



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Kathleen Klaviter*



### Anyika McMillan-Herod

### Ronald McDonald House of Dallas

Dallas, Texas native, Anyika McMillan-Herod, has worked in the non-profit sector and in Development/Fundraising for over two decades. She graduated from Arts Magnet High School ('89) and holds a BFA in Theater from Prairie View A&M University ('93). She has a passion for strengthening communities through education and compassionate care.

Prior to joining Ronald McDonald House of Dallas three years ago, Anyika served at St. Philip's School and Community Center for eighteen years. In her roles, from Grant Writer to Philanthropy Director - she has successfully helped drive meaningful engagement, cultivate donor relationships, and support initiatives that expand access and opportunity for families in need.

Known for her strategic approach and heartfelt commitment, she blends mission-driven storytelling with results-oriented execution to advance each organization's impact and ensure critical resources reach the communities they serve.

*Fun Fact:* McMillan-Herod is also co-founder of Soul Rep Theatre Company, Dallas' longest operating professional Black theater company, now in its 30th year since its founding.

#### **Ronald McDonald House of Dallas:**

Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families with ill or injured children. RMHD gives families with a child who is sick exactly what they need most – each other

Imagine learning that your child is ill and you will need to travel to a different city to receive the medical care they need – away from your home, your job and your support system. This is the reality for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive, and warm "home-away-from-home" for these families – so they can stay together as a family and focus solely on the health of their child.

With approximately 78,000 square feet, the House offers 77 private bedrooms, six extended-stay suites, and six transplant apartments. The House also contains multiple playrooms for kids of all ages and interests, a library, media room, craft room, chapel, meditation garden, laundry rooms, fitness center, and outdoor play areas, including a splash pad. Our large kitchens and dining room provide opportunities for the families to share one of our provided meals, or to prepare their own if they choose.

*(from the Ronald McDonald House website: <https://rmhdallas.org>)*

### RCPC IN ACTION

Volunteers needed for **Meals on Wheels**. Ask **Jim Weichel** about details and available times.

Think about what you can do to help with the **Parade!** Not in town for the Fourth? Volunteer for prior to or after the Parade.

**Tues, April 28, 6:00pm. Program Meeting** at PP Richard Stanford's home. Bring your ideas! Every RC PC member is a member of the Program Team. Email Richard if attending at- [stanfordr@hpumc.org](mailto:stanfordr@hpumc.org)

**Invitation: Tues April 28.** 5:30-7:30pm, Martha Jackson, who participated in our Legacy of Leadership class is hosting a discussion by Paul Markowitz and Brian Levy about Caring for Aging Parents. She has invited interested RCPC members. It is at Sevy's Grill, 8201 Preston Rd. It is free, but RSVP by text to 214-707-6890.

**Fri, May 1, at Noon meeting. Club Service Project.** Bring bug repellent spray or sunscreen with an SPF of 40 or higher for donation to Camp John Marc. The campers will thank you!

#### *Invitation*

**Thur, April 30, 6:00-8:30 pm.** Please join Sarah Oliai as RCPC partners with People Newspapers in our **20 Under 40 program**. We will be honoring twenty outstanding young adults and two youth on the rise, from the Park Cities and Preston Hollow communities at the Communities Foundation of Texas, 5500 Caruth Haven Ln. As an RCPC Member you receive a discount of 20% off when you register with the code Rotary Member26. Register through Pat Martin's email of Mar.17.

**Sat, May 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m, RCPC Goes to the Dallas Zoo**, 650 S. RL Thornton Fwy, Dallas, 75203. \$15/ adult, \$12/child age 3-11, \$0/baby-age 2. Please pay Happy Franklin via cash, check or zelle **by April 28.** (zelle:happy.franklin@att.net)

**Fri, May 8, 11:00am-4:00pm, Blood Drive** at Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Pkwy, Dallas, 75225. Look for the Carter Bloodcare Bus

#### **District 5810**

**Tues, May 12, 5:00-7:30pm. Rotary Means Business Networking Social** at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, 75287. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/t2v419kzE> DaQ1RG8

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets



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

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: PTrsident **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: PP **John Glancy**  
 Advertiser of the Week: PP **Happy**

**Franklin and Navigation**  
**Financial Group**

Photographer: **Barb Jeffries**

Speaker: **Monica Paul**

Program: **"FIFA World Cup Dallas"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. PP **John Glancy** gave the Invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner."

President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. Then she asked for visitors and guests to be introduced. One of our guests was a former Rotarian from Nigeria.

PP **Greg Pape** announced that Rotary was now in 221 countries worldwide. There are 36,000 members, but including members of Rotaract and Interact the number rises to 1.9 million members. Since 1985 Rotary members have contributed over \$2.9 billion to eliminate polio, and has achieved very close to one hundred percent eradication. In 2024-25 the RI Foundation has raised over \$169 million, and has received the highest rating from Charity Navigators for seventeen consecutive years. He then noted that President **Sarah** had contributed to make six fellow members Paul Harris Fellows. The latest was awarded today to **Jim Weichel**, making him a fourth level PHF.



**Mark Neace** recognized PP **Happy Franklin**, a Wealth Planner with Navigation Financial Group. She was also a Past President of the Dallas Uptown RC.

PP **Sarah** reminded all members that they are also members of the Program Committee. She then announced our next two service projects. The first is on May 1. Please bring bug spray or sunscreen of SPF40 or higher to donate to Camp John Marc. The second is on May 8 to donate blood at the blood drive at Park Cities Baptist Church. District 5810 is awarding a prize to the club which gives the most donations, so please sign up!

The raffle is worth \$191 today. The holder

*Please remember and keep them in your prayers.*

*Please let us know your concerns.*

of the winning ticket did not win the raffle,

President **Sarah** introduced our speaker today, Monica Paul, the Executive Director of the Dallas Sports Commission & President of the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee, to speak on "FIFA World Cup Dallas."



gan by asking who had been to a World Cup match before. Games have been held in Dallas in 1994. She said it is hard to describe the excitement of a World Cup Soccer Match. She then played a short video. She said this will be the biggest event ever held in Dallas. This is the largest World Cup with forty-eight teams competing. It will be a thirty-nine day tournament. The projected economic impact for Dallas will be \$1.5 to 2.1 billion. They are expecting over 100,000 visitors per day, with a lot of international visitors. The draw for the match schedule took place in December. Dallas has two matches with Argentina and with Japan. Jordan will be coming; they have never been in the World Cup before, so they are anticipating that the royal family and other VIP visitors will be here. Sweden, Austria, the Netherlands, England and Croatia. The England-Croatia match may be one of the best matches in Dallas. They have been talking to the consulates, embassies, and ambassadors to help steer them in certain areas. Dallas will host five Group Stage events, two Round of 32 and one each Round of 16 and Semifinal events. They have fourteen working groups working on different aspects of the event; some have been working for two years already. Beginning in January, 2026 over 3500 broadcasters will be in Dallas for the duration of the tournament. They will be given media opportunities through press conferences and briefings, cultural experiences and roundtables with city dignitaries and local authorities. They believe this media presence will help to promote Dallas as a global destination. There will be a thirty-four day Fan Festival at Fair Park where ninety-six matches will be broadcast live and other events will take place, including curated food and beverages highlighting local cuisine, and activities for children. It will (cont. on page. 3)

## 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  
 FOSTER lives of service above self

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April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			M	M	NO Mtg	F
5	†	M	M	M	Mtg	NTFB
12	M	M	M	BD	Mtg	
19	M	Mc	M	M	F	Mtg
26	M	M	Pr	M	SpEv	

**A=Agape Health Serv Day**

**BD= Bld of Dirs Mtg, 8am**

**BF=Bonton Farm**

**CC=Crossroads Com. Pabtry**

**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**

**FC= Foot Care Clinic**

**FB=NTFB Event-Susan Glen I**

**CM=Cafe Momentum**

**LL=Legacy of Leadership**

**M= Meals On Wheels- Jim Weichel**

**various days and times**

**Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS**

**various days and times**

**Mc=RonaldMcDonaldHouse**

**1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter**

**NM=New Member Event**

**Pr= Program CommitteeMtg**

**RL=Readers2Leaders-various**

**days, times- Rob Levy**





**Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilal.**

**SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**

**SpE=Special Service Event**

**VA=Veterans Support-**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

-  **May 1** Panel of UP Robbie Corder and HP Rep (TBA)  
Discussing How DART Affects Available Funds of the City and Town Respectively
-  **May 8** TBA  
Preservation Dallas
-  **May 15** John Antal, Col - America 250 Series  
7 Leadership Lessons of the American Revolution: The Founding Fathers, Liberty and the Struggle
-  **May 22** **NO Meeting** Memorial Day Weekend

## 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 Jack Carpenter.

**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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**Make a post about or while at Rotary and use these hashtags**

-  #PeopleOfAction
-  #district5810proud
-  #parkcitiesrotary
-  #goodthingshapp e nonfridays

like. it will rely heavily on DART and TRE. It is the responsibility of the host city to provide transportation to the stadium, They have 125 buses that will take people from Centreport Station to the stadium. They also have a Human Rights Plan, including human trafficking training, free speech tool kits and working with homeless coalitions. They have accessibility plans to assist the disabled. They are also considering sustainability to protect the environment. This will include youth ambassadors and working with youth and communities on clean up. Marketing will focus on consistent brand standards and on communication with fans to explain transportation options and with residents to know needed traffic details. Their website is always being updated with FAQs and other helpful resurces.

## THOUGHTS ON ...

### Families

Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.

~ Jane Howard

It is within the families themselves where peace can begin.

~ Susan Partnow

Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.

~ Leo Tolstoy

A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.

~ Ogden Nash

Strangers are just family you have yet to come to know.

~ Mitch Albom

Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.

~ Mother Teresa

Family connexions were always worth preserving, good company always worth seeking.

~ Jane Austen

Other things may change us, but we start and end with family.

~ Anthony Brandt

A healthy family is sacred territory.

~ Unknown

The family is the nucleus of civilization.

]~ William James Durant

## IN MEMORIAM

Please keep these families in your prayers

**John Bettis Morelock** passed away on April 12, 2026. He joined the Club on April 4, 1996 with the Classification of Florist. His funeral arrangements are pending.

**Robert (Rob) Harry Levy** passed away on April 16, 2026. He joined the Club on May 17, 2019 with the Classification of Dentistry His graveside service was held on April 21.

## MEETING NOTES (continued)

accommodate 35,000 people at one time. Safety and security are a priority they have an integrated plan in place and are working at the local, state and federal level There is a special task force that has been set up just for the World Cup. They meet with them weekly and are given insights on what is happening around the world and on potential threats. The North Texas Council of Governments has been working across the board with the various transportation options and state and federal agencies about what the transportation plans will look

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY\***

**Larry Gebhardt 4.24**

**Susan Glen 4.28**

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