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In this edition: Zoom meeting link, Two New Members, and more...

President's Message

By Susie Wine McAlister



'm so proud of our Rotary Club! This is my last president's column of the year and this week's Rotary meeting will mark the end of the first half of the Rotary year. Although Covid 19 has been a major disruptor, we still can look back on some major Rotary achievements. Our own PDG, Peter Scott led a tremendous fund-raising effort districtwide to provide funds for food banks and medical supplies in the area.

In this season of giving, our club has really provided some holiday happiness. We adopted over 100 Angels with over \$11,000 in gift value. Our group of merry little bell ringers raised almost \$700 ringing the bell for Salvation Army's red kettle campaign at Hobby Lobby. This week we are coordinating with the other Rotary Clubs in Arlington to provide goods to Arlington Charities, which is run by our own Deb Coppola, which was devasted by the November tornado.

We had a wonderful cocktail hour last Thursday evening to celebrate the season and the board for 2021-2022. It's our tradition to announce the next board at our annual meeting in December and then celebrate with the Holiday Party. This year we had to improvise and celebrate by Zoom. It was nice, but not the same as face to face, with hugs and high-fives. Toasts were made, best wishes were given, as we reflected on accomplishments past, and look forward to more to come.

Sen. Beverly Powell

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

"Texas Senate District 10"

COMING SOON

Happpy **Holidays** **Merry Christmas**

Happier 2021!

Jan 7

Kirk King, FACHE

Texas Health Resources

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY By Bonnie S. Harris

The weekly Zoom meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington was called to order by President Susie McAlister on Thursday December 10, 2020. Peter Scott shared the prayer and led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." Walter Virden then blessed us with a beautiful a cappella version of "God Bless America."

Visitors Emmit Rodrigues and LeeAnne Chenoweth-Lawson were warmly greeted and welcomed. Sixty -five Rotary members were present and thanked for their attendance at today's meeting which fulfills the quorum required for voting/electing next year's slate of officers later in the meeting.

Peter Scott's membership moment included a huge

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So in this season of family, love, and tradition; let us enjoy our families, and remember the reason for the season.

Susie Wine McAlister President, 2020-21

PROPOSED MEMBERS

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Classification: Business Service — Internet Marketing (Active)

> Sponsor: Clete McAlister Mentor: Esteban Blanco

LeeAnne Chenoweth

Classification: Cultural Arts — Music Performance

Sponsor: Peter Scott Mentor: Mary Tom Curnutt

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ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETINGClick This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772

Passcode: 1923 One tap mobile

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"thank you" to all the members who have invited guests to our meetings despite the handicap of not meeting in person. Zoom has served its purpose; although it is not as cozy and personal as getting to meet someone face-to-face. A big congratulation was given for the new members who have joined our club this past year despite COVID restrictions. Keep up the good work and don't keep Rotary a secret!

Dianne Patrick, our club's "Director of Fun" announced that tonight, December 10 at 6PM is our Annual Rotary Christmas party via Zoom whereby the current Board members will be celebrating a toast for next year's incoming Board members. Don't forget, it is BYOB!

Kris Landrith sadly reported that the Arlington Margarita Society's annual Christmas toy drive that has been collecting and giving toys to the needy children of Arlington for the past 37 years was a dismal disappointment. They have barely received 400 toys whereas in the past the toy numbers exceeded 1500. If you have it in your heart to help, please bring an unwrapped toy, a check, a donation, or green cash Mr. Landrith's office at 601 W. Abrams Street ASAP. Call Chris Landrith if you have any questions.

Our weekly Rotary meeting was recessed by President Susie McAlister. Our annual Rotary Club of Arlington's meeting was then called to order by President Susie McAlister. Kurt Bartley announced and posted the slate of nominees for the year 2021 -2022. No discussion occurred. The slate of nominees was unanimously elected. The Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Arlington was adjourned. The new board is listed in your hubcap.

The weekly meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington was resumed. Sallie Hopper announced birthdays, anniversaries and named Rotary Foundation donors.

Our program today was given by Dr. John Wayman, Music Education Coordinator and Choral Director at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Wayman has directed elementary through college choirs throughout the nation. His expertise is in great demand in both the private and educational sectors. Here in the DFW area, DeSoto High School has become one of his partnership high schools with shared talents and students. Dr. Wayman is the current President Elect for the National

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Association for Music Education. He was voted "professor of the year" at UTA and his glowing resume reaffirms his passion and love for music and music education. He went on to explain that there is power in music that can not be found in any other discipline. Music is both an art and a science. Children who are taught to sing or play an instrument develop an appreciation of music that is life long. Research shows that children who discover and learn to read music at an early age make better grades, develop high self-esteem, and build positive social connections. students at UTA come from a variety of backgrounds, languages and cultures; but the universal language of music breaks all barriers. Before the COVID shutdown, there were 33 students in The University Singers program. Today, there are 104 singers. The students meet in a large auditorium, wear masks, separate with 8 foot distance, and practice only 30 minutes a week. He said that the kids' emotions are high (due to a variety of stressors, hurdles, unknowns, and fears) but when they start singing together, the world is left behind as they transcend to another level (peace, joy and compassion). We were treated to three musical selections: Sarah Bartley sang a solo version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas;" Desoto High School Women's Choir directed by Pamela Dawson sang "Merry Christmas Darling;" and The University Singers sang "Amidst the Winter Snow" directed by Dr. John Wayman himself. What a wonderful program to lead us into the Spirit of Christmas.

A book was donated to the Webb Elementary School Library in Dr. John Wayman's honor. Kris Landrith gave the "Last Laugh" and we were dismissed after reciting the Four-Way Test and the ringing of the bell.

Board of Directors: 2021-22

NAME	OFFICE
KURT BARTLEY	PRESIDENT
VICTORIA FARRAR-MYERS	PRESIDENT-ELECT
SUSIE MCALISTER	PAST PRESIDENT
MIA RUSSO	SECRETARY
HEATHER KIPKER	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KIM CRAWFORD	TREASURER
STEVE BROOKS	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
DIANE PATRICK	CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES
PDG PETER SCOTT	CLUB SERVICE MEMBERSHIP
RANDY HENDRICKS	CLUB SERVICE, ASST. MEMBERSHIP
APRIL PETTITT	CLUB SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS
DERRICK KINNEY	COMMUNITY SERVICE
TOMMY THOMPSON	SCHOLARSHIPS
JOY BATES	COMMUNITY SERVICE WEBB SCHOOL
SCOTT HENDRICKS	INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
BRYAN ROBERTS	VOCATIONAL SERVICE
ESTEBAN BLANCO	YOUTH SERVICES
SALLY HOPPER	ROTARY FOUNDATION
DIXON HOLMAN	FUND DEVELOPMENT
VERA MCKISSIC	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
MARY TOM CURNUTT	ADVISOR
JOYCE STANTON	ADVISOR

MISS THE LAST MEETING?

The recording of the last Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time by clicking HERE.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Steve Kunkel 28 Years Dec. 17, 1992 Jose Desse 1 Year Dec. 19, 2019 Kay King 20 Years Dec. 21, 2000



President Elect Kurt Bartley with his daughter Sarah. Sarah sang as part of the program.





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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund Dec. 13– Dec. 31

Dec. 13 Ajay Sobti

Dec. 18 Charles Brady

Dec. 18 Sheila Haddad Nagy

Dec. 19 Kay King

Dec. 20 Melody Fowler

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. (Please note this is the **Rotary Foundation** not the Arlington Rotary Foundation. Thanks!)



Dr. John Wayman, Assistant Professor at UTA provided our Holiday Music Program.

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<u>Foundation</u> as the beneficiary, then a portion of your purchase will go to our foundation. **Do this**<u>today</u>, so our foundation will benefit during the Christmas shopping season.

