



Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap



The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

December 3, 2020

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President's Message

By **Susie Wine McAlister**



It's December, a time when we usually celebrate family, friends, and traditions. This year is different. As our community has families that suffer economically, and by natural disaster last week, there is a lot we can do to help those that are suffering. Traditionally, our club has supported at least 50 Salvation Army Angels in the past few years. We increased those angels to 75 this year and all were adopted immediately. In addition to the traditional Salvation Army Angels from the Angel Tree, we have also supported more than 25 "Forgotten Angels" with donations from our caring members. These "Forgotten Angels" are children, and seniors, that could be homeless, in a shelter or foster care. I am proud to say that our club has absolutely stepped up and increased the support this year.

There is another project which we have been asked to help with. The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is a tradition we all know where volunteers are greeting shoppers and ringing the bell for donations. In this time of COVID, this also has met with problems, volunteer shortage. Our club has volunteered in the past and is committed this year to ring the bell on Friday, December 4th at Hobby Lobby at I-20 and South Cooper. There is plenty of room to distance from the entry doors and the shoppers, but still close enough to share a

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Cindy Salter

*"Navigating the Times...
One Cup of Coffee at a Time"*

COMING SOON

Dec. 10 [Dr. John Wayman](#) *Holiday Music Medley*
[UTA Asst. Professor](#)

Dec. 10 [Sen. Beverly Powell](#) *State Senate District 10*

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 November 19, 2020. Maggie Campbell shared the "Peace Prayer" and led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." Don Mebus then blessed us with a beautiful vocal version of "God Bless America" while he played the guitar.

A small number of visitors and visiting Rotarians were warmly greeted and welcomed.

Tanis Garrett thanked everyone for their generous response to the "Angel Tree" gift requests provided by the Salvation Army. In fact, we were initially given 50 tickets; but there were so many people

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holiday greeting. Please consider volunteering for an hour shift or more.

The Holidays are here, let's share the spirit!

Susie Wine McAllister
President, 2020-21

Don't Forget to Return Your Angel Tree Gifts!

Be sure to label everything in the bag.

(UPAC)

Lakewood Center
2304 W. Park Row #27
Pantego, 76013



December 1 4:00 to 7:00
December 2 10:00 am to Noon

To make other arrangements, contact
Tanis Garrett, tgarett313@msn.com or
Susie at susiemcal@gmail.com

Be a Bell Ringer

Rotary will ring the bell at
Hobby Lobby
Friday, Dec.4.

Contact Susie, susiemcal@gmail.com
to sign up for a 1 hour shift.



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from our club that wanted to participate, we added 25 more for a total of seventy-five angels. It is generosity such as this that makes us proud to be Rotarians! The deadline for bringing your gift bag is December 3. Contact Tanis Garrett or Susie McAllister for drop off locations.

Kris Landrith reminded us of the Annual Margarita Society Ball. For the price of an unwrapped child's gift, you will receive drinks, food, fun and dancing (virtual or drive-by of course). This is the 28th year that they have provided gifts for the children of Arlington. Call Kris Landrith if you would like to participate.

Peter Scott reminded us of the ongoing efforts by leadership to refine and redefine Rotary's membership model. There are no restrictions other than recruiting people who want to serve, people who want to be active in the community, people with a desire for world peace and people who want to help people. Last year our district received several awards for financial giving, community projects and community service. Despite the barriers that COVID has placed before us, Mr. Scott encouraged all Rotarians to continue to invite, share, bring guests, and recruit new members.

Happy Birthday were given to those with birthdays this week (listed in your Hubcap). Don't forget that it is a fun tradition to write a check to the Rotary Foundation for the number of years you are "old." This is just another way we can "give back" to the wonderful service projects that are going on all over the world!

Norma Love, our main contact in Honduras and La Mosquitia people of Gracias A Dios contacted several members of our club and put out a plea for donations to the Norma I. Love Foundation via PayPal. The hurricanes that hit last month completely wiped out her home, her school and the buildings associated with her school in Mocoron. Everything will have to be rebuilt and she is asking for financial assistance not only for rebuilding her school, but also for food for the children. Food is scarce due to the flooding. For more information, you can contact Scott Hendricks, Earl Harcrow or Bonnie Harris.

Kurt Bartley introduced our speaker, Dr. Jason E. Shelton, Chair of Arlington Unity Council,

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ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

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[pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFEEd2xKVFlaNjNtQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFEEd2xKVFlaNjNtQT09)

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Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

Buddha



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commissioned by the Arlington City Council. The back story is that in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, a black man by Derek Chauvin, a white police officer and the ensuing national outcry of the people; the Arlington City Council, passed resolution #20-147 (as well as multiple others) on June 9, 2020 "affirming The City of Arlington's commitment to equity for its residents of all racial, ethnic and national origins."

That same month, The Arlington Police Department updated its use of force policies in alignment with #8CANTWAIT Project, a national movement for reform of policies and procedures in police departments all over the United States.

On June 23, 2020, The Arlington City Council established "The Unity Council" whose task was to study, to gather data, and to make recommendations to city leaders for making changes within our city to promote and encourage greater equality and equity for its citizens. Thus Dr. Shelton, highly qualified in the study of sociology, research and leadership, accepted the chairperson position. Local citizens, business owners and leaders make up the body of the committee.

The scope of analysis for evaluation includes: economic disparities, education and workforce training, housing, health and wellness, policing and criminal justice. Quantitative analysis comes from city statistics, US census, Arlington demographic and economic data, police reports, city real estate and housing records, AISD data, etc. Qualitative analysis is obtained through focus groups, town hall meetings, interviews with local citizens, pastors, business owners and community leaders. The deadline for the compilation of all the data, its analysis and recommendations is due to be presented to the mayor and city council February 2021! Needless to say, this is a daunting task.

Dr. Shelton gave some preliminary results of the findings; although it is too early for a comprehensive report until all the information been compiled. Those of us who live and work in Arlington must wait until February to savor the

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Here's How Amazon SMILE Purchases Can Benefit the **ARLINGTON ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Shop Amazon Smile and designate Arlington Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary, then a portion of your purchase will go to our foundation. **Do this today**, so our foundation will benefit during the Christmas shopping season.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Report to the Board of Directors
November 2020
by Foundation Director, Sally Hopper

Polio Plus

Annual Goal for this Year: \$5,000

Donations to Date: \$1,373

Annual Fund/EREY

Annual Goal for this Year: \$15,000

Donations to Date: \$4,801

Paul Harris Fellows

Goal: 10

PHF to Date: 6 presented, 1 on order

Total Donations to date this year: \$6,174



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CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Tillie Burgin **9 Years** **Dec. 1, 2011**
Honorary

Calvin McKaig **52 Years** **Dec. 2, 1968**

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final results of the Unity Council's hard work and recommendations for making Arlington a better place to live.

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



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Nov. 22 – Dec. 5

Nov. 23 **Esteban Blanco**

Nov. 27 **Jock Bethune**

Nov. 30 **Lou Ann O'Donnell**

Dec. 3 **Jack Garbo**

Dec. 4 **Carey Walker**

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!)



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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Dr. Jason E. Shelton reports on the activities of the Arlington Unity Council which he chairs.

