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ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

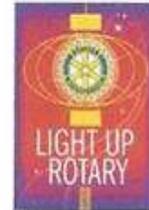
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Meeting Thursdays, 12:15

At Washington Golf & Country Club

3017 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington VA

Chartered July 4, 1929 – Now In Our 86th Year



June 30 – July 6, 2014

Club Announcements

No "Official" meeting this week. Members, please recall, there is no regular meeting this week, but a Rotary Roundtable will be held at La Cote d'Or for any visiting Rotarians, and/or our own members who may need a makeup or who just want a bit of Rotary fellowship. Starting at 12:15, as always!

For The Record

Arlington Rotary 85th Birthday Bash a Success: As we all know, the club held its "85th Anniversary Birthday Bash" on Friday, June 27, at the NRECA Conference Facility in Arlington, 6 – 8 pm. We'll look to our "chief operating officer" for the event, Hugh Barton, for a full report, but those who attended (including your humble editor) have reported that it was a success on all fronts – we attracted a bit of a crowd, bestowed our first "Light Up Arlington" Award on Leadership Arlington CEO Betsy Frantz, publicized Shelterbox, got a bit of good publicity (see below), all while having a good time. Club thanks to all those members and non-members who participated in planning, setup, execution, attendance, and cleanup – in fact, in everything that occurred that evening.

Club May Be The First To Hold a "Light Up Rotary" Event for RY 2014-15: Our new RI President, Gary Huang, is using "Light Up Rotary" as his theme for the year and proposed that every club do one event dedicated to that theme. As ARC members know, we were able to turn this to our advantage because it fit so well with what we had intended to do with our "Birthday Bash" anyway. So Arlington Rotary may be one of the first (maybe the first) clubs in the world to hold its "Light Up Rotary" event.

Lighting Up ARC: We did indeed put a spotlight on our club. Some members have told us lately they don't always see the results of our publicity efforts, so below, you can see the nice article that appeared in the Arlington Sun-Gazette for July 3, and (by weird coincidence) also an item in the same issue, representing our entry in a continuing cycle of small ads for ISCC member-organizations on a rotating basis, sponsored by Metro 29 Diner. Moreover, the Arlington Connection has also done interviews preparatory to publishing an article.

District 7610 Recognition and Installation Dinner: This event was held in Fredericksburg, July 28, the evening after our “Birthday Bash.” Thanks to Pres-Elect Jeff Sutton, and his wife Colleen, for attending this event on behalf of the club. Did our club garner any “recognition?” Find out at the July 10 meeting.

Membership for the Coming Year: A few words from our membership chair at the July 10 meeting, regarding membership recruitment last year, and for the coming year.

And now, enough words, let’s get to the graphics!!! --

Arlington Rotary Salutes 85 Years, Inaugurates New Honor

SCOTT McCAFFREY
Staff Writer

Growing up in Richmond, Betsy Frantz recalls dinner-table discussions with her father about his participation in the local Rotary Club, and its commitment to service in the community.

That childhood memory came full circle June 27, as Frantz – president and CEO of Leadership Arlington – was honored with the inaugural Light Up Arlington Award of the Arlington Rotary Club.

Frantz is “a big part of the glue that holds Arlington together,” said Gary Long, incoming president of the Rotary Club, explaining her selection.

The award was presented at the club’s 85th-anniversary soiree, held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association conference center in Ballston. More than 125 community leaders turned out, and Frantz found herself (and the Rotary Club) serenaded during a special appearance by the women of the Potomac Harmony Chorus.

Frantz said she was humbled to be the first recipient of the accolade. Club officials said they hope to make it a recurring honor.

The Rotary Club of Arlington began life in 1929, when the community was far different from today. Farms outnumbered mid-rise buildings, but the county was ben-

efiting from the growing federal government just across the Potomac.

Hugh Heishman, who has been a member since 1959 and serves as club historian, noted that back in the day, one had to be invited to join, and membership was limited to one person per vocation.

“This was the way people met people from other professions,” said Heishman, whose family long was synonymous with the sale and service of Porsches and other upscale vehicles in the local area. “It was fabulous. I was warmly received.”

From its founding, Rotary International was an organization restricted to men. In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs, and by extension other service organizations, had to admit women.

Kim Durand, who has served as president of the Arlington Rotary, said the prohibition on women members for much of its history did not mean women didn’t play a major role. The Arlington club, like others, had an active women’s affiliate.

Rotary’s focus long has been on education, and it has put a special effort into the eradication of polio worldwide. The club’s recent \$255 million international effort, coupled with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has brought that goal within reach.

“When we end it, it’s going to be a great day,” said Gary Long, the 2014-15 Arlington Rotary president.



Betsy Frantz is shown with (above) members of the Potomac Harmony Chorus and (below) Rotary Club leaders Hugh Barton and Gary Long.



Long noted that polio is still endemic in just three countries, and when it is gone, “it will be something that people talk about like smallpox, a disease of the past.”

The Arlington Rotary Club (one of three now operating in the county) was the second founded in Northern Virginia, starting up a year after a club in Alexandria. It is part of a network of 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and territories, with 1.2 million members.

Rotary International’s motto is “Service Above Self.”

The club meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club. For information, see the Web site at www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org.





Inter-Service Club Council Highlights: Arlington Rotary Club

Arlington Rotary Club has been dedicated to "Service Above Self" since its founding on July 4th, 1929. If you are interested in giving back to the community, fellowship, and networking with other business professionals, Rotary has a place for you. In addition to supporting many local non-profits, Arlington Rotary sponsors scholarships and stipends for Arlington students. As part of Rotary International, the club connects with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries.

As the club celebrates its 85th anniversary, why not come to a meeting and find out more about Arlington Rotary? The club meets Thursdays at noon, Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22207.

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