

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

March 4, 2021

In this edition: [Zoom meeting link](#), Ron Price on tourism, proposed member, and more...

President's Message

By Susie Wine McAlister



ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES IS RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK'S THEME FOR 2020-2021.

This past Friday we had a group of Rotarians volunteer at Arlington Charities to pack food bags and boxes and put them in cars of those in need of food. This need for volunteers at Arlington Charities seems to be an ongoing issue. So for the next few months, we are going to fulfill that need. On the fourth Friday of the month, we will send 6-8 volunteers to work at Arlington Charities from 8:00 am till noon. You can sign up on our website! Hearing from the volunteers, they said it was not only rewarding to give out the food boxes to those in need, but it was especially rewarding to work alongside other Rotarians. This was a chance for Rotarians to open opportunities for those families.

This community project came to us and is one that we can fulfill. During this time of COVID and isolation, we are looking for other ways where we can get out and serve others. "Rotary Opens Opportunities" not only means that we have the opportunity to help others, but it offers us an opportunity to work alongside our fellow Rotarians, helping the community in any way we can.

Susie Wine McAlister

President, 2020-21

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY



Mayor Jeff Williams

City of Arlington

March 11 [Four Way Test Speech Contest](#)

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

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By Heather Kipker

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM on February 25th was called to order by President Susie McAlister. Derrick Kinney opened the meeting with a prayer and a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Vera McKissic led the Club in the singing of "God Bless America."

We had two visitors this week: Bill Daley & Veronica Rodriguez, Both have membership applications in for our club!

Sally Hopper presented Paul Strong with a Paul Harris Fellowship +2.

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
February 28 – March 6

February 28 Derrick Kinney

March 4 Earl Harcrow

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!)

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Steve Brooks announced a fundraiser Rotary Club of Arlington is participating in for End Polio Now. Paul Alexander will be a guest speaker on March 25. He may be the last living person in an iron lung. The challenge is for every Rotarian to make a \$50 donation; a link is in the Hubcap. With your \$50 donation, you will receive Paul Alexander's book.

Sally Hopper wished a Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Rotarians who celebrated over the last two weeks.

Bryan Roberts introduced a Classification Talk by LeeAnne Chenoweth Lawson. LeeAnne is a graduate of SMU Meadows School of Arts with a Bachelor's Degree in Violin Performance. When she was growing up, LeeAnne's dad was a pianist and her mother an opera singer. LeeAnne did not waste any time joining her musically inclined family and at the age of five she started violin lessons. LeeAnne was with the Fort Worth Symphony from 1990-2007. In 2007 LeeAnne imagined a chamber music series and began to create it. It is now Timeless Concerts. Along with Timeless Concerts, LeeAnne substitutes for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and is a regular with the Waco Symphony Orchestra.

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?
pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFE2xKVFlaNjNtQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88294278772?pwd=QytrelQ3bitINVFE2xKVFlaNjNtQT09)

Meeting ID: 882 9427 8772

Passcode: 1923

One tap mobile

Great Links to Click

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



What I've really learned over time is that optimism is a very, very important part of leadership."

Bob Iger



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President Susie introduced our program, President and CEO of Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ron Price.

Ron gave an update of what Arlington looked like prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, what the current culture for Arlington is and what the city is looking forward to in the near future.

Prior to COVID-19 Arlington was the top tourist destination in North Texas. In 2017 there were 14.5 million visitors to the City of Arlington; preceding the pandemic in 2018-2019 the city was up to 17-18 million visitors. Ron mentioned that when he came to Arlington in 2013 the City of Arlington had only around 2 million visitors each year.

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

President	Susie Wine McAlister
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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 COVID-19 pandemic had a greater impact on tourism than on any other sector of industry in the city. Immediately Ron and his team at the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau had to reposition themselves to adapt to the pandemic. They made the decision early on that Arlington would be the most successful city coming out of the pandemic. To do so the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau had to make sure that the city convened in a very safe way that allowed the economy to keep moving. Rule one, no one could get sick; and rule two, get people back to work.

To start the process of preserving the City of Arlington's health the city strived to create a safe and healthy environment with proper processes and guidelines per the CDC. To take it a step further, the City of Arlington convened the first Global Biorisk Advisory Council in the country to promote safety and transparency. This helped to start crafting a story proving the city's ability to safely host events. By being aggressive with protocol and safety Arlington was able to host the Major League Baseball World Series with fans, bringing revenue back into the city. Following that event, the City of Arlington was able to host the Professional Bull Riders' World Finals & National Finals Rodeo. Las Vegas opted not to host either event. Lastly, the City of Arlington was able to host the Rose Bowl.

Looking forward, the City of Arlington is able to host FEMA and mass vaccination centers. Hotels are opening back up and restaurants are creating new employment opportunities. The city is also looking forward to hosting WrestleMania again in 2022 as well as the World Cup Finals and possibly the Super Bowl in 2024 or 2026.

Arlington did in fact come in as the most successful destination amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In the words of this next week's guest and City of Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams, Arlington stayed strong!

In honor of the program President Susie presented The Book *What to Do with a String* to Webb

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PROPOSED MEMBER Veronica Rodriguez

Classification: Community Service—

Rotary Ambassador

Sponsor: Peter Scott
Mentor: Sally Hopper



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Ron Price, President and CEO of the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, explains the success and future of tourism in Arlington.

Elementary School on behalf of Ron Price.

Kris Landrith gave The Last Laugh.

President Susie announced per Past District Governor Peter Scott that Pat Peters has been named 2022-23 District Governor. Susie then recited this week's quote and led the Rotarians attending in the Four Way Test. Afterward we were adjourned. 🍷

MISS THE LAST MEETING?

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

[HERE](#). Passcode: 29sn^RX\$



Leeanne Chenoweth Lawson tells the club about her experience with music and promoting the arts in an excellent classification talk.

Special Polio Event Coming Soon

YOU 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.5) 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."

Brian Anderson	17 Years	March 1, 2004
Jake Fain	3 Years	March 1, 2018
Peter Scott	38 Years	March 1, 1993
Tommy Thompson	3 Years	March 1, 2018
Tom Ware	10 Years	March 3, 2011
Craig Bishop	11 Years	March 4, 2010
Al Clark	28 Years	March 4, 1993
Coy Garret	11 Years	March 4, 2010
Clete McAlister	12 Years	March 5, 2009
Susie McAlister	12 Years	March 5, 2009

Rotary Club of Arlington volunteers Emmett, Derrick, Jill, Sarah, Charley (Sarah's Husband of the Kennedale Rotary Club), Grace, and Stu help Arlington Charities distribute food to those in need. We will continue this service on the 4th Friday



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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 \$ **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!

