

# Rotary Club of Arlington



# Hubcap

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**In this edition:** [Zoom Link](#), [Nora Coronado](#), [Sam Wine](#), and more...

## Victoria's Vignettes



What inspires you? A walk on the beach hearing the lapping waves and feeling the warm sand squish in your toes? Or a hike to the top of a large mountain where you feel like you can almost touch the sky? Whether a beach person or a mountain person, what these experiences have in common is their ability to calm us, to make us think about being part of something larger, and to inspire us to go back to our lives recharged and renewed to take on whatever life will throw at us. So, why do we have to go somewhere to feel this way? Shouldn't we fill our daily lives with experiences that inspire us each day if not every week? The question is, then, how do we make our Thursdays together that touch of inspiration and place to recharge us to go back out in the world that all too often keeps us vibrating?

First of all, lunches with friends that help make our Rotary Club meetings a welcoming place for all is vital. Our programs are meant to inspire and to make us think about something other than our daily pressures. Our community service programs, district grants, and global grants are designed to make an impact so we are ever reminded that together as Rotarians we can make a difference. There is no problem too large that together we cannot take on and make lasting change. Ask yourself, are we achieving these goals in our meetings? Whether you agree or disagree, ask yourself what you might bring to this experience that would contribute to the goal of inspiring you and others to be Rotarians. Remember as our Membership Director Randy Hendricks reminded us last week, we are all Rotarian ambassadors. The next time you are asked about Rotary – beyond

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## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

### Raymond Benge, TCC **Near Misses From Above** **COMING SOON**

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| Aug. 18 | <a href="#">Brad Oliver, Texas Ranger, Ret.</a>                   | Shooter Awareness Training |
| Aug. 25 | <a href="#">James Orlaski</a><br>Director of Parks and Recreation | City of Arlington Parks    |

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY BY MALCOM CHAKERY

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. Dan Blumberg led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathleen Smith led the club in singing "God Bless America" on the piano.

**Visiting Rotarians by:** Rick Jenkins

David Holland - Mansfield Noon  
Keith Calley - Brenham, TX Rotary

**Guests by:** Introduced by Rick Jenkins included Dwight McKissic (guest of Vera), Stephanie Melchert (guest of Donna Mack), Kyle Myers (guest of Victoria), and two additional guests but we didn't catch their names.

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telling someone that we are a service organization who looks to make a lasting impact on our local and global communities and discussing all the wonderful programs we do – remember it is the simple feeling of connection week in and week out that makes our Rotary Club so special. Now, what special talents or gifts can you share to make Rotary more than a lunch and program, and rather a place that you can go to remind yourself of the “getting away for vacation” feeling? Who would you like to share this experience with? The power to do so is in your hands; you have the power to ask.

Perhaps I also have you thinking and you are intrigued in hearing more from other Rotarians and how they are making their meetings and clubs a destination. If so, please consider joining me and other club members in attending the Vibrant Club Workshop in Mineral Wells on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-2. See (<https://rotary5790.org/event/vibrant-club-workshop-2/>) for details and sign up. I hope to see you there!

*Victoria*

President, 2022-23



## OPERATION SHARP from the START

The Youth Services committee will collect PRESHARPENED pencils for the teachers at Webb and Nichols through the month of August at Rotary meetings. Easy to order on Amazon, or we will take cash donations. For questions, contact Jill Regina at 817-909-1937.

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## Announcements:

Field of Honor volunteer opportunity August 27th at 9 AM

August 20th Vibrant Club Workshop.

Heroes run is canceled this year due to scheduling with the set-up company.

**Blue Badge Presentations:** Rick Jenkins was presented with his blue badge.

**New member induction:** Nora Coronado

## Birthdays this week - by Sally Hopper

August 6 Jerry McCullough

August 6 Sam Scott

## Anniversaries this week - by Sally Hopper

Maggie Campbell 3 years August 1, 2019

Heather Kipker 4 years August 2, 2018

Linda Gibson 1 year August 5, 2021

Sally Hopper 23 years August 5, 1999

Tim Moloney 12 years August 5, 2010

Don Mebus led us in a song: “If You’re Happy And You Know It”.

## Speaker: Wendy Burgess – Tarrant County Tax Assessor

Wendy Burgess is a native Texan with deep roots in the Lone Star State and has been a proud resident of Tarrant County for over forty years. Her parents made it a priority to teach her the value of good, honest hard work from an early age. It is those same principles and values that would ultimately go on to shape her career as a successful business owner and a respected community leader.

Wendy Burgess was elected as Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector in November 2018. She brings over 20 years of business experience and an understanding of the complexities of leading a staff of over 200 employees in eight countywide offices with an annual budget of \$17 million dollars. This office collects \$6 billion dollars for 84 taxing entities in Tarrant County as well as the State of Texas predominately through property taxes, state motor vehicle sales tax, and registrations.

The tax assessor-collector is responsible for managing the \$17 million tax office budget. If you think about that, it sounds like a lot, but

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### RECOGNIZING THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

#### THE INTERESTING LIFE OF SAM WINE

Sam Wine, the first president of the Rotary Club of Arlington, moved to Arlington in 1915 as an employee of the Northern Texas Traction Company, which operated the electric trolley from Fort Worth to Dallas. The Interurban was powered by electricity generated at the plant on Lake Erie (later submerged by Lake Arlington) in Handley. As the public transportation side of the business rapidly waned with the widespread adoption of the automobile, the electricity side took off. In time, it became a part of the Texas Electric Service Company. Wine was general manager of the Arlington District for about fifty years.

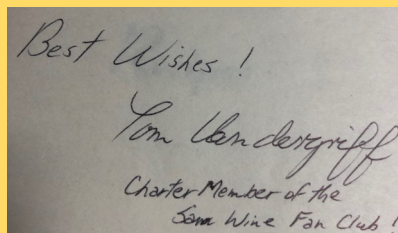


Sam Wine, official  
Masonic Lodge  
photograph.

Education was always an important priority throughout our club's history. Many members either served with the school district or with NTAC (ASC, UTA). Wine served as school board trustee in 1923-31. In fact, he was involved in the affairs of the community in many different ways over the decades. He was the Arlington Masonic Lodge's Worshipful Master for the 1933-34 year. He was also involved in the creation of the Chamber of Commerce and was one of its numerous active boosters. Many older citizens remember playing on the Reddy Kilowatts youth baseball team. The entire Wine family was active in Scouting. Sam's wife, Hettie, with teacher Alice Mulkey started the first Girl Scout Troop in Tarrant County. Through it all, Sam stayed active in Rotary, serving many years as secretary.



Sam Wine was an Arlington booster, being involved in virtually all aspects of the community's life for five decades. He died in 1965.



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Wendy and her team make that \$17 million go a long way. They are the accounting firm for all of the money that comes through. And she has six people on her accounting team, and they reconcile that bank statement every single day to the penny. Why to the penny? Because it's your penny, and it's her penny. Wendy is a taxpayer, and no, she has not found the special no-tax button anywhere. She pays the same that you pay. Everyone pays the same thing. No one gets off without paying the same amount of taxes. They also support collections and disbursements.

Wendy covered the tax cycle of how money comes in and how it goes out. Wendy collects for about 1.8 million tax accounts. Tarrant County is number one in the state for the number of property tax accounts in 2021. They will probably continue to do that because of the Barnett Shale. They have mineral accounts in Tarrant County. So they have right at a million mineral accounts.

Tarrant County processes over 2 million vehicle registrations each year and titles each year for the DMV. When you get in your car, and you see the little sticker over on the left-hand side that has the number on there, from now on, you will think that's Wendy Burgess; her office does that for you. Make sure to remember here in Texas, we do the Texas Two Step. Get your vehicle inspected before you come to my office or go online to get your vehicle registration renewed. That is the Texas Two Step. Inspection first, then registration.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. 🍷

#### MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time by clicking [HERE](#). Password is: **0E08f+h?**

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[Rotary District 5790](#)  
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Past President, Rick Jenkins, good naturedly earns his second Blue Badge. Here with Randy, sponsor Sarah, and President, Victoria.



Newest member, Nora Coronado, is welcomed to the club with a new car.



Wendy Burgess, Tarrant County Tax Assessor Collector, explains her office and its responsibilities.



The past is never where you think you left it."

**Katherine Anne Porter**



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### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
August 7 — August 13

August 7	LeeAnne Chenoweth Lawson
August 8	Don Mebus
August 10	Steve Kunkel
August 11	Ken Cox
August 11	Veronica Rodrigues
August 12	Dan Blumberg
August 12	Nathaniel Hearne

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!)

### CONGRATULATIONS!



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

**David Wilbanks      5 Years      August 10, 2017**