

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

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In this edition: [Zoom Link](#), catering changes, 2022-23 officers and board, and more...

Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



What an awesome event this past Saturday, our annual Rotary Christmas Party! So much gratitude is in order for this event to our hosts, Mojoy and Julia Haddad, along with Diane Patrick and her Social Committee. In addition, thank you to all who attended and made the gathering so special. Blessings to all for this season of love.

Congratulations to the recently unveiled 2022-23 Board at last Thursday's lunch meeting. Special congratulations go out to our new President Elect Nominee, Barry Bondurant.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mike Jarrett's wife, Teresa, and family in his sudden passing.

This week we gather at the new AISD Center for Visual and Performing Arts to hear Dr. Marcelo Cavazos and the Bowie Varsity Mixed Choir.

This week we also have two outreach opportunities. On Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8th/9th, Camp Thurman is for the 6th grade students at Webb Elementary. We are serving lunch to the students both days so if you would like to help, please let Joy Bates know and be sure that you have signed up with AISD to be a volunteer.

In addition, we have volunteers for the day to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Hobby Lobby on South Cooper this Friday, December 10th.

Serve to change lives,

Kurt Bartley.

President, 2021-22

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos and the Bowie Varsity Mixed Choir
At the AISD Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

900 E Sanford St, Arlington, TX 76011

Not at the Church

COMING SOON

Dec. 16 Chris Cassidy, National Medal of Honor Museum President and CEO

IT HAPPENED LAST MEETING BY MALCOM CHAKERY

Speaker: Prudence Mathis, The David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation

Meeting called to order at 12:10 PM
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM
Prayer and Pledge by Sal Capuli
"God Bless America" – Everyone Acapella – led by Vera McKissic

Visiting Rotarians by: Jim Quick
There were no visiting Rotarians

Guests by: Jim Quick
Donna Mack - Denise Wilkerson
Kris Landrith - Rigien Jackson

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Prudence Mathis discusses the David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation.



Chad asks for input on catering issues.

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Announcements:

Diane Patrick announced that 84 members have RSVP'd for the Christmas Dinner.

Joy Bates announced that next Wednesday and Thursday the 6th grade students are going to Camp Thurman and asked for help stuffing backpacks. Available members are asked to help serve lunch on Wednesday and order Pizza's on Thursday.

Our next meeting will be at the AISD Performing Arts Center.

Susie McAlister shared the Nutcracker on Friday and Saturday.

Valerie Landry shared that Santa is coming to the Sanford House. Fundraiser for the Arlington Life Shelter. December 18th 2PM to 4PM.

Chad Bates, who chairs the committee for catering shared that food costs have increased and that the board voted unanimously to raise the cost of lunch beginning January 1st to \$15.

The club meeting was recessed to go into our annual meeting for election of officers and board members.

Dr. Victoria Farrar-Myers announced the slate of board members for the 2021 - 2022 year.

Advisors

1. Susie McAlister
2. Val Gibson

Director of Community Relations - Vera McKissic
Fund Development - Grace Whetstone
Rotary Foundation - Sally Hopper
Youth Services - Jill Regina
Vocational Service - Bryan Roberts
International Service - Scott Hendricks
Community Service Webb School - Joy Bates
Scholarships - Tommy Thompson
Community Service - Derrick Kinney
Public Relations - April Pettitt
Assistant Membership - Chris McMurrough
Membership - Randy Hendricks
Activities - Diane Patrick
Deputy Sergeant-at-arms - Malcolm Chakery
Sergeant-at-arms - Steve Brooks

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Keeping with tradition, the 2022-23 club board members were introduced at the holiday party.

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Treasurer - Kim Crawford
Assistant Secretary - Linda Gibson
Secretary - Heather Kipker
Past President - Kurt Bartley
President - Dr. Victoria Farrar-Myers
President Elect - Barry Bondurant

A motion was made to vote on the entire slate of officers was voted on and approved unanimously.

The annual meeting was closed and we returned to our regular meeting.

Don Mebus led us in singing Deck The Halls

Birthdays this week

Jeannie Deakyne November 28
Lou Ann O'Donnell November 30
Jack Garbo December 3
Carey Walker December 4

Anniversaries this week

Tillie Burgin 10 Years Dec. 1, 2011
Calvin McKaig 53 Years Dec. 2, 1968

Prudence Mathis, Public Relations and Awareness Director for The David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation was our speaker on December 2, 2021.

In October 1993, Rodney DeBaun from Grand Prairie, Texas, received a lifesaving heart transplant at the age of 36 years and his donor was 22-year old Air Force Second Lieutenant David Nicklas.

Prior to the transplant, Rodney was a real estate developer and athlete in perfect health. He noticed his stamina had been dropping and thought he had the flu when he went to a doctor in June 1993. He was told his heart was severely and permanently damaged and he only had a short time to live without a transplant, so he went on the transplant list in August of that year.

David Nicklas was valedictorian of his 1989 Graford High School class. In June 1993, he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant assigned to Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. In October 1993, David's vehicle was stolen on a Friday, he got a motorcycle on Saturday, and was involved in a tragic accident on Sunday resulting in

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“Christmas can't be bought from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more.”

Theodor Suess Geisel



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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Dec. 5 – Dec. 11

Ben Daskocil

December 9

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!)



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2022-23 Nominating Committee

Victoria Farrar-Myers	Chair, President-elect
Chris McMurrough	
Sarah Knotts	
Susie McAlister	
Val Gibson	

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David being placed on life support.

About 6 weeks prior to David's accident, David's grandfather, W. H. "Lucky" Bramlett, had been introduced to Rodney in a brief meeting by a mutual friend, Ken Johnson. The night the family was asked to make the decision to consider donating David's organs, Lucky was awoken from a deep sleep when he felt as if something physically jerked him up into a sitting position and the name "Rodney" flashed through his mind.

The family made the ultimate decision to donate David's organs, but only if his heart could go to Rodney. They were told it was unheard of for a donor family to specify a direct donation recipient, especially to someone not a family member, but the family held fast in their decision.

When Rodney's doctor found out about the donation, he cautioned Rodney to not get too excited as the heart would more than likely not be a match. Surprisingly, David's heart turned out to be a 100% match and Rodney received his gift of life from David on October 20, 1993 and was released just 9 days after his transplant!

After meeting his donor's family over Thanksgiving 1994, in 1995, Rodney and his wife, Isibelle, created the David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation in memory of David. At that time, the two families basically became one. Since 1996, David's sister, Rebecca Nicklas-Kelley, began working with the foundation, making it unique to be operated by both recipient and donor families.

As a pilot who owns planes, Rodney originally began providing no cost air transport to transplant patients living too far from a transplant center. The Foundation also participated in air shows across the nation to promote organ donor awareness.

Beginning in 2004, The Foundation began offering rent-free housing to transplant patients who live too far from a transplant center. To date, we have helped nearly 100 families from 15 states, with transplant patients as young as 4 months old and up to 72 years of age. The organ transplants have included hearts, kidneys, lungs, double lungs, and livers. When possible, we also proudly provide no cost air transport to wounded military veterans.

2022-23 Officers and Directors

President	Victoria Farrar-Myers
President-Elect	Barry Bondurant
Past President	Kurt Bartley
Secretary	Heather Kipker
Treasurer	Kim Crawford
Sergeant-at-Arms	Steve Brooks
Director Club Service — Membership	Randy Hendricks
Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms	Malcom Chakery
Assistant Secretary	Linda Gibson
Director Club Service-Social Activities	Diane Patrick
Director Community Service	Derrick Kinney
Director Scholarships	Tommy Thompson
Director Community Service—Webb School	Joy Bates
Director International Service	Scott Hendricks
Director Vocational Service	Bryan Roberts
Director Youth Service	Jill Regina
Director Rotary Foundation	Sally Hopper
Director Fund Development	Grace Whetstone
Director Community Relations	Vera McKissic
Advisor	Val Gibson
Advisor	Susie McAlister



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Val Gibson 29 Years Dec. 10, 1992



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