



CENTENNIAL 1923 - 2023

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In this edition: <u>Zoom Link</u>, incredible Rotary anniversaries, Interact Club, and more...

Victoria's Vignettes



Our Rotary year has reached its halfway point. Already new business recognitions have been created, new members have joined us, we have recalled our past history of our club, and even dusted off a few traditions that tie us together with nuggets of the past. Our slate of officers for 2023-2024 have been elected and our current 2022-2023 Board and Foundation are hard at work ensuring a smooth rest of the year with the joyous celebration of our Centennial to cap off this most special of Rotary years. When we started back in July together, we talked of this year as being a bridge between what we were, to who we are, to who we aspire to be in the next 100 years. This is not unlike the inventory we all do at this time of year as we take stock of our year, celebrate our wins and learn from our losses, and enter the new year with a new sense of excitement and hope (and one or two New Year's resolution we hope make it through the end of January!).

So let it be resolved that in this New Year we tell the story of who the Rotary Club of Arlington is and what we together accomplish every year. May you recall the hundreds, now probably thousands, of lives that have been touched through membership, community service, investments in our children both at Webb and in Arlington, and the lives internationally through our own projects and collectively through our dues to Rotary International. May you always remember your Rotary family is here, and that Thursday noon is a time of fellowship and solace in what ordinarily is the hectic grind of life. So, on behalf of the Board

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Centennial Club Photo <u>at Noon Sharp, then</u> Martin Show Choir

COMING SOON

Dec. 22 No Meetings & 29

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Jan 5 RYLA and Classification Talks

IT HAPPENED LAST MEETING BY LEEANN CHENOWETH LAWSON

President Victoria Farrar-Myers called our meeting to order. Walter Virden led us in the pledge and pray. Pianist Kathleen Smith accompanied our singing of "God Bless America."

Sally Hopper reminded us to record our hours and when putting Rotary on social media, use #arlingtonrotary and #arlingtonrotary100. She also reminded us that our group photo will be taken next week at noon! Be sure to be on time for that!

Birthdays: Carey Walker Dec 4, Ben Doskocil Dec. 9 Anniversaries: Val Gibson 30 years

Sara Knotts thanks the Haddad's for hosting the holiday party, as we raised \$3600!

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and officers, may you and those you hold most dear enjoy the holiday season! We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Victoria

President, 2022-23

P.S. I would personally like to ask each member to come to this week's club meeting on December 15th to commemorate our centennial with our 100th Anniversary All Club photo. See you at **NOON sharp!**

EACH ONE BRING ONE



Save the Date
Rotary Community Service Opportunities

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

Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand."



Ted Geisel

Rotary Club of Arlington

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Valerie Landry reminded us that Santa will be at the Sanford House Sat. Dec. 10, from 1-3! Feel free to take photos with Santa and holiday décor around the property, and enjoy complimentary hot chocolate. Sanford House will be accepting canned goods for the organization Christmas Providers.

Also, a pick up truck is needed to get 12 bikes to Webb Elementary.

Linda Gibson is a board member of Symphony Arlington and reminded us of the Christmas concert next Thursday. Tickets at www.symphonyarlington.org.

Barry Bondurant introduced our program, which was a wonderful production of A Christmas Carol, by our very own members. It was like listening to an old fashioned radio show and everyone put great personality into their characters! This adaptation from the Charles Dickens' novel was by Anthony E Palermo, as was the music and score. Cast:

Dan Blumberg, charity seeker, ghost of Marley, and Buck

Bonnie Harris, first spirit and Tiny Tim

Vera McKissic, second spirit and Scrooge's sister

Heather Kipker, Scrooge's early sweetheart, Belle, and also Mrs. Cratchit

Benjamin Harris, narrator

Don Mebus, Scrooge

Mac Martin, Scrooge's nephew

Kurt Bartley, Bob Cratchit

Final thought" "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone," by Charles Schultz.

Victoria Farrar-Myers led us in the 4 way test and we were dismissed.

MISS LAST MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed by clicking HERE.

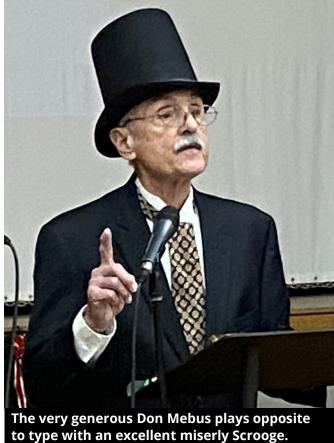
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Our Interact Club's first project is to collect and distribute breakfast cereal to those in need.







BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund Dec. 11 — Dec. 31

Dec. 13 Ajay Sobti

Dec. 13 Eunice Currie

Dec. 18 Charles Brady

Dec. 18 Sheila Haddad Nagy

Dec. 19 Kay King

Dec. 20 Melody Fowler

Dec. 20 Stephanie Melchert

Dec. 24 Bob Griffin

Dec. 26 Victoria Farrar-Myers

Dec. 30 Marc Prda

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."

Jennifer Cathcart 3 Years Dec. 12, 2019 Don Mebus 48 Years Dec. 12, 1974 Steve Kunkel 30 Years Dec. 17, 1992 Kay King 22 Years Dec. 21, 2000







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You sure don't want to miss out on being in the Club photo on Thursday! Above: Here are some oldies but goodies – Left side are years 1936, 1942, and 1948. Down the right side are 1954, 1960 and 1966. The pictures are small for publication-do you recognize anyone?





