

In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), Board Bites, new member, awesome anniversary, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



With Thanksgiving now done and shopping well underway, the calendar year is drawing to a close. December brings on holiday lights, merriment with family and friends, thoughts of those near and far, reflection on the year just lived, and looking forward to a new one on the way. It is, therefore, quite fitting that this month offers much for our Rotary Club.

This week we hold our Annual Club Assembly meeting and decide on who our officers and president-elect shall be for the Rotary year 2023-24. We will need a quorum, so please plan to attend and remind a fellow Rotarian to come along. We will also hear an update on the Master Plan for the Rotary Dream Park from Arlington Parks Director, James Orloski. Then on Friday, December 2nd, from 6-9 pm at Julia & Moji Haddad's home, we will gather for our Club's Annual Holiday Party.

On Saturday, December 10th, we can gather up our friends and family and head to downtown to see the Parade of Lights and the Tree Lighting at the Levitt Pavilion. If you are so inclined, they are still looking for volunteers to help with the festivities. And do not forget Christkindl market in the North Plaza at Globe Life Field and Texas Live!, or catch Holiday in the Park at Six Flags, or The Light Park at Hurricane Harbor.

Meanwhile, Rotarians will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Hobby Lobby on South Cooper from 10-7 on Friday, December 9th, so be sure to stop by and show your Rotarian support! On Monday, December 19th from 8:30 am to 2 pm, you

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Annual Club Meeting & [James Orloski](#)

"Rotary Dream Park"

(Click any underlined text to learn more)

COMING SOON

Dec.8 Holiday Program from Christmas Past

Dec. 15 **Noon Sharp** Centennial Club Photograph

Also Martin Show Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 15

IT HAPPENED LAST MEETING

BY CAREY F. WALKER

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Victoria Farrar-Myers. Valerie Landry offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Keith Kallie introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Announcements: Victoria reminded us to utilize social media and check in using #ArlingtonRotary

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can join your fellow Rotary Club members at Arlington Charities to assist with holiday food distribution.

Finally, at the Thursday, December 15th meeting, we will have our Club photo taken to mark our 100th year. Be sure to be on time to not miss out!

Victoria,

President, 2022-2023

BOARD BITES

Our Club's Board met on Friday, November 18, and here are the primary items we discussed and actions that were taken:

Bill Daley is making great progress as our Club's Webmaster in reorganizing the Club's website. Each Director was asked to look at the Club website and provide feedback for what content should and should not be present. Additional updates will continue.

The Minority Business Award revised application was presented to the Board for final action. Information about the award will be posted on the Club website. It was clarified, though, that only Club members can nominate a candidate, but suggestions from other clubs will be considered. The Board voted unanimously to put the program into action with the intent of having nominations for the first award by January 1st with the award(s) being given every third Thursday. Nominations will be considered on a rolling basis.

Club members met with the founding members and advisor of our Club's sponsored Rotaract Club at UTA. The Rotaract bylaws and constitution have been written and approved by District Governor Dan Steele. There are currently 9 members, all of whom are from the UTA Honors College, and they need 20 to become a Club. The group will continue

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and #ArlingtonRotary100. Past President Kurt Bartley reminded us to save the date of June 10, 2023 for our club's 100th Anniversary at the UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom. Sponsor commitments for the celebration as of 11-16-22 are as follows: Ben Daskocil, \$10,000.00; Al Clark/State Farm, \$5000.00; Faust-McNees Family Trust, \$5000.00; Sutton Frost Carey, \$2500.00. Additionally, we have four table sponsor commitments in the amount of \$1250.00 each from Bryan Roberts, Barry Bondurant, Victoria Farrar-Myers and Don Duke.

Sarah Knotts reminded us of the upcoming Christmas Party to be hosted and funded entirely by Mojoy and Julia Haddad. Please RSVP to allow appropriate planning for this very cheerful event. The money raised by this event will be given to the Arlington Rotary Foundation thanks to the generosity of the Haddads.

Clete McAlister reminded us once again about the group picture that is scheduled for 12-15-22. Please make arrangements to attend on this date so that you may be included in the photo.

We inducted a new member, Ms. Cindy Salter. Cindy is an attorney with the law firm of Curnutt & Hafer. Her sponsor is Mary Tom Curnutt and her mentor is Sally Hopper. Please introduce yourself to Cindy and welcome her as the newest member of our club. Tom Cravens surprised Cindy with a brand new car.

Willie Rodriguez presented a Classification Talk. Willie provided history as to why he chose to become an Accountant. He was good at math and decided to pursue a career in accounting and tax preparation. He is the sole owner of Rodriguez and Associates and his firm is located on Elmhurst Drive in Arlington. Willie indicated that modern technology has made accounting and tax preparation more efficient. He emphasized that in order to be successful you have to know and continually learn the tax code and regulations. He indicated that the IRS has a habit of penalizing

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their work with our Club representative Nancy Blinn to recruit others and to determine a date for a formal installation this spring.

Barry Bondurant reported he will be ready with the nomination committee report for the December 1st all Club meeting. The committee agreed more time was needed to review the Bylaws and full revisions are expected to be done in March or at least prior to the end of this Rotary year. Barry agreed to serve as the Club liaison to our own Foundation Board committee reviewing their bylaws to ensure consistency across documents.

Plans for the Centennial Gala are progressing quite well. UTA has agreed to be our host, which means they will cover certain expenses. The Sponsorship Committee continues to secure event sponsorships and table sales. Grace Whetstone will organize a silent auction for the event.

The Public Image and Celebration Committee are working jointly on a Save-the-Date card shareable in various formats. Plans are to release this by January the latest.

The Board discussed RI's changing rules regarding membership and the new ways potential members might locate our club. Our Membership Director Randy Hendricks and Assistant Director Chris McMurrough agreed they would write a policy to outline membership acceptance, especially for those who find us through our website and are not known to any of our club members.

Peter Scott gave a presentation on becoming involved with a "Twin Club". A "Twin Club" refers to "two clubs from different countries that form a long-term relationship to promote international understanding and goodwill and carry our service projects in their respective communities." Partners should "share similar interests, challenges, or history; you've worked with in the past; are located in a place that matches your club's service interests; and, speak a common language."

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those people who do things the right way. Willie has incorporated the Rotary 4-way test in his business with the addition of "Can I sleep well at night"?

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with anniversaries and birthdays. Celebrating birthdays are Kris Landrith, Scott Hendricks, Michael Wade and Esteban Blanco. Sally received birthday checks from Kris and from Richard Urso. Rotarians with anniversaries are Don Duke, Marc Prda, Joe Carpenter, Chad Bates and Angie Meister.

Vera McKissic led us in singing "Count Your Blessings". She was accompanied on piano by Kathleen Smith.

Barry Bondurant announced the program for today. The program was presented by Jen Fusci and the subject was the Dallas Wings, Arlington' Ms. Fusci is the Vice-President of Ticket Sales and Service for the Dallas Wings and the National Lacrosse League's Panther Lacrosse Club. Ms Fusci is a 13 year sports industry veteran who joined the Wings and the Panther City Lacrosse Club after serving in a similar role with the Kansas City Current of the National Women's Soccer League. She led all aspects of revenue generation through ticket sales and fan growth and retention in the team's first season. Ms. Fusci has also worked for the WNBA's Connecticut, the NLL's New England Black Wolves and the NWSL's Houston Dash.

The Dallas Wings have been in Arlington for almost eight years and play their games at UTA's College Park. The Wings originated in Detroit, then moved to Tulsa and they finally made their way to Texas. The Wings played their first ever home playoff game in September, 2021. The team has been built through free agency and has the youngest roster in the WNBA. The players traditionally play year around both in the United States and in Europe.

The Wings have just hired a new coach, Latricia Trammel. Coach Trammel last coached the Los Angeles Sparks, another WNBA team. Coach Trammel has a career coaching record of 255 wins and 131 losses. She brings new energy to the Wings with high expectations for the franchise.



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Relationships between “Twin Clubs” is done through a “Certificate of Recognition.” The City of Arlington already has an historical Sister City in Germany. Peter discussed establishing a Twin Club relationship with the Rotary Club in Rothenburg, Germany; the city who inspired our own Christkindl Market. After Board discussion, it was agreed that Peter continue in conversation with the Rotary Club in Rothenburg, Germany to become a Twin Club as long as no financial commitment is needed.

Several announcements were made:

There will a formal Webb School Goodbye on Wednesday, November 20th at 6. All Rotary members are invited to mark the occasion.

Cereal is needed for our Interact Group’s efforts at the Dan Dipert Career Center. Please bring the cereal to the December 1st or 8th Club meetings.

All t-shirt and polo shirt orders that are paid will be distributed starting Thursday, December 1st.

Annual Holiday Party – Friday, December 2nd from 6-9 pm at Julia & Moji Haddad’s Home – 3024 Shadow Drive, Arlington 76006. Be sure to register.

All Club photo for our 100th year will be taken on Thursday, December 15th prior to the Club meeting. Be sure to be on time to not miss out!

Upcoming Community Service Opportunities:

Friday, December 9, 10:00 am to 7 pm – Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Hobby Lobby on South Cooper.

Monday, December 19, 8:30 am to 2 pm – Arlington Charities Holiday Food Distribution

Committee reports were then given.



Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store."



Dr. Suess



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The WNBA just had a record- breaking season with tremendous viewership. One playoff game had over 1.1 million viewers, a 58% increase from last year. The social media utilized by the WNBA has over one billion engagements.

In 2021 the Wings founded the Dallas Wings Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is community outreach. The focus of the Foundation is women and girls; empowering young girls; promoting social justice; access to youth sports; health and wellness; and education.

Currently there are 12 WNBA teams with 144 players. The league has plans to expand to 14 teams beginning with the 2024 season.

Ms. Fucsi also works for the National Lacrosse League's Panther City Lacrosse Club. The Club plays its home games at Dickie's Arena in Fort Worth. The season home opener for the Club is scheduled for December 9, 2022.

Dan Blumberg provided the historical moment in order to recognize the past to inspire the future.

Victoria informed us that next program will be on December 1, 2022. The program will be James Orlosky-Rotary Dream Park Master Plan update. Prior to this presentation, we will have an all club meeting to nominate and elect club officers for 2023-2024.

The quote for this week: "Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life". – Robert Louis Stevenson

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 MEETING?

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

Password is: 4!DRT^Kk



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Susie and Tanis with some of the Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts from our club members.

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



Save the Dates Rotary Community Service Opportunities

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Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Hobby Lobby on South Cooper. Eight 1 hour slots.
2. Monday, December 19, 8:30 AM to 2 PM
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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Nov. 27—Dec. 3

Nov. 27 Jock Bethune
Nov. 28 Jeannie Deakyne
Nov. 21 Michael Wade
Nov. 30 Lou Ann O'Donnell
Dec. 1 Holly Potter-Harvey
Dec. 3 Jack Garbo

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)



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Tillie Burgin	11 Years	Dec. 1, 2011
Rick Jenkins	31 Years	Dec. 1, 1991
Calvin McKaig	54 Years	Dec. 2, 1968



Cindy Salter receives a warm welcome to the club by the usual suspects.



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Willie Rodriguez gives a wonderful Classification Talk. Don't bring up Turbo Tax with him; he recommends professionals.



Jen Fusci with the Dallas Wings presents information about the past, present, and future of the franchise.



Our hard working board of directors help guide the club. The amateur photographer didn't include our leader, President Victoria.

