

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

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In this edition: [Zoom meeting link](#), Theatre Arlington, the fight against polio, and more...

President's Message

By *Susie Wine McAlister*



WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY BILL GATES, PDG CHRIS MCLUCAS, AND OUR OWN SCOTT HENDRICKS that Rotary's decades long fight against polio has lost ground, like many other problems, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We can't let that continue.

Many of our current Rotarians weren't alive when the scourge of polio ran rampant around the world, including right here in our own community, but for many of us who are older, it is the thing that brought us to Rotary. Scott (who has worked so tirelessly on Rotary projects) told the club board on Friday, that it was his aunt's struggle with polio that made him join Rotary. My older brother had polio and Clete's sister suffered her whole life with the horrible after-effects of this nasty disease that affects primarily young children. Today, we are down to just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, but the number of wild polio cases, while very low, is more than last year.

Although we are close to eradicating polio, we know we can't relax until we eliminate the disease from the earth. The great lesson of Covid-19 is that viruses can quickly spread around the world. We are literally just an airplane ride away from spreading the disease anew, perhaps even to our country.

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Roger Paschal

District Governor Visit

COMING SOON

October 8 [Michael Jacobson](#) *Arlington Chamber of Commerce*

October 15 [Dr. Nathaniel Hearne](#) *Made Up Minds*

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY

By *Carey F. Walker*

THE WEEKLY MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:05 PM BY PRESIDENT SUSIE MCALISTER. Heather Kipker offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Mebus sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America". We had one visiting Rotarian, Don Mebus' daughter, Pat Hoffman from the Aledo Rotary Club.

Susie reminded us that 9-17-2020 was North Texas

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Rotary does many things at once. Yes, we have new challenges created by Covid-19; economically, medically, and otherwise. That doesn't lessen the urgency of continuing our fight against polio.

Susie Wine McAllister
President, 2020-21



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Giving Day. She encouraged us to be generous in our giving to a charity of your choice. Vera McKissic challenged us to be bold and invite potential members that we believe would be good Rotarians. All you need to do is ask and the worst that can happen is that you will be turned down. People will not attend unless we invite them.

Clete discussed with us the recently held Field of Honor. Clete thanked all who participated and made this a very successful event. Clete also requested help in getting the flags stored on Wednesday afternoon (9/23). If you can help, please contact Clete (cletemc@gmail.com).

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays and anniversaries. Angie Meister and Paul Burnett are celebrating birthdays this week. Tom Long, Mike Jarrett and Jim Fulgham had anniversaries of 4, 5 and 17 years, respectively. Sally informed us that she received birthday checks from Tom Ware and Jim Fulgham.

The next item on the agenda was a classification talk from Konstantin Maslenikov. Konstantin is originally from Russia. He is an ordained Salvation Army Officer. His previous occupations include being a police officer in Russia for twelve years. However, this job as a police officer was not very satisfying and Konstantin began as a volunteer with the Salvation Army in Russia. Konstantin immigrated from Russia to Maryland. He once again volunteered with the Salvation Army in Maryland. He then decided to join the Salvation Army and moved to Atlanta, Georgia for two years of intensive training. Konstantin revealed to us that God has His own plans and agenda for us. The Salvation Army is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on fundraising. The Salvation Army is very transparent with its money and on how it is spent. Konstantin said that the Salvation Army is a church with many employees.

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 **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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

Nancy Blinn	6 Years	Sept. 25, 2014
Michael Wade	12 Years	Sept. 25, 2008

ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5768219463?pwd=NWVLa1tVMTN1aUVJQUVrNXZ0WXgvdz09>
Meeting ID: 576 821 9463
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Great Links to Click

ArlingtonRotary.com
[Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 5790](#)
[Rotary International](#)



Immediate Past District Governor Peter presents Paul Harris plus 1 to Lynn at the district officer induction dinner.

CLUB GOALS FOR 2020-21

	GOAL	YTD
Polio Plus	\$5,000	\$300
Annual Fund/EREY	\$15,000	\$1,269
Net New Members	+15	
Member Inductions		2

The all time total giving from the Rotary Club of Arlington to the [Rotary International Foundation](#) is an amazing **\$854,771**.

“THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW WILL BE OUR DOUBTS OF TODAY.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt



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Kurt Bartley introduced the speaker and the program for the day. The speaker was Steven Morris. Mr. Morris has a B.A. from U.T.A. and holds an M.A. from the University of Houston. He has been recognized as an Arlington High School Distinguished Alumni and the school's auditorium is named in his honor. Mr. Morris has always been fond of Rotary and was involved in the Four Way Test Program as a teacher at Arlington High School.

Mr. Morris talked about the effects of the current pandemic on the arts. Covid 19 has hit the entertainment industry very hard. Theatre Arlington was forced to close in March and all the employees began working from home. The employees were able to resume work at Theatre Arlington in July. Theatre Arlington began a Cabaret Series in August. The venue had to put in place numerous safety protocols in place. These included limited seating, the wearing of masks and blocking off every other row of seats. The series has been a success in spite of the challenges. Some of the performers appearing in the Cabaret Series includes Persis Ann Forster, Ken'Ja L. Brown, Gershwin Revue and Creepy Cabaret.

Theatre Arlington has begun a new educational program. This program is a virtual learning program that is open daily to students to visit the theatre to have internet access for a nominal fee. This program allows for no more than ten students per room where they have the ability to communicate with their teachers. This has been a very successful program for the students. This program will continue through October.

Another event that is available through Theatre Arlington is painting with Angie. These classes are led by Angie Glover. Angie is the scenic artist at the theatre. These parties are \$30 per person or \$25 per person for groups of ten or more. The

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
Sept. 20 – Sept. 26

Sept. 22 **Mike O'Donnell**

Sept. 23 **Al Clark**

Sept. 24 **Lisa Brown**

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

World Polio Day 24 October

ENDING POLIO FOREVER

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan, and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

[Help us in the final push.](#)

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dates for these parties are October 24 and November 14. The times are 6p.m. through 8:30 p.m.

Theatre Arlington is performing Comedy Tonight! September 18 through October 4. This is a musical revue celebrating forty-seven years of Theatre Arlington musicals. These shows are held on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Beginning on November 20 and running through will be Theatre Arlington's Holiday Party. The party has been described as a delightful musical revue celebrating the holiday season. It will be a fun time to share with the whole family.

Mr. Morris told us that it has been a challenging year trying to keep the doors open and pay the bills. Fortunately, Theatre Arlington has received a large grant and had a game night fundraiser on March 1, 2020. It is hard to plan for the future with so much that is unknown.

Susie informed us that next week's program will be presented by District Governor, Roger Paschal and classification talk by Steve Kleiber.

The last laugh was provided by Kris Landrith.

A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Mr. Morris.

Susie provided the following quote: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving". – Albert Einstein.

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

