## Rotary



## Hubcap

## Club of Arlington

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In this edition: Where to eat out, new member introductions, and much more...

Inspiring Items
by Michelle Deuell

Calling on ALL Members:

I am excited to start a new Rotary year as your Membership Director! I need all of YOU to help us reach our club goal of getting 20 new members this year! So, what can you do to help? Bring a guest to our meetings or other social events, talk about the Rotary Club of Arlington to everyone you interact with, in person and on social media, and send them a personal invite to join. If we do this, we will have people reaching out to join our fabulous club and wanting to make a difference! We are the oldest and largest club in Arlington for a reason and we

want to keep it that way! Great People, Great Projects and

a New Car...who would not want to join!

You may not need an incentive to bring in great people but we are going to give you one! We are going to start a monthly contest for the person that brings in the most visitors (potential new members) in the month and they will win a prize! We will also be giving out a Paul Harris Fellow to the person who over the course of the year brings in the most new members!

So, I NEED all of YOUR help to reach our goal and we can have a little fun competition on the way! Who is with me?

Your Excited Membership Director,

Michelle Deuell

#### THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

# President Mary Tom Interviewed by Derrick Kinney "Plans, Goals, and Inspiration for this Rotary Year!"



#### **NEXT WEEK**

August 9



Damnation Editors and Pulpiteering Publishers: 144 Years of Newspapering in Arlington

### It Happened Last Thursday... By Belinda Gist

The weekly meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington was called to order by President Mary Tom Curnutt on July 26, 2018. Dave Davis shared the prayer & pledge, followed by singing "God Bless America."

Mary Jean Maloney was the Greeter for the meeting, held off-site at the new George W. Hawkes Downtown Library

Visiting Rotarians included Mark Gist from the Arlington Sunrise Club, and Dave Davis and Hal Thurow from the former Arlington South Club. Chris and Liz Bates, children of Chad Bates joined the meeting. Also visiting were Kayla Whetstone, daughter of Grace Whetstone and Jean Griffin,

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Star-Telegram columnist, Bud Kennedy, delivers a scrumptious program that leaves our mouths watering.

Photo by Clete McAlister



Ever want to give back on a more global scale?

Take Action



Hal Thurow and Dave Davis are inducted as transferring members from the Arlington South Rotary Club.

Photo by Clete McAlister

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wife of Bob Griffin. Spouses Kathy Ross (Hugh Ross) and Suzi Ware (Tom Ware), as well as family friend of the Maloney's, Jean Bush, also visited the club for this meeting.

Grace Whetstone announced the start of the Miracle League Fall Season and noted opportunities to support the Miracle League.

Michell Deuell inducted Dave Davis and Hal Thurow as new members of the club. Dave is sponsored and mentored by Don Mebus. Hal is sponsored by Valerie Landry and mentored by Sam Scott. Don and Valerie formally introduced Dave and Hal, respectively, and shared their rich histories with Rotary. We are delighted to have Dave and Hal as new members and expect to see them in blue badges very soon!

We celebrated the birthdays of Steve Zimmer (July 22), Pat Conner (July 27), and Barry Johnson (July 28).

Mia Russo and David Wilbanks were thanked for the work in managing the a/v for the club, including the updated slides and presentation materials.

Tom Ware then introduced our guest speaker, Bud Kennedy. Bud spoke about "International Eateries in Arlington...The secret is out!" Please see the Hubcap supplement on pages 5 and 6 "Dishing with Dan" for a summary of Bud's hot dining tips. Bud mentioned that the DFW Airport has brought the world to Arlington and we are enjoying this as the diversity of our community grows. He also noted that local restaurants are having difficulty hiring staff and of these restaurants are having to reduce the number of hours they are open because the US current "zero tolerance" immigration policy has made restaurant workers scarce.

President Mary Tom Curnutt closed the meeting with the Four-Way Test, followed by the ringing of the bell.





#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund July 29 – August 4

July 29 Mary Tom Curnutt
July 30 Bill Hinds

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. (Please note this is the **Rotary Foundation** not the Arlington Rotary Foundation. Thanks!)

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#527. Try not to be wrong at the top of your voice.



RI President Barry Rassin with Julie and Earl Harcrow last week at District 4250 event.

Photo by Earl Harcrow

## Meet new member Dave Davis



Sponsored by Don Mebus

Joined Rotary on November 1, 1984.

I have been a member of 3 Rotary Clubs: Great Southwest, Rotary Club of Shah Alam, Malaysia (1987) and Arlington South. I have served a total of 5 complete terms as president of a rotary club, GSW 2, and ASRC 3. I have been District 5790 Treasurer for 3 terms, serving Governors Morales, Parr, and Miller. I published the Governor's Newsletter for Governors Ward, Orr, Heede, and Mebus. The year I worked for Governor Mebus was special, we were the first district in the world to produce and distribute 12 monthly video programs highlighting different district projects, including the first few flag projects in the district. I have been a director of each avenue of service at least once, but my favorite is the Foundation.

While in Malaysia, I participated in the preparation for the first Polio Plus vaccine administration, which my club participated in 10 days after I returned to Texas. I have been on a Wheelchair trip to Panama.

My Family life revolves around my beautiful bride Fay, my two daughters Emily and Diana, their husbands, and our 5 grandchildren (ages 18 months to 16 years). My bride and I celebrated the first 46 years of our marriage in 2018.

I am currently a data analyst and manager of tech operations for the College of Engineering at UTA. In my 45 years at UTA, I've been director of several departments, managed research labs, and designed television production facilities. I am a Licensed Professional Engineer.





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## Meet new member Hal Thurow



Sponsored by Valerie Landry

After graduating from Texas Wesleyan I got in the insurance business. They said I'd get rich. They were wrong, but I did better than I would have if I stayed on my original plan as a disc jockey.

Insurance was more exciting if I was doing hard-to-place risks so that's what I started doing. It's been 45 years and I've had far more blessings than I deserve.

I can brag on my wife better than talk about me. My wife and I built the business and sold it later. We had four great kids, and now one granddaughter.

I was a charter member of Arlington South Rotary, started in 1983. The club had a good run. Some things started in the club will continue for many years to come.

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Congratulations

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

25 Years July 29, 1993

Tim Israel 2 Years August 4, 2016



#### DISHING WITH DAN

by Dan Blumberg

Bud Kennedy, "Eats Beat" reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, offered his thoughts and recommendations regarding Arlington-area restaurants both new and old during our July 26, 2018 meeting. Rotarians are encouraged to eat at each (purely in the interests of research) and to report their impressions. The list:

- The Tipsy Oak. Free beer! Located at Main and Front Streets, Bud calls this an outdoor hamburger and drinks place, noting that it sports an excellent brew pub where beer is made on site. Free beer! However, because it has not yet been granted a liquor license, this restaurant presently offers free beer. Did I mention the free beer? (Publishers Note: beer no longer free)
- Lockhart Smokehouse. Named for the Central Texas city where it originated, this eatery offers barbeque alleged to have been the best in its hometown. Its smoky dishes are celebrated in its present locations in Dallas and Plano, but it will offer an Arlington location inside Texas Live when the venue opens on August 9.
- **Guy Fieri's Taco Joint**. Another Texas Live import, this celebrity name dropper of a restaurant is also scheduled to open with Texas Live on August 9. Its namesake, Guy Fieri, is best known for hosting the reality television show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." Bud notes that it offers California-style tacos as well as margaritas.
- **The Halal Guys**. Inexpensive Middle Eastern food on North Collins Street.
- **Zero Degrees**. Offering a mix of frozen drinks made from fruit, this Asian and Latin fusion restaurant is near Smashburger on South Cooper Street (on the east side of the street south of I-20).
- **Torchy's Tacos.** Mexican street food with locations on North Collins and off I-20.
- **BurgerFi**. Gourmet hamburgers on North Collins Street. Bud notes their excellent frozen custard drinks.
- Mercury Chop House. Prime steak with a great view. On Lamar Boulevard north of I-30, it occupies the same location as Cacharel, an Arlington favorite that recently closed. Bud says it's even better.
- **Fork in the Road.** This highly rated, inventive restaurant is open only for breakfast and lunch. Its single location is on South Fielder. The gifted chef serves family style.
- **Istanbul Grill.** Excellent Middle Eastern food on South Cooper Street (south of I-20 on the west side of the

street). Authentic and of consistent quality.

- Roma Trattoria. This fine pizza, pasta and Italian food restaurant is in the same shopping center as Istanbul Grill together with a number of other excellent ethnic eateries. Bud suggests you drive to the shopping center, start at one end, and eat your way down to the other.
- **Damian's Cajun Soul Café.** Cajun and soul food off S.H. 360. Bud recommends it for lunch.
- **The Tandoor.** The grand-daddy of all Arlington Indian restaurants, this West Randol Mill Road institution offers authentic Indian cuisine and a real tandoor, a barrel-like Indian oven kept at 2,000 degrees in which food is cooked with amazing speed and precision. Recently remodeled. Don't miss the lunch buffet.
- **Fattoush Restaurant.** Good Middle Eastern food in Pantego.
- **Prince.** Another excellent Middle Eastern restaurant offering French Lebanese food on West Randol Mill Road. Housed in a former Sonic, this restaurant became line-out-the-door popular after it was featured on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." Now it will compete with its former promoter.
- **Andalous Mediterranean Grill.** Excellent Mediterranean food in the Arlington Highlands. Come hungry.
- Taste of Europe. Bud says that Europeans and others schedule their flights to and from DFW Airport so as to make the time necessary to eat here. Also featured on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," this Pioneer Parkway restaurant offers authentic European cuisine. Try the borsht.
- **Kowloon Restaurant**. Authentic Chinese and Vietnamese food on Center Street. County Commissioner Andy Nguyen, who grew up in Vietnam, speaks highly of it. He should know.
- **Pho Ngon 999.** Good pho and noodle dishes in Asian Times Square on West Pioneer Parkway.
- **Tanh Tanh.** Good Vietnamese food on West Pioneer Parkway. Commissioner Nguyen is a fan.
- **First Chinese Barbeque.** A trail-blazer of ethnic food in Arlington, this South Collins Street eatery is known for its excellent Cantonese dishes.
- Restaurant 506. Open Table raves about this plush, fine- dining facility located in The Sanford House (nearly across the street from First United Methodist Church where we meet). It's really, really good. Visit former club president and foodie Valerie Landry while you're there. She manages

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the entire Sanford House operation but is particularly enamored of the restaurant. It lives up to its billing.

- **Jack's Fried Chicken.** An excellent downtown chicken restaurant on East Abram Street.
- **Urban Alchemy Coffee+Wine Bar.** An experiment that works on Main Street.
- Mo's Best Eatery. Hamburgers, home-made pastrami and Middle Eastern food on Matlock across the street from Fry's. Recently relocated from Little Road.
- **Havana Bar and Grill.** Mojitos and grilled Cuban food on South Cooper Street.
- **Thai House Restaurant.** Excellent Thai food on South Cooper Street.
- **Bigotes.** Enchilades, tacos and other Mexican delicacies on East Abram. It offers all-you-can-eat lunch platters.
- **Pioneer Restaurant.** A family-run, home-style diner near the old Six Flags Mall. Bud recommends it for breakfast.
- **Old West Cafe.** Another home-style restaurant offering many flavors of pancakes on Little Road south of I-20. Bud says to try it for breakfast.
- **Skillet N' Grill.** Another breakfast place offering omelettes, Mexican breakfasts, breakfast sandwiches and stick-to-your ribs lunch plates. This one's on West Division Street.
- **David's Barbeque.** Bud says this venerable Pantego barbeque restaurant serves Red Bryant's barbeque. Eat there and let us know if he's right.
- Moni's. Excellent Italian food, pizza and pasta on West Randol Mill Road. Owned and operated by an immigrant family from Eastern Europe, you'd swear their food came from Italy. Authentic and reasonably priced. Excellent service.
- **Lady in the Pit.** Barbeque, soul food and home cooking at Handley and Meadowbrook in heavenly East Fort Worth.
- River Bend Cafe. Something different: 5 star restaurant food in folding boxes and paper plates served on Formica tables for around \$12.00 a meal. Eat in or take out. It's on Handley Ederville Road off on Loop 820. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a brunch on weekends. BYOB.



#### **CLUB GOALS 2018-19**

Membership Goal Starting Club Size Current Club Size Year to date (+/-) New Members Inducted	+20 129 131 +2 3
Annual Fund (EREY) Goal Annual Fund (EREY) YTD	\$15,000
Polio Plus Goal 2018-19 YTD	\$5,000
Paul Harris Fellow Goal	10

#### Rotary Cares!

Illness, deaths in family, surgery, births of children/ grandchildren? As part of the Rotary family, we want to know about it.

Rotary Cares Coordinator Angie Meister at 817-296-0843 or <a href="mailto:angie@unitedpac.org">angie@unitedpac.org</a>



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