# Hubcap

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In this edition: Zoom meeting link, Devan Allen, service opportunity, and more...

President's Message

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By Susie Wine McAlister

Last Friday, your Rotary Club Board of Directors met together at Legacy Financial. It was really exciting to actually see Rotarians in-person and interacting. With Spring Break, several board members were out of town but we still had 10 members in person with 4 on zoom. Even though no motions were made, there was a lot of discussion on several matters and some great brainstorming. That just doesn't happen on a total zoom meeting! Highlights from the meeting are listed below:

**Past-President Tom Ware** reported that the E-Books Project for Webb Elementary is well underway. The librarian will be ordering some of the electronic books and report back as to their success.

**Derrick Kinney, Community Service**, has been working on the videos for our District Grant for the Arlington Life Shelter. He sent a sample to the shelter for comment and it looks great! We have a group volunteering at Arlington Charities Friday, March 26 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

**Peter Scott, Membership Director,** reported on results from his committee's meetings where procedures were discussed and some actions that they are taking. We have added some great members and hope to bring in a few more.

**Vera McKissic, Community Relations**, hopes that we will volunteer during the Unite Arlington weekend to be held April 16-April 18. She is checking on some of the projects and will let us (Continued on page 2)

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PEOPLE OF ACTION

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

# Paul Alexander

<u>Three Minutes for a Dog: My Life</u> <u>in an Iron Lung</u> COMING SOON

April 1	<u>Ryan Dodson</u> &	Downtown Arlington
	<u>Alex Bryant</u>	
April 8	Dr. Jim Quick & Jeff Whitfield	Rotary Peace Fellowships

#### **IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY**

#### By Carey F. Walker

President Susie Wine McAlister called our weekly meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Stacy Bridger offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Mebus sang "God Bless America". Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced. VanDella Menifee and Veronica Griffin were guests of Malcom Chakery and Vera McKissic, respectively.

Steve Brooks reminded us of Paul Alexander's book, "Three Minutes for A Dog". The book is on sale to raise money for the End Polio Now Campaign. A fifty- dollar donation will benefit this program and reward you with a copy of this book.

Derrick Kinney informed us of a free food giveaway (Continued on page 2)

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know where we can serve best.

**Diane Patrick, Director of Fun,** announced our first social of the year which will be held at Urban Alchemy on April 23 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. For \$25 per person you will receive 2 glasses of wine, appetizers, and in-person social time with fellow Rotarians. More info coming!

**Scott Hendricks, International Service** Director's report is included in this Hubcap with lots of information about our international grants. Please read and see what all we are doing.

**Sally Hopper's Foundation** Report will be in next week's Hubcap after all the funds from the book sales are tallied.

Several other important topics were addressed like our new website; please check it out, it is changing daily. The Centennial Committee is meeting and will be contacting Rotarians to help in several areas, and of course, the constant discussion of in-person weekly meetings. We will be surveying the membership soon as to your thoughts and wishes on the possibilities. Lots of good ideas were shared, good work is being done, and they will definitely build good will and better friendships.

*Susie Wine McAlister* President, 2020-21

# EACHONE BRINGONE

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?

pwd=QytreIQ3bitINVFEd2xKVFIaNjNtQT09 Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772 Passcode: 1923

One tap mobile

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at Arlington Charities. Derrick also made an appeal for Rotarians to volunteer at this very worthwhile charity so that we might serve together.

Diane Patrick announced that an upcoming social event will be held at Urban Alchemy on Friday, April 23. The event will be held on the patio from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Appetizers will be served and more details about this event will follow.

We installed a new member, which is the most important business we do during our regular weekly meetings. The new member is Bill Daley. His sponsor is Mary Jean Moloney. His mentor is Tom Ware.

Sally Hopper announced that Rotarians Kurt Bartley, Chad Bates, Clyde Godfrey and Joyce Stanton were celebrating birthdays last week. Sally informed us that she received a birthday checks made to The Rotary Foundation from Mary Jean Moloney, Kurt Bartley and Joe Way. Sally also announced that Pat Conner is celebrating a Rotary anniversary: five years.

Bryan Roberts introduced the speaker and the program for the day. The speaker was Devan Allen, Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct Two. Ms. Allen is a devoted public servant invested in the fight for Tarrant County in the areas of transportation, affordable housing, criminal justice, economic development and other critical issues. She is a former EMT and is dedicated to expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare. Ms. Allen has dedicated most of her adult life to public service and is known for her passion, her diplomacy and her keen ability to solve complex problems. She has served on numerous boards, commissions and а host of non-profit organizations. In 2015 Fort Worth CEO Magazine named her one of "20 Women to Watch in Business". Ms. Allen is Founder and Principal of Allen Realty Advisors and a proud UTA Maverick, having graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2010. She lives in Arlington and is (Continued on page 3)



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#### COVID Disaster Relief Global Grant 2012827

#### By Scott Hendricks

One of the few bright spots about 2020 and the COVID pandemic was the way Rotarians in District 5790 stepped up to help their fellow residents in need in North Texas. After RI ran low on funding and District 5790 was not able to get a special grant from The Rotary Foundation, our district leaders decided to apply for a "reverse" Global Grant to address the medical and food related challenges in our district. The initial goal was to do a grant of at least \$50,000. As a result of the leadership of PDG Peter Scott and the generosity of individuals and more than thirty clubs from our district, the the grant eventually totaled \$160,000! The money was distributed to three hospital groups and three food banks serving almost all of our district.



Tarrant County Commissioner, Devan Allen, provided helpful information.



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund March 21 – March 27

- March 21 Bonnie Harris
- March 21 Meg Wells
- March 26 Marcelo Cavazos

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!) (Last Thursday, Continued from page 2)

married to Mark Allen, a Commercial Real Estate Broker and Principal of Allen Multifamily Advisors with Colliers International.

Commissioner Allen's program was entitled "Tarrant County Update". Ms. Allen began by letting us know about the CARES Act and how the act has benefitted Tarrant County. Tarrant County received \$209 million from the CARES Act in Covid-19 relief funds. \$30 million was allocated to public health. To date, Tarrant County has spent \$71.5 million on health care for its citizens.

\$20 million was allocated to local social services. These programs have spent \$8.2 million to date. \$10 million was provided in rental assistance. \$7.1 million of these funds have been spent. The City of Arlington has received over \$20 million with some of this money going to the AISD and TCC as well as Arlington Charities. \$30 million was allocated to provide economic stimulus. \$23.3 has been spent to date. Numerous local partners have been allocated \$71 million, with \$68.3 spent to date.

Commissioner Allen provided an update regarding Covid-19 in Tarrant County. The county has a disease dashboard on its website that provides statistics on Covid-19. According to the statistics, Covid-19 is very much alive in Tarrant County. The county also has a Covid-19 Vaccine Dashboard. This allows citizens to access information concerning vaccine statistics and how many doses of the vaccine have been administered. 507,903 doses have been given to date.

Tarrant County maintains a Covid-19 hotline. The number is 817-248-6299 and operates seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tarrant County Public Health operates seven vaccine locations. 7 percent of Tarrant County's citizens have been vaccinated to date.

Ms. Allen has been very active in Covid-19 outreach in Precinct Two. Precinct Two has partnered with the City of Grand Prairie, the Grand Prairie Police

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#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**ARLINGTON CHARITIES** MARCH 26, 8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM SIGN UP AT ARLINGTONROTARY.COM **CALENDAR TAB** 



#### **MISS THE LAST MEETING?**

The recording of the last Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time by clicking HERE. Passcode: rM7+p80R



#### CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Blake Kretz Jerry McCullough 6 Years March 26, 2015 12 Years March 26, 2009

It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves ."



**Edmund Hillary** 

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Department, Tarrant County Public Health, the Arlington Public Library, the Arlington NAACP, Asia Times Square, Ben Thanh Plaza, El Rancho Supermercado and the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Additionally, Ms. Allen secured two permanent Covid-19 testing locations within Precinct Two.

Commissioner Allen is very accessible. She maintains a Commissioner's Court Facebook page and provides weekly updates. She also sends out weekly email updates, conducts Covid-19 Townhalls on Facebook Live and invites everyone to tune in to the Commissioner's Court meetings every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Allen listed the priorities for Precinct Two. The first concerned criminal justice. Tarrant County and the Arlington municipal jail utilize virtual video magistration that allows inmates quicker access to release. This method of magistration is more efficient and provides costs savings to the county. The next priority is education. This includes internships for high school and college students with lo0cal businesses. The next priorities include economic development, healthcare and transportation.

Ms. Allen indicated that there is a proposed Transportation Bond Program for 2021. The purpose of the bonds is to increase mobility and enhance safety. She indicated that there will be no tax rate increase if the program is approved.

Tom Ware provided us with the last laugh.

Kurt informed us that next week's program will be presented by Paul Alexander. It is entitled "Three Minutes for a Dog: My Life in an Iron Lung".

The club donated a book to Webb Elementary school to honor Commissioner Devan Allen and to thank her for her presentation.

Our quote for this week: "To know Rotary is to appreciate its greatness". The quote is attributed to members Sam Wine and Oscar Gray, Sr. in 1949.

President Susie led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🚕

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# **Special Polio Event This Week**

OU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUR PROGRAM ON THURSDAY! 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 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!



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: <u>https://arlingtonrotary.com/</u>

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



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



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