Rotary



Hubcap

Club of Arlington

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

September 3, 2020

In this edition: Zoom meeting link, Proposed Member, Microaggressions, and more...

President's Message

By Susie Wine McAlister

HAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT OUR FACE TO FACE ROTARY MEETINGS? Is it the food? A handshake? A hug? A friendly smile? Or catching up with a fellow Rotarian to see what's going on in their lives, their families, or their businesses. Wouldn't it be nice to see the latest photo on someone's phone of their newest kid or grandkid? Well, I think we all miss that camaraderie.

Since we can't sit together for lunch and catch up with each other, we can now join together a few minutes early each week before our regular Zoom meeting for some unscripted conversation and sharing. Instead of all being muted, let's try it openmic style! As soon as you join the Zoom meeting, you'll be able to speak with your fellow Rotarians and catch up on what's going on with them.

Of course, one of the problems with Zoom, when we all are <u>not</u> muted, we tend to talk over each other. But at least we get to see each other's faces and hear some of the voices that we are missing so much.

So this week, let's try it! Join the meeting a few minutes early and visit with your fellow Rotarians; you could even stick around for a few after we adjourn to hear additional comments..... off the record!

Susie Wine McAlister

President, 2020-21

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

By **Zoom**

Matt Wilson

Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau

IT HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY By Heather Kipker

HE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS MET VIA ZOOM ON AUGUST 27, 2020. President Susie McAlister called the club to order. Tim Moloney opened the meeting with a prayer and led the club in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Vera McKissic led the club in singing "God Bless America".

We had one visitor, Sarah Bartley. Sarah is Kurt Bartley's daughter. She lives in Chicago. We had no visiting Rotarians in attendance.

President Susie announced that the Board of Directors had added a new board position, Director of Community Relations. Vera McKissic was asked to hold this seat and happily accepted.

Randy Hendricks reported that the Membership Committee had received two new membership applications since July 1st. The goal for the 2020-

(Continued on page 2)



The Rotary Club of Arlington
PO Box 121045 Arlington, Texas 76012 – www.ArlingtonRotary.com

The Hubcap — September 3, 2020

PROPOSED MEMBER

Nadia Atiya

Medical Services —
Emergency Care/Marketing (Active)

Sponsor: Bryan Roberts Mentor: Mia Russo

ZOOM LINK FOR OUR NEXT MEETING Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5768219463? pwd=NWVLaitVMTN1aUVJQUVrNXZ0WXgvdz09

Meeting ID: 576 821 9463 Passcode: 9254

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,5768219463#,,,,,0#,,9254# US

(Houston)



(Last Thursday, Continued from page 1)

2021 year is fifteen new members.

Sally Hopper wished a Happy Birthday to Jill Regina and Fred Weekly. Sally also acknowledged Rotarians' anniversaries for the week: April Pettitt, Michael Jacobson, Bill Zedler, Kurt Bartley and Meg Wells. Happy birthday and anniversary, fellow Rotarians!

Kurt Bartley introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Alison Hall Birch, a UTA Assistant Professor. Dr. Birch unpacked her topic "Understanding Microaggressions and How to Respond." Dr. Birch defines microaggressions as the verbal, behavioral and environmental indignities that communicate hostile, derogatory or negative slights and insults to the target person or group.

While there examples are many microaggressions, Dr. Birch specifically discussed a current, relevant topic: racism. Even as Dr. Birch spoke Rotarians were chatting via Zoom, with one-member typing "how timely". Race has always been an issue. However, as Dr. Birch depicted it, during the last few months conversations regarding racism have acknowledged the elephant on the table.

Racism is a hard topic to breach in a personal setting but, Dr. Birch suggested, discussion of racism was almost nonexistent in corporate America until very recently. Dr. Birch said that after recent events larger corporations were starting to address racism. Among them, she said, are CNN's "Sesame Street" (which reaches a younger audience), Bank of America and General Motors (GM). GM has gone so far as to create an Inclusion Advisory Board to acknowledge the topic.

Dr. Birch listed three types of microaggressions along with specific examples: microassaults, microinsults and microinvalidations. Dr. Birch and her associates have conceived of a "4-D

(Continued on page 3)



The Hubcap — September 3, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!

ROTARI (O)

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

Bob Griffin 25 Years Sept. 1, 1995

Bonnie Harris 10 Years Sept. 2, 2010

POLIO ERADICATION IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19



Activities that will continue while polio vaccination campaigns are paused due to COVID-19:











Great Links to Click

ArlingtonRotary.com

Rotary Club of Arlington Facebook

Rotary District 5790

Rotary International

<u> Arlington Field of Honor</u>

Fall down seven times, stand up eight."

Japanese Proverb

Rotary Club of Arlington

(Last Thursday, Continued from page 2)

Framework": discern, disarm, defy and decide. That is, disarm the person you are confronting, defy by challenging the perpetrator to define the microaggression, discern how important the topic and the relationship are to you and decide what the incident means to you. If you are the person called out as the offender, Dr. Birch says to make the other person feel heard, genuinely apologize and strive to do better. Dr. Birch suggested that not all microaggressions are intentional and that often microagressions are be inadvertently offensive. Dr. Birch answered a number of questions before concluding her program.

In honor of the program President Susie presented the book *Llama Llama Time to Share* to the Webb Elementary School in honor of Dr. Birch.

Kris Landrith gave The Last Laugh.

Belinda Gist was unable to attend the Zoom Meeting but Sally Hopper, Rotary Foundation Chair, wanted to acknowledge her recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship. Sally will provide Belinda with her pin and certificate.

President Susie recited this week's quote and then led the Rotarians present in the recitation of the Four Way Test. Afterward we were adjourned.

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: %c3W53Tj





The Rotary Club of Arlington
PO Box 121045 Arlington, Texas 76012 – www.ArlingtonRotary.com

The Hubcap — September 3, 2020



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund August 30 – September 5

Aug. 30 Joy Bates

Aug. 30 Michelle Deuell

Sept. 1 Val Gibson

Sept. 4 Lynn Stavinoha

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!)



It's easy to help put up flags at the Arlington Field of Honor. Field set-up will be Friday starting at 4:00 pm. The weather will be perfect and the ground will be soft.

CLUB GOALS FOR 2020-21

GOAL YTD

Polio Plus \$5,000 \$200 **Annual Fund/** \$15,000 \$919

EREY

New Members +15

The all time total giving from the Rotary Cub of Arlington to the <u>Rotary International Foundation</u> is an amazing **\$854,771**.



PRESENTS







The Rotary Club of Arlington
PO Box 121045 Arlington, Texas 76012 – www.ArlingtonRotary.com

Founded May 29, 1923 - Charter Number 1493 - Issued June 11, 1923 - District 5790 - Club 1763