

# Rotary Club of Arlington



# Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

March 11, 2021

**In this edition:** [Zoom meeting link](#), Mayor Jeff Williams, proposed member, and more...

## President's Message

By Susie Wine McAlister



**M**ARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

Let's look at Women in Rotary history: March 10, 1988, the first woman was admitted to the Rotary Club of Arlington. Mary Jean Moloney celebrates 33 years in Rotary this week and is the first female member of our club. Considering our club was chartered in 1923, it wasn't until 2006 that the first female president Lisann Peters was elected to lead our club. Lisann (who was also my mentor) did so much for the club and Webb Elementary, where now there is a Reading Oasis named for her. Lisann was also the creator of the Read With Rotary program whereby every student at Webb receives a book of their choosing to take home.

Another fun fact, that in the 98 years of our history, there have only been five female presidents of our club. The first was Lisann Peters 2006-2007, then Joyce Stanton 2014-2015, Valerie Landry 2016-2017, Mary Tom Curnutt 2018-2019, and now the present serving 2020-2021.

In 2021-2022, a woman will serve as our District Governor. Kayla Christensen of Abilene will be the 5<sup>th</sup> female District Governor in 106 years of District 5790 history following current DG Roger Paschal and PDG Peter Scott.

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY Four-Way Test Speech Contest

### COMING SOON

**March 18** [Devon Allen](#) Tarrant County  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**March 25** [Paul Alexander](#) *Three Minutes for a  
Dog: My Life in an  
Iron Lung*

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By LeeAnne Lawson

**P**RESIDENT SUSIE MCALISTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. The prayer and pledge of allegiance was led by Sal Capuli. Donna Mack sang "God Bless America," beautifully. We need prayer/pledge leaders for March!

Guests for today: Veronica Rodriguez, who will become a member soon, and Edie Cravens, niece of Mary Tom Cravens Curnutt. Edie is a Cinderella Candidate for the Cinderella Ball supporting Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Edie is deserving of your financial support for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Steve Brooks announced that the books, "Three Minutes for a Dog" have arrived. Bryan Roberts announced that the Four-Way Test competition will be at our zoom meeting next

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In 2022-2023, the Rotary International President will be a woman for the first time in the organization's 115 year history. Jennifer E. Jones of Ontario-Canada holds this honor. This truly is history in the making.

Women's History Month / Rotary Women in History, it's a time to celebrate all of our history.

*Susie Wine McAllister*

**President, 2020-21**



## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
March 7 – March 13

**March 10** Blake Kretz

**March 11** Tanis Garrett

**March 12** Tim Moloney

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 Foundation. Thanks!)

## ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFE2xKVFlaNjNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772

Passcode: 1923

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week. He needed judges and a timer. He got volunteer judges and Jim Quick volunteered to be the timer.

Sally Hopper announced birthdays: Derrick Kinney and Earl Harcrow this week. She also congratulated many Rotarians on their anniversaries which added up to 145 years!

Kurt Bartley introduced our speaker for the day, Mayor Jeff Williams. Williams complimented our club on our services and spoke about the recent energy outages and ERCOT. He showed us the storm recovery website: [arlingtontx.gov/stormrecovery.org](http://arlingtontx.gov/stormrecovery.org). Here, one can learn about where to go to receive help with food, shelter, storage, insurance questions, and help with pipe damage. Williams mentioned that we didn't open stadiums for warming centers because there was no guarantee that those places wouldn't have a power outage. He was thankful to all those city workers who helped deliver water to hospitals and other rescue services, plus the workers at vaccination centers. City workers also helped apartment complexes with out-of-state owners deal with water/pipe problems. He was also thankful to our community for keeping us all informed about the state of our water, and the number for help is 817-459-6777.

Williams went on to explain that Governor Abbott visited here 6 weeks ago and complemented Arlington on the vaccine centers. Williams then read Gov. Abbott's statement about ending the mask mandate to prove that Abbott did not say not to wear them or stop being cautious. Arlington was chosen as a FEMA vaccine site. The mayor has worked hard to get more funding for more vaccine sites. The cost is \$400k per week! Our Arlington budget has been hurt by the decrease in tourism during the Covid era. Mayor Williams is chairman of Metro Economies Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Mayor Williams had been invited to the White House during the Trump administration six times, but also recently by the Biden administration. He met with a group of governors and mayors in the oval office to discuss vaccines and direct fiscal assistance. William said we are a top 10 city in tourism and business innovation! The Unity Council will receive a national award soon. We are the 46<sup>th</sup> largest city in the USA.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & ADVISORS 2020-21

President	Susie Wine McAlister
President Elect	Kurt Bartley
Secretary	Mia Russo
Treasurer	James McCroskey
Sergeant - at- Arms	Steve Brooks
Immediate Past President	Tom Ware
Assistant Secretary	Heather Kipker
Club Service, Social Activities	Diane Patrick
Club Service, Membership	PDG, Peter Scott
Club Service, Asst. Membership	Randy Hendricks
Club Service, Public Image	April Pettitt
Community Service, Youth Service	Esteban Blanco
Community Service, Webb School	Joy Bates
Community Service, Scholarships	Tommy Thompson
Community Service	Derrick Kinney
Community Relations	Vera McKissic
Vocational Service	Bryan Roberts
International Service	Scott Hendricks
Rotary International Foundation	Sally Hopper
Fund Development	Dixon Holman
Advisor	Sam Scott
Advisor	Joyce Stanton

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The mayor then spoke of Downtown Arlington and how it has been revitalized, from the new library, to restaurants, to the expansion of missions. Theatre Arlington is expanding and the Arlington Museum of Art has a great exhibit coming soon, on tour from a museum in Miami. The museum is also the performance home of Timeless Concerts... hahaha!

We learned that East Arlington has great potential and new housing (Bel Air on Abrams) has been built. The EnVision center, a one stop shop for families in need, has helped those who need affordable housing. AISD Dan Dipert technical Center has been built in East Arlington, also. The Ben Thann Plaza is a wonderful addition, as well as Arlington Logistics Center. Nanoscope Technologies moved into the former East Branch Library. Another exciting plan is that all east Arlington AISD elementary schools will be rebuilt! The AISD Center for Visual and Performing Arts and the Athletics Complex have opened. The new East Library includes a recreation center and it is now open. Andy Nguyen, Linda Dipert, and current County Commissioner, Devon Allen worked to create the International Corridor on Pioneer Parkway. Believe it or not, it is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Six Flags Over Texas theme park! I remember as a child in Oklahoma being so excited about my parents taking me there! Then, I took MY kids there!

The area around the sports stadiums continues to see more hotel rooms built and, as we heard last week, the old Rangers Ballpark will be repurposed. It was a great gain for Arlington to host the NLCS and the World Series during Covid shutdown. National Finals Rodeo came to Globe Life Field because Las Vegas was shut down and we weren't! It also was a great thing that we got the 2021 Rose Bowl from California! Arlington has innovation in transportation too with VIA on demand; it goes anywhere in Arlington or the Centreport station for access to the rest of the Metroplex. Mayor Williams thanked the city council for creating the Unity Council to help bring us all together. He mentioned that the National Medal of Honor museum is on its way to being built.

Then, there was a question/answer session with the mayor. The state of the city address can be found on the city website, and April 16 is the Mayor's community prayer breakfast. That will be followed

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**The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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**Mayor Jeff Williams tells his club about all the great things happening in Arlington.**

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by the Unite Arlington, Work Weekend, April 17-18.

A book honoring our mayor was donated to Webb Elementary School. The title is "Pass Go", and it explains how the game of Monopoly was created. Tom Ware gave us the last laugh, with a story about the Mayor's visit to an elementary school and the funny, but sometimes clever questions kids ask. The quote for the week: "What I've really learned over time is that optimism is a very, very important part of leadership," by Bob Iger

The Four-Way Test was recited and we were adjourned. 🍪

### PROPOSED MEMBER

**Bill Daley**

**Classification: Medical Service—Information  
Technology (Active)**

**Sponsor: Mary Jean Moloney**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**ARLINGTON CHARITIES**

**MARCH 26, 8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM**

**SIGN UP AT [ARLINGTONROTARY.COM](https://arlingtonrotary.com)**

**[CALENDAR TAB](#)**



### Special Polio Event Coming Soon

**Y**OU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUR PROGRAM ON MARCH 25! Paul Alexander has lived in an iron lung for nearly 70 years! He and Paul Brown, his friend of 50 years, will tell us about his experience with Polio and how it changed his world forever. See the flier (p.6) for details on how to get your copy of his book, "Three Minutes for a Dog, My Life in an Iron Lung", and raise funds for Polio Plus!



### CONGRATULATIONS!

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

<b>Paul Burnett</b>	<b>20 Years</b>	<b>March 8, 2001</b>
<b>Mary Jean Moloney</b>	<b>33 Years</b>	<b>March 10, 1988</b>
<b>Dan Blumberg</b>	<b>35 Years</b>	<b>March 13, 1986</b>
<b>Pat Conner</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>March 17, 2016</b>



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**Centennial Committee members, President Susie, committee chair Val, PN Victoria, historian Hal Thurow, and PE Kurt. Susie is holding the club's charter while Victoria and Hal are holding bound volumes of Hubcaps (or Hub Caps as they were then called) dating back to 1947.**

*Condolences to Melody Fowler and her husband Larry on the passing of Larry's father, Sheriff Larry Fowler.*



*Condolences to the Waldrop family on the passing of former member Thomas Coleman Waldrop.*

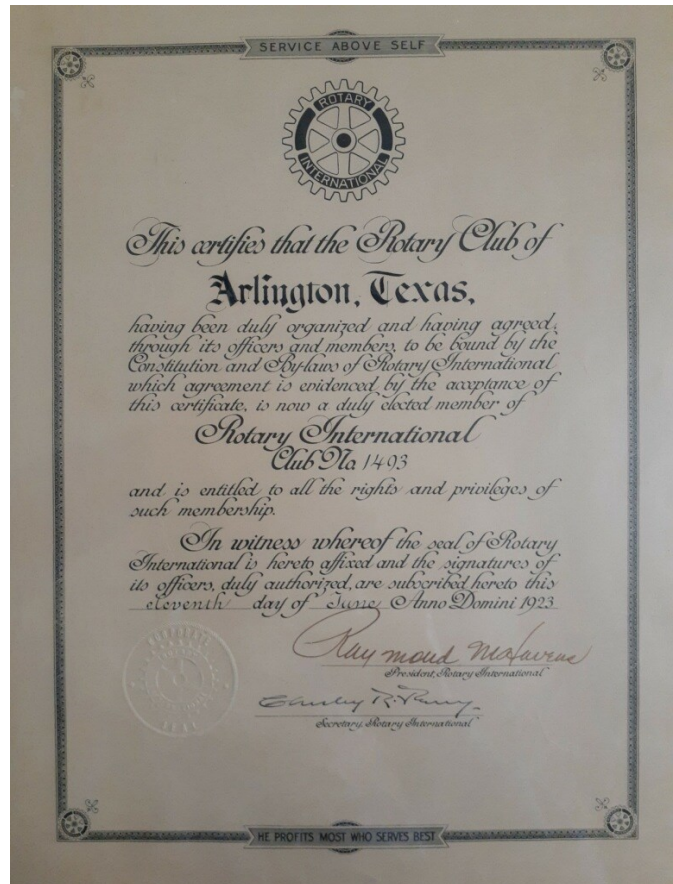
### MISS THE LAST MEETING?

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

[HERE](#). Passcode: Xa61uz#\*

### Great Links to Click

[ArlingtonRotary.com](http://ArlingtonRotary.com)  
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)  
[Rotary District 5790](#)  
[Rotary International](#)



**EACH ONE  
BRING ONE**



Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

**Helen Keller**



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### THREE MINUTES FOR A DOG...

My Life in an Iron Lung

by Paul R. Alexander  
With assistance from Norman D. Brown



# END POLIO NOW

March 25, 12:00-1:00 Rotary Club of Arlington

Regular Weekly Meeting

Guest Speakers: Paul R. Alexander and Norman D. (Paul) Brown

Paul A. may be the last living person in an iron lung!

Challenge: Every Rotarian Makes \$50 donation, at least \$30 will go to End Polio Now!

Arlington Rotary will provide you a hardcover copy of Paul's book.

You will enjoy reading prior to the meeting if you purchase ASAP!

(4-5 week lead time on orders) Pay online: <https://arlingtonrotary.com/>

**If paying a different amount, enter it here:**

**Enter Amount** \$

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**Donate**

Checks to be made payable to [Rotary Club of Arlington](#) and sent to:

**Sally Hopper, 3409 Viscount Drive, Arlington, TX 76016**

If you want a Kindle version, text Steve Brooks **817-774-5844**

We will have a pickup site similar to Angel Tree.

You will want to read the book and attend this experience of a lifetime!

