Park in Arlington at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2020. There is a great line-up of speakers and a number of veterans will be recognized. A reduced number of seats are available for the event, again because of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, those who choose not to attend in person can watch the event online. It will be live-streamed on the City of Arlington Facebook page and the Arlington Veterans' Day Observance Facebook page. The latter is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/veterans-park-arlington-texas/arlington-veterans-day-observance>.

Former Club President Sal Capuli announced that a walk benefitting sufferers of Alzheimer's Disease would take place on Saturday, November 7, 2020 and that he planned to be among the walkers. Sal invited those wishing to support him in this endeavor to visit Alz.org and to register as his supporter. Sal's moniker for the event is Wellness Walker.

Maggie Campbell announced that Arlington On Tap, now known as Arlington On Zoom, will host Jim Conners, the Chief Operating Officer of the National Medal of Honor Museum, and Andrew Zuckerman, its Director of Community Relations, who will speak about the progress of the museum in Arlington and its expected impact. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Networking begins at 6:30 p.m. and the talk will begin at 7:00. Information regarding the event is available on Downtown Arlington, Inc.'s Facebook page and at its website, DowntownArlington.org. Those unable to attend the event live are welcome to view it on YouTube and on the organization's Facebook page.

Maggie also announced that on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and on the second Thursday of each subsequent month Downtown Arlington, Inc. will sponsor an Arlington urban market on the

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"We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right."

Ronald Reagan



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NOVEMBER

is

Rotary Foundation Month

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sidewalk outside of Legal Draft at 500 East Division Street in Arlington. About forty vendors attend each event selling everything from art to farm products. It is also turning into a holiday market. Food and beverages are also available. Those in attendance are asked to wear masks and to social distance.

President-Elect Kurt Bartley announced that the club recently raised \$1,150 via Rotary District 5790's "Pedaling for Polio" event held October 24, 2020. The event raised a total of \$1,868, suggesting that our club raised the bulk of these funds. So what else is new?

Club Membership Chair Randy Hendricks noted that the club's membership goal for this Rotary year is to increase our club by fifteen members. We are presently even, he observed, having lost three members and having gained the same number during the current Rotary year. Randy mentioned that we need everybody's help to increase the club's membership. We also need to dispel the popular myth suggesting (incorrectly) that Rotary is only about business. In reality, Randy noted, Rotary is all about service to others. While we do have opportunities to network and to share we use them to try and grow our club and make our community better. Randy exhorted us to keep inviting others to attend our club meetings, to keep making application for club membership in behalf of others and to keep the new members coming.

Rotary Foundation Chair Sally Hopper announced that Rotarians Don Duke and Mike Jarrett celebrated birthdays during the week of our meeting. Sally also indicated that Dave Davis is celebrating 36 years of Rotary membership; Veronica Rodriguez is celebrating one year of club membership; and Bob Matasso is celebrating 48 years of membership in Rotary. Sally also observed that the Pedaling For Polio event raised an additional \$1,000 check which is presently on its way.

Finally, President Susie announced that the club will ring the Salvation Army's bell and collect donations outside the Arlington Hobby Lobby store on December 4, 2020. Rotarians interested in participating are invited to sign up.

Rotarian Brian Roberts then introduced Arlington Fire Chief Don Crowson, who leads the city's Covid-19 response team and who presented the day's program, an update on Arlington's Covid-19 preparedness and response. Chief Crowson noted that he had watched the virus' progress seeking to understand it. During the last thirty days, he noted, it has been somewhat stable. One of the city's goals, he observed, is to avoid overwhelming the city's hospitals and infrastructure. He also noted that the number of cases in the city had diminished before our schools and our local businesses had reopened, having peaked in the Summer and having fallen in early September. However, with the reopening of local bars and restaurants.

According to Chief Crowson the Fire Department is testing for Covid throughout the city, including in nursing homes, which were previously a hotbed. Arlington has learned much from the experience of New York City and other communities who faced the virus early on. The 76010 area code in Central Arlington presently has the highest rate of Arlington citizens testing positive for the virus. Other zip codes with elevated rates of Covid are 76014

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Scott Hendricks 20 Years Nov. 9, 2000

Don Duke 24 Years Nov. 14, 1996



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Nov. 8 – Nov. 14

Nov. 11 Heather Kipker

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)



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and 76018 in East Arlington. Next is Southeast Arlington. A testing sites is presently located at the Park Plaza shopping center at Park Row and New York Avenue. Next will be the Tarrant County College Southeast campus and then the Arlington Independent School District Administration Building. Significantly, more of the city's youth have tested positive since the city's schools and colleges have reopened. This is a significant shift as the rate of infection was previously most concentrated among the elderly.

The city had recorded 137 fatalities from Covid at the time Chief Crowson gave his talk, a mere 18 percent of those in Tarrant County. Of those who have died from the virus 45 percent are Caucasian; 26 percent are Hispanic; and a smaller percent are African-American. Thankfully, our fatality numbers are tending downward. And because more of the virus' victims are younger fewer require hospitalization. Chief Crowson noted, too, that Arlington's schools have done a good job screening for the virus and so have suffered fewer illnesses than might otherwise have been the case. Five Crow Elementary School students have contracted the virus. Others students have contracted it while attending Bailey Junior High School and UTA. Area businesses have also done well at screening for the virus, although many await new orders from both our governor and our Tarrant County Judge.

Not surprisingly, Covid cases have tracked Texas Governor Greg Abbott's pronouncements. According to Chief Crowson, the governor's masking order helped a great deal. There have nonetheless been a few minor issues arising out of the area's recent large events, including the World Series baseball games recently played at the Texas Rangers' Globe Life Stadium. The chief noted with evident relief that while some of the baseball players who participated grew ill the Arlington Fire Department was only responsible for the spectators.

In anticipation of the hoped-for vaccine, the City of Arlington has purchased subzero refrigerators to store the vaccine when it arrives. The Arlington Fire Department will assist the Tarrant County Public Health Department in the distribution and administration of the vaccine when it arrives. First in line will be the area's first responders. Chief Crowson expects to begin this process in June 2021. It is expected that to achieve immunity each citizen will require to vaccinations about 28 days apart. It is hoped that all citizens will be fully vaccinated before the end of the Summer. However, there remain significant political issues surrounding the efficacy of the vaccine. It is expected, however, that beginning in October 2021 an annual Covid vaccine will become widely available and will become as routine as annual flu vaccinations. In the interim, however, Chief Crowson urged that we persevere despite the community's evident exhaustion.

President Susie thanked Chief Crowson for his words and announced that the club will honor him by contributing to Webb Elementary School the book "The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver". Rotarian and comedian Kris Landrith gave us issues to ponder during his weekly presentation of "The Last Laugh". Kurt Bartley announced that our November 12, 2020 meeting will feature a program presented by Steven Raeside of the Tarrant Area Food Bank, which provides one million meals each week to residents of Tarrant County and the surrounding counties. Following a recitation of The Four-Way Test, the meeting was adjourned. 🍷

