

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



It's the new member summer soiree this coming Saturday! We have 46 RSVPs, 12 of which represent our newest members in the past three-year. We will spend time getting to know each other and learn more about not only joining Rotary but becoming a Rotarian – engaged, involved in Service Above Self.

On that note, we are soon to be inducting another new member, Ken Cox, sponsored by Joyce Stanton. In addition, at last week's luncheon we had two visitors who are both giving serious consideration to joining our Rotary. Keep up the good work in bringing guests to our luncheons and other activities – socials and service projects. It's a great way for all to become engaged.

As for growing our club with new members, and as our Rotary International President says, "Each One, Bring One!"

Kurt Bartley,
President, 2021-22

EACH ONE
BRING ONE



THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Carolyn Mentasana

"Arlington Tomorrow Foundation & North Texas Giving Day"

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| Sept. 2 | <i>Club Leadership</i> | Service Opportunity Fair |
| Sept. 9 | Maggie Campbell | Downtown Arlington Management Corp. |

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By Carey F. Walker

President Kurt Bartley called the weekly meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Emmett Rodriguez offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano.

Kurt announced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visitors included Sarah Absher, Ken Cox and Jean Hood.

Announcements were as follows: Volunteers and sponsors for the Arlington Heroes Run and fundraiser are still needed for this event, which will take place on September 11, 2021. The Arlington Field of Honor will take place September 4-11, 2021 at Veterans Park. A special 9/11 Commemoration with Deana Carter and Lee Greenwood will take

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Arlington Board of Realtors President and CEO, Taylor Oldroyd, discussed the current state of real estate in Arlington.

[Gordon R. McNally of Scotland selected to be 2023-24 Rotary International President](#) (CLICK TO LEARN MORE)



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place at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021 at The Levitt Pavilion. For more information about the Field of Honor, go to www.Arlingtonfoh.org. Peter Scott informed us that ten percent of our membership attended a recent Rotary district workshop, The Vibrant Club Workshop, either in person or online.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays and anniversaries. Andy Nguyen, Richard Greene, Shellie McMillon, Deborah Coppola and Bill Zedler were the Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week. Sally Hopper received a birthday check from Shellie. Celebrating anniversaries are Chris McMurrough, Wally Berndt, Bill Coppola and Joan Church.

Victoria Farrar-Myers introduced Taylor Oldroyd, President and CEO of the Arlington Board of Realtors. Who presented the week's program. Mr. Oldroyd describes himself as a long-time member of what President Ted Roosevelt called "the fellowship of doers". Taylor loves staying active and spending time being outdoors, camping, running trails and playing golf. Taylor is dedicated to protecting private property rights and promoting wise use of land. Taylor has served real estate professionals for twelve years in Texas, North Carolina, Montana and Utah. Taylor previously served in the Bush administration promoting rural businesses and natural resource conservation. Taylor is married to Meridith and has six children.

Mr. Oldroyd described the Arlington Board of Realtors(ABR) as the Chamber of Commerce for realtors. ABR provides the multi-listing service, key boxes, education and advocacy for realtors. ABR promotes good public policy in a non-partisan manner. ABR is also a great source for networking and communication among realtors.

The ARB has a non-profit foundation that is both a 501(c)(6) and 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The foundation helps homeowners stay in their homes. The foundation partners with the City of Arlington to help struggling homeowners and has helped

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ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

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more than seventy families to keep their homes.

Taylor advised that there is a nationwide shortage of homes. He estimates that there are six million too few available homes at present. Remodeling requests are at an all-time high. People want more space in their existing homes due to the pandemic. 68 percent of homeowners have refinanced their mortgages. The biggest challenge facing the real estate market is the shortage of inventory.

The Arlington housing report indicates that home prices are up almost seventeen percent from this time last year. Active listings are down almost twenty percent from this same period of time. Sales are down almost 20 percent from a year ago. The average time that a house is on the market is fifteen days; days to close are 31; for total days of 46 from listing to closing. This is nineteen days less than in 2020. Currently there is only 1.2 months of inventory in Arlington, which is down from 2020. The median price for a home in Arlington is \$286,481.00. The median price for a house in Fort Worth-Arlington-Dallas is \$357,000.00. Arlington remains a very affordable city in which to become a homeowner.

Taylor does not see a bubble in the real estate market due to the lack of inventory. The housing market is strong in Arlington. Taylor said that children of homeowners do better in school, become voters and are less likely to end up in jail.

Realtors are invested in the interests of the community. They are similar to Rotarians in that they are about serving their communities. Additionally, realtors are bound by a very stringent code of ethics.

Kurt Bartley presented a book in honor of Mr. Oldroyd to be donated to the Webb Elementary Library.

Tom Cravens presented "new used cars" to new members Emmett Rodriguez, Malcom Chakery, Lee Ann Chenoweth and Barry Bondurant.

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund

August 28 Heidi Hardy

August 28 Jill Regina

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."

April Pettitt	3 Years	August 23, 2018
Michael Jacobson	5 Years	August 25, 2016
Bill Zedler	11 Years	August 26, 2010
Kurt Bartley	17 Years	August 27, 2004
Meg Wells	24 Years	August 28, 1997



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“Don't watch the clock;
do what it does. Keep
going”

Sam Levenson



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Kris Landrith provided us with a last laugh.

Kurt informed us that our next meeting will be August 26, 2021 with Carolyn Mentasana, Executive Director of Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and North Texas Giving Day.

The quote for this week: “Being of service to others is what brings true happiness.” – Marie Osmond

Kurt thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. He then led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🍷



END POLIO NOW



When Franklin Roosevelt started a foundation to fight polio, Comedian Eddie Cantor came up with the "March of Dimes", asking people to mail a dime to the White House. They were soon overwhelmed with 2,680,000 dimes mailed to them, literally truckloads, mostly from children. These dimes went directly to research that resulted in the Polio vaccine. This is why Roosevelt is on the U.S. dime.

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RECORDING OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING

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New members get new cars from Tom Cravens normally, but Barry, Emmett, Malcom, and Lee Anne get used cars because new cars are in short supply due to the chip shortage.