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THE ARCLIGHT

The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the
ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB
Week of November 6, 2017

<http://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org>

Meetings: Thursday, 12:15 pm
Washington Golf & Country Club
3017 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22207
WGCC Phone: (703) 524-4600

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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Thursday, November 9 - Lunch Program at the WGCC 12:15 – 1:30

Friends of the Planetarium

“Planetariums: Relaunching STEM Education”



Alice Monet will discuss why planetariums are so effective for STEM education. Board President Carolyn Lange will give an overview of what the planetarium does and how it operates.

As an "Army brat," Alice traveled far and wide with her family, but Arlington was always her home base. When her family was stationed locally, she attended Reed Elementary, Swanson, and Washington-Lee. Two events during senior year strongly influenced her future career: a class trip to Florida to see the Apollo 16 launch, and a class visit to the newly-opened Arlington Planetarium.

After a 35-year career at the US Naval Observatory, doing geodetic astronomy, stellar astrometry, and planetary astronomy, she wondered if she could get a job at the planetarium after retirement. Little did she know! After speaking at a school board meeting in support of the planetarium, she found herself roped into the group that would become the Friends of the Planetarium. It's been a super experience working with the Friends and Arlington Public Schools to make our planetarium one of the coolest places to learn about science in the DC area. Best. Retirement. Job. Ever.

Last Week

ARC Member David Baas gave his “classification talk,” covering a peripatetic life (born Ethiopian, adopted by an American foreign service family, schooled around the world, a graduate of William & Mary, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Spain) by using family photos and even a short quiz (if you need an igloo built, see David!). Now embarked on his professional, David currently works with Vivint Solar, marketing solar energy systems for residences and businesses, and he provided a great briefing on the basics of a solar energy installation and the economic tradeoffs a buyer needs to consider.



Special Note - Next Week's Meeting is Wednesday, November 15

Next week's midday meeting will be on Wednesday; there will be NO Thursday meeting.

We will join members of other Arlington service clubs in attending the annual meeting of the Inter-Service Club Council on Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 – 1:30, in the Ballroom at Washington Golf and Country Club. The event includes lunch, presentation of the ISCC's Man and Woman of the Year awards for community service; reading of a proclamation by Arlington County Board Member Libby Garvey, and an address by Father Andrew Merrow, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. (As you know, both Garvey and Merrow are honorary members of our club.)

We hope to have a good ARC turnout. Please inform Joe Lott (joe@lottfamily.com) as soon as possible but no later than Monday, November 13 if you plan to attend. The cost of the event is \$35, which will be billed on your next regular club invoice just as your usual lunches are.

New Member

Our newest member, inducted by President David on November 2, is Tom Johnson. Tom is retired from the U.S. State Department Foreign Service, and comes to us with the classification "Foreign Policy – Military Affairs." Please meet and welcome Tom if you haven't already. Tom brings our active-member total to 35 – let's keep growing!



Arlington Rotary Helps Hurricane Victims

In September, areas in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean experienced unusually heavy destruction and loss of life as a result of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. In light of these major disasters affecting U.S. populations, the club Board wanted to extend a helping hand, even as we were also raising funds to support a deserving local cause, Arlington Thrive. As a result, we pledged to donate \$20 per Wine Helps ticket sold to disaster relief. *That amount, plus some earmarked individual donations received from people attending Wine Helps, eventually totaled \$3,000.*

The Board decided to allocate these funds roughly according to our assessment of where the need was greatest, and where funds from other sources would be more readily available. Subsequently, Service Projects chair John Becker spearheaded an effort to identify top-notch, effective charitable foundations in each affected area.

As of this week, we completed the last of several disbursements for this purpose, specifically:

- \$ 250 to the Houston [Texas] Food Bank, ranked Four Stars by Charity Navigator
- \$ 250 to Feeding South Florida (also ranked Four Stars by Charity Navigator) for their Irma Disaster Relief program (this donation made in memory of our recently departed member John Courtright)
- \$1000 to the Community Foundation for the Virgin Islands (Fund for the Virgin Islands) – CFVI is a 30-year-old volunteer organization; 100% of all donations goes to relief efforts)
- \$500 to our local District 7610 Solar Lighting Project for Puerto Rico (BTW Rotary International is ranked 4th best charity overall by Charity Navigator)

- \$1000 to Americares (ranked 7th best charity overall by Charity Navigator) for the Fund for Puerto Rico Relief
- We also thank members who have made their own personal donations to relief efforts.

Condolences

Arlington Rotarians express their sympathy and condolences, individually and collectively, to member Sue Pyatt on the death of her sister on November 5.

Greeter Team for November: Hugh Heishman, David Baas

NOTE: If you are a greeter and cannot arrive 15 minutes before any weekly meeting during your month, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure your partner will be in attendance or to find a substitute for yourself. Contact **David Sutfin**, djsutfin@gmail.com with any questions.

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

-- OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO --

IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

Washington Caps and Polio Plus – January 7 – Get Tickets Now



DG Ronnie Chantker reminds us that the Washington Capitals End Polio Now Night will take place on **Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 p.m.** as the Capitals face the St. Louis Blues. Three dollars from every ticket sold will be contributed to Rotary's Polio Plus program. If you have questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact Rotarian Vance Zavela vance.zavela@gmail.com for more information. Interested ARC members who would like to attend should make their own arrangements, or form your own group to join other Rotarians from District 7610. Follow the instructions in the next paragraph.

How to get tickets: Tickets for the January 7 game are very limited so please place your order as soon as possible. Prices are \$52 for 400 level and \$121 for the 200 level. Click the following link to buy tickets: www.GroupMatic.com/events/s/other/Endpolio. If you have a group of 10 or more, or do not see tickets in the section or level you want, please contact Bobby Minnette at rminnette@monumentalsports.com or (202) 292-1947. Please note that you will not be able to download your tickets to a mobile device or credit card until 72 hours prior to the game.

(more news, next page)

Upcoming Events and Programs

Nov 15 – ISCC Luncheon, 11:30 AM, WGCC – Join other Rotarians in attending the Inter-Service Club Council Annual Luncheon in the Ballroom at WGCC. THIS COUNTS AS OUR REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK; THERE WILL BE NO THURSDAY LUNCH MEETING.

Nov 15 - Happy Hour, Pinzimini (Ballston Gateway Westin) 6 – 8 pm

Nov 16 – No meeting

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Day – no meeting; enjoy your holiday.

Nov 30 – Duane Evans, CIA (retired) on his book “Foxtrot in Kandahar”

Dec 7 – Annual Club Business Meeting

Dec 14 – Annual Christmas/Winter Event – stay tuned for details

Dec 21, Dec 28 – No meetings. Enjoy your holidays!

Jan 4 and January 11, 2018 – No meeting at WGCC, which is closed, but possible off-site meetings. Details to come.

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