

# THE **ARCLIGHT**

The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the

### **ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB**

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March 31 - April 6, 2014

### Fellow Arlington Rotarians,

We had a very successful Spring Luncheon last week – see below, under "For The Record." For those few of you who missed that event, I'll repeat the announcement I made there: The Board decided on March 20 that our new regular meeting place will be the Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Rd. in Arlington. I hope to see you there this Thursday, April 3, when we will be in the Jefferson Room.

Putting that bump-in-the-road "venue search" out of the way positions us for a great finish to this Rotary Year (it's our 85th, by the way, so stay tuned for more news from Pres-Elect Gary and IPP Hugh Barton about plans to mark the event.

## Our Program This Week – Thursday, April 3 - Where Future Arlington Leaders Rub Elbows

Leadership Arlington Chief Operating Officer Elizabeth J. Nohra will give an update of



Leadership Arlington and how it enlightens, inspires, and connects leaders who are committed to strengthening the county. The organization gives its members top-notch experiential learning and networking that build leadership skills and focus participants on the issues facing Arlington.

Ms. Nohra is the Chief Operating Officer at Leadership Arlington. Prior to that, she was the Events and Development Manager of Leadership Fairfax. From 2004-2008, she was Executive Director of the Children's Museum of the Valley, a nonprofit start-up museum in Youngstown, Ohio. In 2005, she was named a "40 under 40" honoree by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley and Mahoning Valley Professionals 20/30. Liz earned her Bachelor's degree in History from Youngstown State University and her

Master's degree in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program. She resides in the Courthouse area of Arlington.

### Club Business/Announcements

Next on our radar: Make plans now to attend the **Second Annual AREF Fundraiser**, **beginning 6:00 PM at the China Garden Restaurant in Rosslyn**. There is no regular lunch

meeting on this date, the fundraiser IS our meeting for the week. Last year this event was a lot of fun, and raised \$3,000 for our scholarship foundation. Come and bring your guests for a great Chinese dinner, our speaker, raffle and prizes, and a chance to learn mahigning.

**Greeter Duty**: Along with our return to a "regular" meeting place, the Board has also decided to return to another old tradition, that of sharing the duty of meeting setup and greeting among all members. Details this week.

Arlington Rotary Accepting Scholarship Applications During April. The Arlington Rotary Education Foundation is accepting applications for the annual Arlington Rotary Scholarship. Applicants should be completing high school this year and planning to attend college in the 2014-2015 academic year. The scholarship is worth a total of \$8,000 and is paid out over 8 semesters of college. The scholarship is designed to help a deserving Arlington High School senior and is awarded based on a combination of the applicants' merit, service, and need. Deadline for submission of applications: May 1. The Foundation's selection committee will choose the winner during May and will announce the results in June.

"Rotary on the Vine": Tysons Corner Rotary Club is raffling off a week's stay at a condominium-villa that sleeps six, in the charming little town of Portet-Moraira south of Valencia, Spain, overlooking the Mediterranean. The winner also gets \$1,000 toward roundtrip airfare for two to Madrid. Tickets are \$25. This year's drawing will be Saturday, April 5 at "Rotary on the Vine." For more information or to buy tickets please go to <a href="https://www.rotaryonthevine.com">www.rotaryonthevine.com</a>.

#### For The Record

We were pleased that several members' spouses chose to join us for the Spring Luncheon March 27: **Barbara Barton**, **Debby Lott**, **Janice Long**, **Karen Klemp**, **and Nancy Kelleher**. In addition, we had several **guests of the club** who offered a variety of news:

- We inducted our newest member, Robert Martinson.
   Robert is with Wells Fargo in McLean, and his classification is "Private Mortgage Banking." A full biography was provided in the Secretary's seven-day announcement.
- Our excitement with having a new member join is tempered with sadness at Steve Holmes's announcement of his own imminent departure to Orange County. Joe Lott gave him a heartfelt "hail and farewell" sendoff. Steve also introduced his successor as Director at Culpepper Garden, Hunter Moore, a long-time Arlingtonian whom we hope to see again soon.
- ARC Partner Charles Meng, Director of the Arlington Food Assistance Center, related how the need for AFAC's food pantry activity continues to grow, even though the economy is improving. Our AFAC liaison officer Gary Long presented our annual contribution to Mr. Meng.



- ARC-Sponsored Student Reagan Thompson, who has been awarded not one but two Rotary
  - Global Grants, is recovering rapidly from injuries sustained in a car crash in France and will resume her studies at the London School of Economics within a couple of weeks. Reagan presented banners from two Rotary clubs in London, and the one in Libourne, France that had been very helpful after her accident. Meantime, Reagan's mother Ann Thompson is now in the international service field, having taken a position with Save the Children.



• From Presidents-Elect Training, Gary Long brought us the new idea of using our Rotarian magazines to help publicize the club. Just paste a label over your own address, calling attention to our website, and leave the magazine somewhere where second-hand magazines gather, and people may see it – like your dentist's, doctor's, or mechanic's waiting rooms, fitness centers, and the like. See Gary for stick-on labels.

### On the Horizon

10 Apr – ARC Meeting: Elaine Jean – "Carpe Weekend"

17 Apr – ARC Meeting: Carl Middleton (former ARC member) "Great Quotations, Great Thoughts"

24 Apr – ARC Special Evening Event -- Fundraising dinner for AREF, China Garden Restaurant (Rosslyn) 6:00 PM. Speaker: David Foster, former chairman, Virginia Board of Education. There is <u>no</u> regular lunchtime club meeting this date.

24-27 Apr – District 7610 "Reunion" – Virginia Crossings Resort, Glen Allen VA - Also includes a ¡Service Opportunity! - Rotarians will pack food on Saturday April 26 for the District "Stop Hunger Now" project.

1 May – Applications for the AREF Scholarship are due.

1 May – ARC Meeting: Local historian Kathryn Holt-Springsten, "Women of Arlington"

8 May - ARC Meeting: Matt Leavitt on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program

15 May – The Salvation Army in WW I.

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