



# THE HUB

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Eric Heitkamp*



## Darwin German

### Passive Investing in the DFW Market

In 1991, the California native moved to Texas and immediately began building an apartment portfolio throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

As a real estate syndicator and President of Darwin German Real Estate Investments, Mr. German leads an experienced team, serving more than 1,000 investors, who partner with him on real estate transactions. His collaborative style, transparency and deep understanding of investment real estate is what attracts investors to participate in his projects.

Having transacted more than \$1 Billion in real estate assets, his keen eye for opportunity has led to higher-than-average market returns on his and his partners' investments. Mr. German is a graduate of Northwood University, with a major in Business Administration and a minor in International Business.

Mr. German just finished his first book, God's Money Flow, "The Creator's System to Build and Manage Wealth." He and his wife Kelly have four children and live in the DFW area.

[www.darwingerman.com](http://www.darwingerman.com)

Based on Mr. German's website, his company currently owns properties in the following cities:

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Dallas	Rockwall
DeSoto	Weatherford
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Wailuku, Maui	Garland
White Settlement	

### RCPC IN ACTION



- **Monday, Apr. 15.** Ronald McDonald House. Serve dinner to families of children in Dallas to receive medical treatment. Details on the eBulletin
- **NEW Date!** Monday, **April 22**, 6:00-8:00pm. **Program Committee Meeting** at Moody YMCA, 6000 Preston Rd, Dallas 75205. ALL RCPC members are members of the Program Committee. Bring great ideas; eat pizza!
- **Thursday, Apr. 25, 6:00 8:00 pm** at Communities Foundation of Texas. Join Jeff Sheehan as RCPC partners with People Newspapers in our **20 Under 40 program**. We will be honoring twenty outstanding young people in our community. Speakers include: Calvert Collins-Bratton of CFT and Stephanie Newland of Belong Disability Ministry. The program will be emceed by our very own Jeff Brady. This event is impactful and uplifting! Register on the website or in the eBulletin.
- Friday, Apr, 26, 6:05 pm. Frisco Roughriders vs Amarillo Sodpoodles, Frisco Roughriders Riders Field, 7300 Roughriders Trail, Frisco. \$27/person (includes \$10 food voucher)+\$5.00/car if purchased ahead. See the website or eBulletin to buy a ticket.

### **-BOOTS & BLING- DISTRICT CONFERENCE CELEBRATORY BANQUET**

#### **Golf Tournament**

Buffalo Creek Golf Club  
Rotary Rockwall Club  
The Center at Rockwall  
City Place

**April 12 & 13, 2024**

Guest Speaker:  
PRIP John Germ

**Friday Golf Tournament & Dinner:- \$125**  
Addit'l Dinner ticket- \$25

**Saturday lunch, discussions and service to pack summer bags for the Boys and Girls Club of NE Texas**

**Saturday Night Celebratory Banquet with guest speaker, PRIP John Germ - \$90 (NEW!)**

**Friday & Saturday - \$200**

**Thursday, April 11, 5:30pm**  
Foundation Celebration at the TIK Comedy Club,  
**Special guest PRIP John Germ. Cost is \$69.**



**NTFB RCPC Volunteer Food Packing Day**  
**Saturday, April 20,**  
**9:00 to 11:30 am** at

the North Texas Food Bank's main distribution center, 3672 Mapleshade Ln., Plano 75077 (about 2 miles west of 75 off of the George Bush Toll Rd)

**Registration for this event has closed!**

### ROTARY INTERNA'L

**Be the Change: Uniting Communities for Water Protection**

*from Service in Action*

The World Water Minga is a global event inspired by the ancient Latin American tradition of community gatherings for a common cause. The goal is to raise awareness about watershed protection and set a Guinness World Record for water action. This multi-year project, backed by Rotary's-UNEP Community Action for Fresh Water initiative, promises to be a powerful force for change. This year's event is happening on April 20-21.

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***Be a Vibrant and Visionary Model of Service Above and Beyond Self***

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Jeff Sheehan**  
 Invocation/ Pledge: **Melinda Mitchell**  
 Marketplace Advertiser: **Mark Kashar**  
 highlighting **Sarah Oliai**  
 Photographer: **Cindy Cummings**  
 Chair of the Day: **Tom Rhodes**  
 Speaker: **Jim Montgomery**  
 Program: **A Life of Swimming**



President **Jeff Sheehan** called the meeting to order. **Melinda Mitchell** gave the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Jeff** introduced our visitors and guests. We had a guest from East Germany today who brought a banner to exchange. He then asked for Happy Bucks. One happy event was that **Bob Grossman** was present today. Another was that **Jodie Ray** was present, even though he is still recovering.

**Mark Kashar** introduced our MarketPlace Advertiser of the Week, **Sarah Oliai** and the Oliai Law Firm.

Sgt-at-Arms **Van Oliver** introduced our members with April birthdays. Members are encouraged to make their voluntary donation of \$100 or more to the RCPC Foundation.



VP **Mark Kashar** introduced our Market-Place advertiser of the Week, **Sarah Oliai**, who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law.

The raffle was not win again today. Fewer cards and more money next week!

**Tom Rhodes** introduced our speaker today Jim Montgomery, Olympic Award ' Winning Swimmer, Jim Montgomery ro speak on "A Life of Swimming." He started by saying that he is always asked if an Olympic Gold Medal is solid gold, He explained that the last medal that was solid gold was awarded in 1912. The Gold Medal is actually 92.5% silver. Each medal has the sport engraved on the bottom of it. He said he was going to talk about the greatest swim team in Olympic history, the 1976 team which he was on. It started in the Olympic Trials in June, 1976. To make the men's Olympic swimming team



### Please remember

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

back then was extremely difficult. The finishing time for each heat was faster than the final times for the Olympics; that id how dominating the team was. The teams in 1968 and 1972 had Mark Spitz on them. The men's swimming team had dominated for about sixty years. The women had started to dominate for about twenty years. James "Doc" Counsilman was the Head Coach of the team; he was a very famous coach, and was the coach at the University of Indiana. There were twenty-seven men on the team. It was a strange Olympics because tht IOC had taken out three events. I The rest of the world wanted the American's blood. In seven weeks twenty-seven men came together to create a dominant team. Following the Olympic trials, there were a lot of men from Indiana and from Southern California, so there were diferent cultures. The team coalesced around the Coach. The Coach had written the book, The Science of Swimming, which had been translated into twenty-two languages. The Coach challenged the team to win more gold medals than the rest of the Olympic teams combined. He said that the way for the team to fail was to not come together and support each other. Everybody put their egos aside and worked to win. Team support enhances accomplishment beyond those of individual expectations. The coaches created an environment of creativity, security and empowerment. The team made up its own rules. Everybody was accountavle for each other. They were expected to cheer for each other after their own events were over. In the Olympics one-tenth of a second can make the difference between first place and fourth place. The team swept the first event the first night and swept e=several of the other races as well. Every team member had a voice on the team.The olympics is eight days, and the team had to be ready for eight days, which is longer than most other competitions. The team was successful because they just wanted to win. They won twelve out of thirteen events.

Jim brought one his Gold Medals so we could see one.



### Our Mission

Building a legacy of good works and fellowship, we strive to:  
 REACH those in need in partnership with others  
 INSPIRE tomorrow's leaders with high ethical standards  
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April						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	<b>Mc</b>	M	M	<b>BD</b>	Mtg	
21	M	<b>Pr</b>	M	M	<b>Cn</b>	<b>F</b>
28	M	M				

- A=Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD= Brd of Dir's Mtg, 8am**
- BF=Bonton Farm**
- Cn=PCR Connect Event.**
- CP=ChildsPlay Work Mtg-Jill Jordan.**
- D=District 5810 Event**
- DH=Dentistry with a Heart- Michael Rainwater**
- F=Fellowship Event**
- FF=RCPC Foundation Fund Mtg- Ed Fjordbak**
- FT=NTFB Truck.**
- FB=NTFB Evtnt- Susan Glen**
- In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes.**
- LL=Legacy of Leadership**
- M= Meals on Wheels, Jim Weichel various days and times**
- M = Mentoring at Hillcrest H.S. v various days, times**
- Mc=Ronald McDonald House 1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter**
- NM=New Member Event**
- Pr= Program Committee Mtg**
- RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy**
- Rc=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.**
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**
- SpE=Special Service Event**
- VA=Veterans Support-**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Apr. 19 Joe Trahan  
WFAA-TV



Apr. 26 Sonya Parker Goode Grant Halliburton Foundation



Meeting at Agape Clinic  
May 3 Tour and Box Lunch



Paul Reed, Vietnam Veteran  
May 10 Tiny Diary Unites, Heals Enemy Soldiers

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note** that RCPC meetings and other events are public events where photos and video are customarily taken. By attending you are consenting to free use of your likeness on RCPC and related websites, social media, streaming video, emails, newsletters and similar methods.

**Have a Great Idea for a Speaker? Your ideas are needed!** Send your ideas with the details to Richard Stanford.

**Help Wanted! At ANY RCPC Event or Project.** Take a few pictures, include a few sentences (who, what, when, where and WHY) and send to Betty for The Hub

**RI Foundation:** \$100 (or more) Every Rotarian Every Year! See Greg Pape.

**RCPC Foundation:** \$100 (or more). See Birthdays below, then Van Oliver.

**Attendance Rule Change.** For those wanting to maintain Perfect Attendance, make-ups may now be completed within a year. RI is no longer tracking attendance.

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## THOUGHTS ON . . .

### Investments

Goodness is the only investment that never fails. ~ Henry David Thoreau

Therefore search and see if there is not some place where you may invest your humanity. ~ Albert Schweitzer

Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back. ~ Thomas Sowell

Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing. ~ Billy Rose

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. ~ Benjamin Franklin

Time invested in improving ourselves cuts down on time wasted in disapproving of others. ~ Author Unknown

If you want to be truly successful invest in yourself to get the knowledge you need to find your unique factor. When you find it and focus on it and persevere your success will blossom. ~ Sidney Madwed

There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact. ~ Mark Twain

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (continued)

*(Be the Change' continued from pg 1)*  
Community Action for Fresh Water is the flagship initiative of Rotary's partnership with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Through this initiative, Rotary and Rotaract members work with their local communities and partners to protect, restore, and sustain freshwater ecosystems in alignment ->

### HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

The best part about working in an office is that if you ever forget that you got a haircut, someone will definitely point it out to you.

with the environment area of focus. The strategic partnership between Rotary and the United Nations launched in 2023.

Community Action for Fresh Water (CAFW) incorporates, learns from, and expands upon the success of Rotary members who have been protecting and restoring freshwater ecosystems under the pilot program "Adopt a River for Sustainable Development" which began with UNEP and Rotary District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan) in 2020 and has expanded worldwide. The partnership connects Rotary's member resources and expertise mobilizing volunteers with the technical expertise from UNEP to make a more sustainable impact.

### Proposed New Members

#### Morgan Hare

Type of Membership: Individual  
Proposed Classification: Skin Care  
Proposed by **Happy Franklin**

#### Glynis Worthington

Type of Membership: Individual  
Proposed Classification: Sports  
Proposed by **Susan Glen**

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