

# Rotary Club of Arlington



# Hubcap

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**In this edition:** [Zoom Link](#), *Amanda Sullins, Bill Daley, new members, Fun Ahead, and more...*

## Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



Did you know our club works closely with Webb Elementary in a variety of ways? Tom Ware reported on one such project this past week – eBooks. He updated us that the librarian at Webb had purchased 461 eBooks these past few months and has \$4,500 remaining from the initial grant of \$12,000. As this summer was the first time for eBooks, there were 67 first time checkouts. One of the unintended consequences of this project is that parents are having their children checkout an eBook so they can learn English!

Scott Hendricks reported on a second such project – we received a district grant to purchase uniforms both at Webb Elementary and Nichols Jr. High. We received District Designated Funds of \$4,323 to be matched with funds from our club of \$4,323 for a total grant to purchase uniforms of \$8,646. This will be split 60% Webb and 40% Nichols. This is how your Rotary donations are being put to work.

Diane Patrick announced the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Pints for Polio. Save the date and purchase your tickets.

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

**Kurt Bartley,**  
President, 2021-22



## THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

**Chris Hightower**

*"Arlington Museum of Art"*  
**COMING SOON**

**Sept. 30**     [Trey Yelverton](#)     City of Arlington

**October 7**     [Steven Morris](#) and [Cathy O'Neal](#)     Theatre Arlington

## IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

*By Carey F. Walker*

The weekly meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by President Kurt Bartley. Grace Whetstone offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano.

Joyce Stanton announced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visitors included Diego Pena and Jean Cook.

Announcements were as follows: The Arlington Field of Honor was a tremendous success! Many Rotarians were responsible for this event. The following Rotarians made this event very successful including, Paul Fulks, Joyce Stanton, Susie McAlister, Stacy Bridger, Grace Whetstone, Tim and Mary Jean

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**Bill Daley describes his professional life as the IT (pronounced it) guy in a great Classification Talk.**



**Amanda Sullins, executive director of AISD Education Foundation informs us of their successes and of a fun night at Six Flags.**



We don't get a chance to do that many things, and every one should be really excellent. Because this is our life."

**Steve Jobs**



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Moloney, Esteban Blanco, Sally Hopper, Holly Hattendorf, April Pettitt, Maggie Campbell, Jeff Williams, Kurt Bartley, Chris McMurrough, Victoria Farrar-Myers, Malcom Chakery, Jim Quick, Jill Regina, Ken Cox, Barry Bondurant and Tom Long. Diane Patrick invited us to participate in Pints for Polio. This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 2:00 -5:p.m. at Legal Draft Beer Company. Legal Draft is located at 500 East Division Street. There will be live music, a food truck and pets are allowed. Buy your tickets at [www.arlingtonrotary.com/pints-for-polio](http://www.arlingtonrotary.com/pints-for-polio).

Every dollar of profit will be matched 2-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Heather Kipker informed us that the Arlington Heroes Run was very successful and thanked all Rotarians that served as volunteers. The Miracle League of DFW is looking for volunteers. The games are played on Saturday and the league has a magnificent facility at Randol Mill Park. Arlington Martin Luther King, Jr. presents community awards in education, government and community service. Vera McKissic told us the organization is seeking a Rotarian to be nominated for an award. Scott Hendricks informed us that our Rotarian District gave a \$4300.00 grant to purchase school uniforms for Webb Elementary and Nichols Junior High. Tom Ware informed us that of the \$12,000.00 that our club gave to Webb Elementary to purchase e-books, that 461 books have been purchased and Webb still has \$4500.00 left.

Bill Daley presented the club with a classification talk. Bill is an Information Technology Specialist. Bill told us that his interest for computers began with a computer class in high school. Bill graduated from Texas A&M University. Bill has worked for some of the largest companies in the United States. Bill worked for American Airlines, in the oil and gas industry, for Levi Strauss, in the pharmaceutical industry, in higher education and at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Bill has expertise in multiple industries. He said his job is to

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## ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Click This Link to Join Our Zoom Meeting

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make business better able to serve customers. On-line banking is one example of how information technology has increased access to services of business. IT is the lifeblood of growth at UTA. The system at UTA is now available to students 24-7-365. This change created unlimited access for all students. People have to have faith in IT. These are the people in today's world that make things work.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays and anniversaries. Angie Meister was the only Rotarian celebrating birthdays this week. Celebrating anniversaries are Tom Long, Mike Jarrett and Jim Fulgham.

Victoria Farrar-Myers introduced the program featuring Amanda Sullins, Executive Director of Arlington ISD Foundation (AEF). AEF is a non-profit organization fueling public school excellence. Amanda is a product of AISD schools and returned home after graduating from university to give back to her community. Under the leadership of a masterful, all volunteer board, Amanda keeps the team aligned and in touch with AISD teachers and fund as many grants as possible to inspire students. An engaged community supporting fun AEF events throughout the year are a big part of AEF's success. Amanda has a solid background in marketing, communications and project management. Amanda is a proud graduate of The University of Oklahoma with a degree in journalism and minor in non-profit studies. Amanda is an avid reader, always on the hunt for the next great book.

The mission of the AEF is to serve students, teachers and staff of AISD by fulfilling extraordinary educational needs and initiatives. The AEF is a 501 ( c )3 nonprofit organization formed in 1994. Tom Cravens was the founding director of AEF. The AEF is supportive of yet separate from the AISD. Since the AEF's founding in 1994, it has distributed more than \$2 million for educational resources in AISD classrooms.

Amanda told us that the board consists of servant

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## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund

Sept. 19 — Sept. 25

**Sept. 19 Paul Burnett**

**Sept. 22 Mike O'Donnell**

**Sept. 23 Al Clark**

**Sept. 25 Dixon Holman**

**Sept. 25 Clete McAlister**

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."

**Nancy Blinn 7 Years Sept. 25, 2014**

**Michael Wade 13 Years Sept. 25, 2008**



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Pints for Polio	Sat. Oct. 16 2-5 pm	Legal Draft
Holiday Party	Sat. Dec. 4, 6 pm	Mojo and Julia Haddad's home
"Sister Act"	Thurs. Mar. 10, 6 pm	Theatre Arlington
Installation Banquet	June 16, 2022 6 pm	Home Plate Restaurant Texas Rangers Golf Clubhouse

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leaders. The goal of AEF is to listen to classroom teachers and try to meet their needs. The goal is to build strong student outcomes. AEF provides leading edge learning tools to maximize student opportunities. AEF supports the ARLO Bookmobile. ARLO is the acronym for Arlington Raises Literacy Outcomes. ARLO provides free books in order to increase literacy. Another grant from AEF funded a robotics team at the Dan Dipert CTC Center. The team was known as the Wild Cards, aka The Fighting Ferrets. This team was able to compete in San Antonio in June, 2021.

Some of the fundraisers of the AEF include the Dream Makers Banquet and AISD Plate Project. A virtual bingo night was held in October, 2020 and a "Grease" movie night at The Levitt Pavilion. Over 500 people attended and \$145,000.00 was raised. Amanda also informed us about a fundraiser that has raised over \$1 million in seven years. This fundraiser was the brainchild of Chad and Joy Bates. It is the Education Celebration held annually at Six Flags Over Texas. The most recent event was just held on Friday, September 17. For more information on the AEF, visit [www.arlingtonef.org](http://www.arlingtonef.org).

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

Kris Landrith provided us with the last laugh.

Victoria informed us that our next meeting will be September 23, 2021 with Chris Hightower, President and CEO of the Arlington Museum of Art.

The quote for this week: "I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else". – Winston Churchill

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

### RECORDING OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING

(for a limited time)

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## PROPOSED MEMBERS

### TaShundra Scott

**Classification: Business Service — Employment  
Solutions/Fund Development - (Active)**

Sponsor: Sarah Knotts

Mentor: Peter Scott

### Richard Urso

**Classification: Business Service - Physician/  
Emergency - (Active)**

Sponsor: Peter Scott

Mentor: Dan Blumberg



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