

# Rotary Club of Arlington



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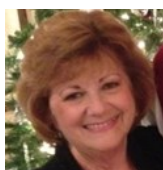
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**In this edition:** [Zoom meeting link](#), August is Membership Month, UTA athletics, and more...

## President's Message

By **Susie Wine McAlister**



ACCORDING TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE 1989 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION VOTED TO ADMIT WOMEN into Rotary clubs worldwide, which remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. The response to the decision was overwhelming. By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. By July 2016, the number of women worldwide had surpassed 250,000. Women immediately embraced the leadership opportunities provided by their clubs.

In 1991, the Rotary Club of Arlington inducted their first female member, Mary Jean Moloney, who remains an active member today. In the 97 years of our club's existence, we have only had 5 female club presidents. The first was Lisann Peters in 2006. Other past female club presidents are Joyce Stanton, Valerie Landry, and Mary Tom Curnutt, and I serve as the fifth. Women are an important part of Rotary especially in this age of diversity and inclusion. Our club now has 33% females, all of which are quality members. Let us continue to bring in quality members, both male and female, to further advance our great club.

Now, [Jennifer Jones](#) has been nominated to become RI president for 2022-23, the first female named to that office in Rotary's 115-year history. Our own PRID, Don Mebus, has worked with her and has some kind things say in his article on the next page.

*Susie Wine McAlister*  
President, 2020-21

## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

By **Zoom**

**Maggie Campbell**

[Downtown Arlington](#)

## COMING SOON

**August  
27**

[Dr. Alison Hall  
Birch](#)

*Understanding  
Microaggressions*

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By **Donna Mack**

PRESIDENT SUSIE MCALISTER OPENED THE AUGUST 13, 2020 MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON, Texas, which was conducted online via Zoom, at 12:05 p.m, and introduced her guest, Stacy Bridger, who has worked closely with Susie and several of our members on multiple projects, including the Arlington Field of Honor.

Club President-Elect Kurt Bartley introduced four guests: Jason MacBain, Director of Communication at The University of Texas at Arlington; Alex Ware, Assistant Director of Athletics at The University of Texas at Arlington; Kinsey Thayer, UTA's Assistant Development Director (who works primarily with Athletics); and Laura Armbruster, Director of Communications & Community Engagement at

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### JENNIFER JONES NAMED RI PRESIDENT

By Don Mebus, PRID



JENNIFER JONES HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS PRESIDENT OF ROTARY for the Rotary year 2023-24.

She will officially become the president nominee October 1 if none of the other five candidates contest her nomination and then will be the first woman to be selected to serve as RI President in our 115 year of existence. It is important to note that she was selected as a qualified candidate- not because of her gender.

She said, "It is a remarkable step forward in history because it represents diverse perspective and I think any organization that is looking to have balanced thought needs to have diverse perspective."

She has served many positions in Rotary over the years of her membership in her club, district and Internationally in Windsor, Canada. She has been honored for her Rotary work with the Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service by the Rotary Foundation.

*Don Mebus, PRID*



Long time Rotarian and new club member, Jim Quick receives his Blue Badge in record time — covid or no covid.

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Heroes on the Water, a charity that helps veterans, first responders and their families relax and reconnect through kayak fishing and the outdoors.

Randy Hendricks, Assistant Membership Chair, introduced this Rotary year's first membership minute, an occasional segment of our club's weekly meetings encouraging Rotarians to recruit new club members. Randy noted that the club's membership form (which is necessary to submit a proposed member to the club for membership) can be found at the top right of the club's website: [www.arlingtonrotary.com](http://www.arlingtonrotary.com).

Former club president Clete McAlister announced that the Arlington Field of Honor (of which Clete is also president) will be active September 5-12, 2020 and that it is seeking volunteers to help assemble flags on Saturday, August 22, 2020. The event will take place at 3di signs at 1133 West Main Street in Arlington. The Rotary Club of Arlington is a top sponsor of the Arlington Field of Honor. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online at [www.arlingtonfoh.org](http://www.arlingtonfoh.org). The Arlington Field of Honor is a commemoration of Patriot Day, which is celebrated each year on September 11. By flying over 911 full-sized American flags at a single location, the Arlington Veterans Park Foundation honors all military, veterans, first responders, and others who make our way of life possible. Rotarians are encouraged to sign up and join in.

Club Secretary Mia Russo awarded a blue badge to Jim Quick, who completed his blue badge requirements in record time. Jim exhibited his new badge and thanked Clete and Susie McAlister for their help and encouragement.

Rotary Foundation Chair Sally Hopper announced Rotarians' birthdays during the week: Steve Kunkel on August 10; Gary Dye and Veronica Rodriguez on August 11; Dan Blumberg on August 12; and Andy Nguyen on August 15. Sally also announced that, in addition to celebrating his one-year Rotary anniversary, Chris McMurrough and his wife just welcomed a healthy newborn son. Congratulations, Chris and family!

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

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

<b>Wally Berndt</b>	<b>30 Years</b>	<b>August 16, 1990</b>
<b>Bill Coppola</b>	<b>8 Years</b>	<b>August 16, 2012</b>
<b>Joan Church</b>	<b>6 Years</b>	<b>August 21, 2014</b>

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President-elect Kurt Bartley introduced our guest speaker, Jim Baker, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Texas at Arlington. UTA's 2019-2020 spring athletics season was in full swing when it was cut short due to COVID-19. Baker was slated with the unenviable task of calling both softball and baseball teams in off the road, advising them to return to campus due to Covid-19 restrictions. Despite an abbreviated season, and the demands of adjusting to an online learning environment, UTA athletes managed to produce an impressive cumulative Spring GPA of 3.4. Each of UTA's 15 athletic teams produced GPAs in excess of 3.0, making it the 13th straight semester that UTA student athletes produced better than a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

The Sunbelt Conference (of which UTA is a part) is carefully weighing factors to determine if fall championships will continue or be cancelled due to the pandemic. Coach Baker stated that regardless of other COVID-related departmental budget cuts, funding to Student Athlete Welfare (such as nutrition, sports medicine, tutoring, etc) will not be cut, and that the department and university are continually monitoring the situation to ensure the health and safety of all student athletes. He praised both staff and administration for the seamless transition to online learning in the spring, and for their continued dedication to a safe hybrid learning environment for the fall semester. All returning student athletes and Athletics staff must undergo COVID testing prior to their return to campus. Once there, the athletes live, study and work in pods to ensure continued health and safety.

The Athletics master plan involves partnering with UTA alumni and members of the campus and surrounding communities to upgrade UTA's older existing sports facilities for wider university and community use. Both the university and the greater Arlington community have, and continue to flourish as the result of such mutually beneficial partnerships.

President Susie led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. Join us next week as we welcome our own, Maggie Campbell, President and CEO of Downtown Arlington Inc. ☺



The trick is to find some laughter among the tears."

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### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund  
August 16 – August 22

**August 17** Richard Greene

**August 17** Shellie McMillon

**August 19** Deborah Coppola

**August 19** Bill Zedler

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!)



PDG, Peter, hosts his virtual District Conference and Awards meeting by Zoom.

### MISS LAST WEEK'S MEETING?

The recording of last week's Zoom meeting can be viewed for a limited time (one week) by clicking [HERE](#). Password is: vbv!w2=2

## BOARD MEETING

OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

BY **Zoom**

This Friday, August 21 at 11:30 am

Any club member may attend.

To join the Zoom meeting, just click this link:

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