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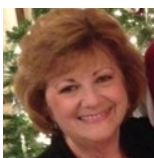
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In this edition: [Zoom link](#), proposed member, in-person meetings, Rotary Social, and more...

President's Message

By Susie Wine McAlister



GREAT NEWS!
YOU ASKED ...WE LISTENED! More than 65% of our membership answered the survey I sent out last week. And almost all of you, over 93.3%, said you would attend an in-person club meeting if we had one.

After a couple of meetings with the church and our member, Pastor Chris Hayes, we have come up with a plan which will bring us back together in person with a few restrictions. Beginning May 13, we will meet in person, at noon, in the Great Hall at First United Methodist Church, 303 S. Center. Lunch will not be served at this time, but according to the survey, it was much more important for Rotarians to meet in person and share some camaraderie. Masks will still be required while in the building, but that did not seem to be a deterrent to meeting in person on the survey.

If you are not quite ready to meet again in person or if you have circumstances that prevent you from attending, don't worry. We will still use Zoom both to record the meeting and to give access to those who can't attend.

We had a very fun first social on Friday night at Urban Alchemy. A special thank you to our Director of Fun Diane Patrick for organizing. Thunderstorms didn't dampen the excitement of being together! Urban Alchemy was a buzz with Rotarians catching up with each other, seeing each

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY Veronica Rodriguez

"International Humanitarian City"

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By Heather Kipker

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON APRIL 22ND was called to order by President, Susie McAlister. Nancy Blinn opened the meeting up with prayer and reciting of the "Pledge of Allegiance." Donna Mack led the Club in the singing of "God Bless America."

Arlington Highland Rotary Club member, Don Henry visited this week. Don announced Arlington Highlands Rotary's first annual fun shoot to be held Friday, April 30th at Winchester Gallery.

Jim Quick announced that the Rotary Foundation received its second largest gift to the foundation in the club's history. The Otto & Fran Walter Foundation has donated \$15.5 million dollars to the foundation for a Rotary Peace Center in Middle East or South Africa.

President Susie gave a reminder about the upcoming social at Urban Alchemy on Friday the 23rd. President Susie also announced that club meetings would resume in person at the church sometime in May!

Nancy Blinn gave details about an upcoming

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other in person, and really enjoying "Building Good Will and Better Friendships".

Susie Wine McAllister

President, 2020-21

PROPOSED MEMBER

Dr. Ignacio Nunez

**Classification: Medical Service—Physician
(OB/GYN) (Active)**

Sponsor: Victoria Farrar - Myers

Mentor: Randy Hendricks

EACH ONE BRING ONE



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fundraiser for Dental Health Arlington "Love That Smile" on June 26th.

Sally Hopper wished a Happy Birthday & Anniversary to Rotarians celebrating this week.

Kurt Bartley introduced our program, Brendan Wheeler from North Central Texas Council of Government "NCTCOG." Brendan presented high speed transportations, NCTCOG is on year one of a three-year plan. Importance of alternative transportations, DFW is projected to increase in population & employment over 50% over the next 25 years. Due to the rapid growth NCTCOG sees an increase in both cost and congestion between now and year 2045.

DFW is at the tip of the Texas Triangle Megaregion. Part of NCTCOG's planning is learning how to create travel times that are more reliable; there are many tools to assist, one being high speed options. The mode of transportation options includes both electric and hybrid; also helping air quality. Phase two, the two-year effort is to obtain federal environmental approval of the vehicle alternative. The current study area NCTCOG is looking at, at this time spans from downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas, South at 287 & Pioneer and North at 121 & the 183 corridor, spanning 31 miles long and over 230 square miles.

Why is NCTCOG performing the study between Dallas and Fort Worth? Brendan explains that with the expected population growth and the current 31-mile commute between the two metropolitan cities already getting longer, by developing a high speed transportation system they can connect a system that can shorten that commute and also eventually be able to connect to other high speed systems. Allowing those routes to connect to other cities in Texas and beyond.

Over the next two years NCTCOG will be entering the federal environmental approval process. Currently they are in level 3 (detailed evaluation) of detailed methodology, phase one. Consisting of ten alignments and 3 technologies. They hope to continue to dwindle the alignments and technologies down before entering phase two. Five different technologies have been looked at by NCTCOG at this time; conventional, high-speed (this is the mode of transportation expected to be used between Dallas & Fort Worth), maglev, hyperloop & higher speed.

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Many of our members attended "Timeless Concerts" by new Rotarian LeaAnne Lawson. It was awesome!



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

One tap mobile

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In honor of the program President Susie presented The Book *Lilah Tov Good Night* to Webb Elementary on behalf of Brendon Wheeler.

Kurt Bartley reminded the Club that our own Veronica Rodriguez, former Webb Scholar recipient will be our program next week.

Kris Landrith gave The Last Laugh.

President Susie recited this week's quote and then led Rotarians in the Four Way Test and 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: 6mZ#OY!K



When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not."



Mark Twain

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Rotarians Kurt, Sarah, Susie, and Charlie Knotts help Arlington Charities distribute food to those in need.



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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund April
April 25—May 1

April 25 Coy Garrett

April 27 Norman Douglas

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!)



Rotary Action Groups

[\(Click to learn more!\)](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Melody Fowler	3 Years	April 26, 2018
Valerie Landry	10 Years	April 28, 2011
Sal Capuli	28 Years	April 29, 1993
Sam Scott	36 Years	May 1, 1985

Volunteers Needed at Webb for **Read with Rotary** May 18 or May 19

Volunteers Hours available in blocks of 1,2 or 3 hrs.

Rotarians can email Joy Bates at jbates@legacyfinancial.com to let her know when you would like to volunteer.

She also needs someone who can coordinate last minute changes as she will be out of the country on those days.



The Rotary Social was great fun. Thanks to our Director of Fun, Diane, and to Tony Rutigliano for closing Urban Alchemy to everyone but us. *Photos by Tom Ware.*



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