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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

December 7, 2007



## The Salvation Army Doing the Most Good *SA Soup and Chili Day*

Program Chair  
of the Day:  
Orv Salmon

### Fast Facts:

- The "Salvationists" were Founded in 1865 by William Booth in London, England
- Adopted the title The Salvation Army in 1878
- Leadership in the Army is provided by commissioned officers who are recognized ministers of religion
- The SA serves in 111 countries/territories
- The SA uses 175 different languages in its work

Since the mid-1900 hundreds, when our Club was meeting in the Melrose Hotel near downtown Dallas, the Rotary Club of Park Cities has accepted a project called "Salvation Army Soup Day." Then as now, each member paid the regular lunch price for the soup, with total amount collected given to The Salvation Army to support TSA's vast Christmas Cheer Programs. These programs continue to provide food, clothing, shoes, and toys for needy individuals. This year The Salvation Army will provide assistance to not

less than sixty thousand individuals.

For the past ten years, our Club has held their regular Friday meeting in early December at one of The Salvation Army's outreach ministries facilities. Since the inception of the Soup Day program, the members of the Rotary Club of Park Cities have contributed well over five hundred thousand dollars in support of this program.

Our program on December 7th will feature TSA staff members of The Salvation Army's Music Department. A festive program of music, drama, dance, and songs of

Christmas will be presented, including a special feature by the "Singing Colonels."

The SA provides residential programs, day care, addiction therapy, service to the armed forces, emergency disaster response, community services, health programs, and education programs.

Once again, our own **Bob Grossman**, ably assisted by PP **Donnie Berg** and **Robert Ellington** will provide the soup (and chili)—Happy Holidays!

## AROUND OUR ROTARY WORLD

### Clubs in Central America to put on international project fair

For many people, January is a time for New Year's resolutions. But instead of cutting out the carbs this year, why not resolve to find an international project for your Rotary club? The [Uniendo America Project Fair](#) makes it easy.

The fair, now in its 15th year, will be held 24-26 January in San José, Costa Rica. It will feature as many as 300 projects organized by clubs in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, as well as seminars, including one on microcredit that will be led by Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones.



The Uniendo America fair was the launching pad for microcredit projects in Central America, notes Carballo, who is also vice chair of RI's Microcredit Advisory Committee. Microbanking is still a big part of the event; other topics include water, hunger, health, education, transportation and shipping, and the environment.

Rotarians will be able to take part in some hands-on projects as well as special events such as a city tour, dance lessons, and a formal ball. Before and after the fair, they can visit national parks and private nature reserves of Costa Rica, which is known for its tremendous biodiversity. In its 15 years, the Uniendo America fair has faced its share of adversity, from Hurricane Mitch in 1998 to the 2001 earthquake in El Salvador, but the Central American organizers and the North American visitors have persevered.

*December is Family Month*

**LAST WEEK**

Presiding: **Linda Tunnell**  
 Invocation: **Ben Young**  
 Pledge/Song leader: **Hug King**  
 Introductions: **Jack Marx**  
 Sgt-at-Arms: **George Keeling**  
 Chair of the Day: **Hy Lyon**  
 Speaker: **Doug Hood Jonathan's Place**

**P**resident **Linda** called the meeting to order. **Ben Young** noted that **Helmuth Delius** was in the hospital with pneumonia. Along with saying the Pledge of Allegiance, we sang The Star Spangled Banner." Among our guests today was **Rosemary Domecki's** mother who has been honored by the Downtown Rotary Club of Edmonton with a Paul Harris Fellowship for her lifetime contributions.

Sgt-at-Arms **George Keeling** reported two nice checks for the RCPC Foundation. **Dick Orrock** and **Cathy Bryce** took George's offer for two Frank Monroe Fellows at half price.

At our Annual Meeting, President Linda presented slate of Officers/Director nomi-

nees for the RY2008-09, who were approved unanimously. She also proposed that **Greg Pape** be nominated for candidate for District Governor, which the Club approved unanimously.

**Dennis Harrison** introduced us to our new website. Great job! President Linda introduced our newest member **Susan Rogers**, Community Leader.

**Hy Lyon** introduced Doug Hood of Jonathan's Place which is an emergency shelter for children who must be removed from their homes. He brought a DVD about their program. Many children arrive with only the clothes they have on and are given food and care, as well as clothes and toys to keep. They have recently started a foster and adoptive parent program. Bob Sambol of Bob's Steak and Chop House and President-Elect of the Board of Directors of Jonathan's Place gave his perspective on the changes he has seen in the children who have come there.



**MUSICAL FUNDRAISING**

Rotarian musicians in Sacramento, California, USA, have found a way to keep big-band tunes alive – and make money for service projects and The Rotary Foundation.

The five Rotarians form part of the nine-member Sacramento Rotary Rooters swing band, which released a CD in September called *The Rooters Remember the Big Band Era*. After the band pays back the \$15,000 loan it received from the Rotary Club of Sacramento to produce and market the CD, all profits will benefit the Foundation and the Sacramento club's local projects.

The band members perform about 60 times a year at musical events, Rotary club and district conferences, and senior resi-

dences. Gigs generally earn \$100 to \$200, with proceeds split between the Foundation and community service activities.

"You'll find us wherever



folks like to swing," says bandleader Evans "Red" Clark, a member of the Sacramento club.

A highly regarded drummer throughout the 1940s, Clark, 86, crossed the nation with many of the era's top performers, including Tex Beneke, Del Courtney, Helen Forrest, Mel Tormé, and Joe

Venuti. In 1951, he formed the Red Clark Orchestra, which played in Northern California for years.

"There were a lot of hot musicians, but demand was so great, anyone willing to travel worked six or seven nights a week," Clark says. "There aren't many of us left."

One of his best memories is of jamming with Duke Ellington in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "I had heard that he was

going to be performing in town that night and went to the show," he says. "The group's drummer wanted to take a break, and they asked if anyone in the audience could play drums. I yelled out that I did, and they invited me up on stage, where I played a couple of songs with them."

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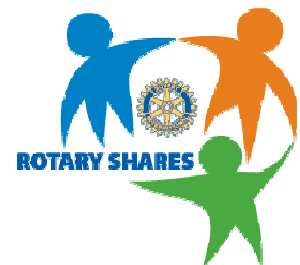
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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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**December 14 Mayor Tom Leppert**—Dallas Update (7:00 AM meeting at Maggiano's)



**December 28 No Meeting**—Happy New Year

**December 21 No Meeting**—Merry Christmas!



**January 4 John Peavy**—Fearless Economic Forecast

**THOUGHTS ON...**

**Christmas**

*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*

~Burton Hillis

*A Christmas gambol oft could cheer / The poor man's heart through half the year.*

~Walter Scott

*It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.*

~W. T. Ellis

*For the spirit of Christmas fulfills the greatest hunger of mankind.*

~Loring A. Schuler

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day / Their old familiar carols play / And wild and sweet / The words repeat / Of peace on earth, good-will to men.*

~Henry W. Longfellow

*There is nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.*

~Erma Bombeck

**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Trains at NorthPark** Please go online to the club website and sign up. All shifts are from 3:45 to 6:15 PM. 6 to 8 volunteers are needed for each shift.

**Scottish Rite Popcorn Nite** Sign up now for the best popping party in town. Tuesday, December 11, 5:30 PM. Go to the club website or call Jerry Soper, 214-361-8717.

**South of the Border** Richard Gilman and his wife Rozelle invite all Rotarians to plan now for a 2008 Rotary Shares event in Puerto Vallarta, Feb 7-10. No meetings, no

fees, no speeches! Rotary Land Package: \$573.00 (subject to change), Double Occupancy, per person (all inclusive transfers, meals, and drinks). Please call Lewis Gibbons, Mustang Travel, 214-969-7676, to make your reservation.

**Circle Up!** Circles of Success—Volunteers are needed for one-time events to Interact Advisors to bi-weekly mentors. See Tracy Gomes for more information.

**IMPORTANT MEETING DATES**

**December 7** Salvation Army Chili Day (At the Salvation Army Headquarters in Dallas)

**December 14** 7:00 AM Meeting at Maggiano's

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**THEY PROFIT MOST WHO LAUGH BEST**

There cannot be a crisis today. My schedule is already full.

CONCLUSION: The place where you got tired of thinking.

I don't have a solution, but I admire your problem.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Just think, if everyone minded everyone else's business, no one would have to mind their own.

COMPUTER ERROR MESSAGES WE'D LIKE TO SEE: Disk Full—Press F1 to Belch

HEADLINE: Psychics Predict World Didn't End Yesterday

Don't sweat petty things...or pet sweaty things.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What *was* the best thing before slice bread?

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**December 14, 2007**



## Mayor Tom Leppert Dallas Update



**City of Dallas**

*Program Chair  
of the Day:  
Bart Noble*

### Fast Facts:

- 1977, graduated cum laude BA Economics & Accounting, Claremont McKenna College
- 1979, MBA with distinction, Harvard
- 1984, appointed by President Reagan as a White House Fellow
- Board Member: Dallas Zoo, Dallas Citizens Council, West Dallas initiative, Trinity Trust, US Chamber of Commerce, CEO Advisory Council of the US Green Building Council

**T**om Leppert was elected mayor of Dallas in June 2007. Prior to his election, Mayor Leppert was recognized as both a Dallas business and community leader.

Mayor Leppert most recently served as Chairman and CEO of The Turner Corporation, one of the world's largest construction companies.

Prior to working at Turner, Mayor Leppert held executive positions at McKinsey & Co., Trammell



Crow Company, Pacific Financial Corporation and Castle & Cooke Properties, Inc. He was also a White House fellow during the Reagan Administration.

A lifelong community volunteer, he has served numerous community groups and charitable organiza-

tions on both the local and national levels.

Mayor Leppert holds an M.B.A. with Distinction from Harvard Business School and graduated cum laude from Claremont McKenna College in California where he served as student body president.

He and his wife Laura live in Dallas and have a son Christian and twins, Catherine and Ryan. They are members of Park Cities Baptist Church.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

### Barbershop choir draws three generations of Devenport singers

**Dan X. McGraw**

Dennis Devenport has made singing a family affair. Nearly 20 years ago, Mr. Devenport joined the Plano Men of Note, a barbershop choir, with his father at the request of his high school choir director.

Years later, Mr. Devenport's son Nick joined, and over those years, the Devenports have built friendship that will last a lifetime.

"It is definitely a fraternity," Mr. Devenport said. "I have formed some friendships that are among the best in my life -- friendships that will last for decades."

For 49 years, members of the Plano Men of Note have been building bonds and hitting the perfect harmonies as



they perform for audiences across the county, said Hal Copeland, a spokesman for the choir.

However, Mr. Devenport said, those friendships are just a side benefit.

"The music is what holds everyone together," he said.

"That's what hooks everyone."

Mr. Devenport, who is a trained singer, said a capella singing is what hooked him and his father, and when his son got out of college, he invited him to join. Now, three generations of Devenports sing for the choir.

Mr. Copeland said that scenario isn't unusual.

"You get the fever, and you just want to stay in there for the rest of your life," he said.

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**LAST WEEK**

Presiding: **Linda Tunnell**  
 Invocation: **Orv Salmon**  
 Pledge/Song leader: **Salvation Army Band**  
 Introductions: **Molly Murray**  
 Sgt-at-Arms: **George Keeling**  
 Chair of the Day: **Orv Salmon**  
 Speaker: **The Salvation Army**

**P**resident **Linda** called the meeting to order on our annual visit to the Salvation Army. Our host **Orville Salmon** gave the invocation. President **Linda** thanked our excellent cooks for the day, **Bob Grossman** and **Donnie Berg** for the chili and **Robert Ellington** for the cornbread and desserts. It gets better every year. **Hal Copeland** introduced our once and now newest member **Douglas Webb**, whose classification is Consultant. Welcome back! Orv turned the program over to his daughter Paula Johnson. She reminded us that it was also Pearl Harbor Day, and the Salvation Army band played a medley of the songs of the Armed Services as a thank you

to our Vets. She asked us to think how we know when it's Christmas time, and among the list of sure signs is the ringing of the bells at the Salvation Army's red kettles.

One of the Salvation Army's officials sang a delightful solo of "Silver Bells." Paula's husband Major Ken Johnson then took over the program and led us in singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The next musical number was "Rose of Bethlehem" with a beautiful ballet interpretation by two gifted ballerinas. The music continued with a lovely solo of "O, Holy Night" by another Salvation Army officer. We wonder if it is a requirement that all Salvation Army officials be talented. However, we all joined in the "music" next through the Silverware Symphony rendition of "Winter Wonderland." The program ended with some of the singers and band singing a personalized thank you to the RCPC for its help, followed by "Happy Holidays." An enjoyable program to get everyone into the holiday spirit.



**PRESIDENT WILF WILKINSON'S MESSAGE**



December is family month, a time when we pay special attention to our emphasis on the family of Rotary. When I speak about this, I'm often asked to explain just what the family of Rotary means and why it's included as an emphasis. When you put the family of Rotary idea next to such enormous needs as nutritious food and clean water, it might seem much less important. After all, as Rotarians, we're here to help everyone and look out for all those who need us. We don't just look after our own – that's not what Rotary is about.

As Rotarians, we do have a great responsibility to make sure Rotary's good work doesn't end with us. Rotary does so much that is so im-

portant in so many ways: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, medical care to the poor and sick, education to the illiterate. It's been doing that for more than 100 years now.

But if we focused all our attention on nothing but that lifesaving and life-altering work, then that work would eventually come to an end. Rotary would die out in a generation if we did not also pay attention to the health of our own organization – our members, our clubs, and those who will join our clubs in the years to come.

One reason I've always felt so at home in Rotary and with the idea of the family of Rotary could be that I come from a large family myself. I'm one of 10 children – six girls and four boys. But as

big as my family is, it's nothing compared with Rotary. We're not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs. We're 250,000 Interactors, 170,000 Rotaractors, 150,000 Rotary Community Corps members and, in the last year alone, about 8,000 young people in Rotary Youth Exchange. And, of course, we also include the spouses, widows and widowers, and children of Rotarians. Altogether, the family of Rotary is well over two million strong.

Our family is strong because it's close, and because it's always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing – in all the branches of our family. We should always be looking for and inviting qualified men and women to join our clubs.

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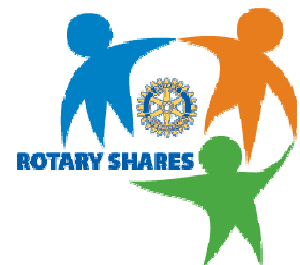
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**January 11 TBA**

## THOUGHTS ON...

### Politics

*Politics is the entertainment branch of Industry.*

~Frank Zappa

*Citizens should not lie. Lying is the prerogative of the government.*

~Plato

*We have a presidential election coming up, and the problem is that one of those candidates is going to win.*

~Barry Crimmins

*I stand by my misstatements.*

~Dan Quayle

*There are two kinds of truth—the real truth and the made up truth.*

~Marion Barry

*Solutions are not the answer.*

~Richard Nixon

*Any politician who lies to the American people should resign.*

~Bill Clinton

*Crime does not pay as well as politics.*

~Alfred E. Neumann

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PCR Foundation** The following grants were approved in November:

- \$3,200.00 to Planned Living Assistance Network of North Texas, Inc. to fund the purchase of video conferencing equipment for a new cognitive enhancement therapy program.
- \$2,500.00 to Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology to help fund the Perkins Youth School of Theology (books and study materials).

\$3,000.00 to Kid Net Foundation dba Jonathan's Place to help fund the cost of a shade cover over a children's outdoor play area which will allow adequate outside playtime while ensuring each child is protected from direct sunlight.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2008. The deadline for grant applications for that meeting is January 8, 2008.

Fund market value at 9/30/07—

\$1,251,117; Grants made July through November—\$19,860.

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A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful.

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OBOE: An ill woodwind that no one blows good.

There's no point in burying the hatchet, if you are going to put up a marker on the site.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: If police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

COMPUTER ERROR MESSAGES WE'D LIKE TO SEE: (A)bort, (R)etry, (G)et a beer?

ALIMONY: The cost of loving

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