

Rotary



THE ARCLIGHT

The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the
ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB
January 7, 2019

<http://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org>

Meetings: Thursday, 12:00 pm

The Marriott Residence Inn at Courthouse

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Chartered July 4, 1929 – Now In Our 90th Year



BE THE INSPIRATION

The 2019 Debut of the Club's Monthly Happy Hour!
Come Join Us, 6 – 8 PM, This Wednesday, February 9
at the Westin Gateway [Ballston] – Pinzimini Bar

Lunch Program December 10, 12:00 noon
Sherry Barndollar Rock, ARC Member
and President, Arlington Rotary Educational Foundation
“Classification Talk”



A “classification talk” is Rotaryspeak for a new member’s presentation about her- or himself. Every member is asked to do one. “Classification” means a member’s professional field (Sherry’s is “Fund Raising – Nonprofit Organizations,”) but the talk generally is broader, including whatever the new member wants to tell us about her background, development, history, other interests.

True, Sherry isn’t exactly new to the club (she’s been a member for more than two years) but, probably because she plunged directly into organizing our fundraising efforts, just never got scheduled. Until now.

Last Meeting

Our final meeting of 2018 was our Christmas/New Year Season party, which Sherry generously hosted at her home on December 13. We thank her again for hosting, and David Sutfin for arranging the wonderful spread. (BTW if you wondered, the food was obtained from Amoo’s Kebab in Chesterbrook, with a little delicious help from Marwa el-Sayed on dessert.). The session was well-attended, including many of our newer



members and even an unexpected pop-in by former ARC President Shannon Prendergast. (P.S. For the Arclight, the website, and Rotary “archives,” we’re hoping somebody out there has a few more great photos of the Christmas party (?) and if so, please pass them along.

In Case You Missed It

We had an election on December 6! Thanks to our Nominating Committee, headed this year by IPP David Sutfin, with Past Presidents Gary Long and Jeff Sutton, for managing the process. Congratulations to our leadership team for next year, who are listed below with the titles they will hold for Rotary Year 2019-2020. All terms begin July 1, 2019 (except for Bud, who will take up his new duties effective this month).

President – Dr. Raquel Neumann

(Raquel was elected at this time last year)

President-Elect – Chelsi Dildine

Secretary – Bud Martin

Treasurer – Linda Valentino

Sergeant-at-Arms -- Hugh Barton

Community Service Activity

Our next community service project will take place at Washington-Lee High School on MLK Day, Monday January 21, 8:30 AM - noon. Yesterday, Service Projects Director Chelsi Dildine sent everybody a full description of the project, but in case you missed it there, here’s what Chelsi told us:

To kick off our service projects for 2019, we are hosting a project during Volunteer Arlington's Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteer Day (<https://volunteer.leadercenter.org/MLK>). Volunteer Arlington invites Arlington community groups (such as ours) to host a service project that will allow fellow Arlingtonians to use their day off on MLK Day (Jan 21st) to serve their community. The way we have chosen to do so is to purchase 50 no-sew fleece blanket kits that we will instruct our volunteers on assembling (see the photo at left). We will donate the completed blankets to ASPIRE! (<http://www.aspireafterschool.org>), a tutoring program that helps under-served kids in Arlington improve their reading abilities (we have a representative from ASPIRE! speaking as our program at our Jan 17th meeting if you'd like to learn more).



We want at least a dozen Rotarian volunteers (more if possible) to help with this project for two reasons: 1) We will have up to 100 participants volunteering for our project, and we need Rotarians to help them; 2) We are using a District membership drive grant to purchase the blankets and we want to work to recruit community-minded folks who volunteer for this project to our club by chatting with them and getting to know them while we're working. We have Rotary caps available for purchase for \$15 that would be great if our volunteers were willing/able to buy to separate us out from the regular volunteers on the day of the project, but otherwise there is no monetary cost. – Thanks! Chelsi.

Please let Chelsi know if you can/will take part. The project will cost you nothing but your time (though we encourage members to purchase a club cap to help identify you as a Rotarian (see next item below)).

Arlington Rotary Caps

We now have available a batch of baseball caps embroidered with the Rotary logo and “Arlington Rotary” on the back. If you don’t already own one, please consider getting one. These are really handy to help identify members of our group when we participate in public activities like our January 21 project (above). Get yours now! And if you have a spouse, partner or friend who will do club projects with you, get one for him/her, too. *The caps are \$15 each; please see club Treasurer Linda Valentino to obtain your cap and pay for it.*

Other Upcoming Events and Programs

Jan 17 – Andrea Reigle, Assistant Director, “Aspire!” will speak about tutoring and introduce our planned project for the annual National Day of Service on January 21. (MLK Day).

Jan 21 – (Monday) MLK Day Observed; National Day of Service; ARC Project – details ABOVE; we hope for a large member turnout!

Jan 24 -- Samuel Wolbert, President/CEO, Animal Welfare League of Arlington

Jan 31 -- Joe Lott, ARC Member and President of Art Eclectic - Japanese Art

Feb 7 -- Bud Martin, ARC Member - Classification Talk

Greeters for December/January: Hugh Barton, Linda Valentino

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 **Steve Silcox, scsilcox@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?

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