



THE HUB

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Richard Stanford



Robyn Flatt, Executive Director – DCT Dallas Children's Theater

Robyn Flatt co-founded DCT in 1984 with start-up funds of \$500. Under her artistic leadership, the theater's creative and operational stature has grown over the past 35 years to reflect its current annual budget of more than \$4 million.

Her theatrical career has brought her acclaim as a professional director, actor and lighting designer. During her tenure as a member of the Dallas Theater Center Resident Company, she served as Assistant Artistic Director and Director of Theater-in-the-Parks. She holds a MA degree from Baylor University and studied under Paul Baker, Juana Laban, and Hanya Holm.

Ms. Flatt's many acting credits include two roles she created for award-winning world premiere productions: Dewey Dell in *Journey to Jefferson* and Martha Ann Sickenger in *Preston Jones' The Oldest Living Graduate*. Her directing credits at DCT include several world premiere adaptations by Linda Daugherty of Steven Kellogg's stories which have also toured nationally. Other critic-

ally acclaimed productions include: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*; *The Miracle Worker*; *And Then They Came For Me*; *To Kill a Mockingbird*; *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*; *Treasure Island Reimagined!* and *Yana Wana's Legend of the Bluebonnet*.

She has served on the boards of AATE, ASSITEJ/USA, and CTFA. She is a recipient of The 500, Inc.'s prestigious Ken Bryant Visionary Award, Dallas Historical Society's 1999 Excellence in Community Service for Creative Arts, the 2002 Leon Rabin Standing Ovation Award, and the Excellence in Nonprofit Management Award. Ms. Flatt is a member of the College of Fellows of American Theatre and served five years as Treasurer of the Children's Theatre Foundation of America.

She was nominated by The Dallas Morning News arts staff for the Texan of the Year Award in both 2010 and 2015 and was honored in 2016 with the Orlin Corey Award for Artistic Excellence from the American Alliance for Theater and Education.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Apply Now for the 2019-20 Class from Cleve Clinton

Applications are now being accepted for RCPC Rotarians to participate in our Legacy of Leadership series inaugurated last year. Check out our syllabus through the RCPC website..

Why You? As a member of RCPC you join 1.2 million others in 32,000+ member clubs located in some 200 countries around the world. All share your motto of "Service Above Self" joining together leaders in humanitarian service to advance good will and peace around the world.

Rotary has a Legacy of Leadership in the world – for over 100 years.

The Rotary Club of Park Cities is endeavoring to re-ignite our passion for leadership – in our Rotary Club, in our families and in our nation. **Will YOU join us?**

FAMILY OF ROTARY

RCPC Dines Out for Restaurant Week

from Happy Franklin

Date: **Tuesday, August 27th**
Time: **6:30pm**
Place: **Del Frisco's Grille in Uptown** 3232 McKinney, Dallas
Menu: **\$39 Three Courses**
Tax, Gratuity, & Beverages not included.

\$8 from every dinner meal will be donated to the NTX Food Bank.

You can also order off their regular menu

Website: <https://delfriscosgrille.com/dallas/menus/rw-dinner/>

Parking: Complimentary self-parking in their parking garage or \$5 valet parking.

RSVP on the RCPC website

Mark Your Calendars! PCR Connect *from Happy Franklin*

Join Us for 3rd Thursday PCR Connect!

Network, fellowship, share business cards and ideas, etc. Invite friends, family, neighbors, business colleagues, fellow Rotarians, etc.

Thursday, Sept. 19
5:00-7:00 pm

Network Bar

331 Singleton Blvd
Dallas 75212

Spotlighted Member:

Chris McNeill,

Block Garden & McNeill LLP

Thursday, Oct. 17
7:30-8:30 am

Flying Fish

6126 Luther Lane
Dallas 75225

Spotlighted Member:

Daniel Drabinski,

Mass Mutual



Time Flies!

Have you

- Paid your RCPC dues for 2019-20?
- Chosen your two or more Commit-tees? Try a new one!

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Richard Stanford**
 Invocation: **Barbara Marcum**
 Pledge: **Cindy Cummings**
 Photographer: **Catherine Anderson**
 Chair of the Day: **Howard Parker**
 Speaker: **John Creuzot**, Dallas County District Attorney
 Program: **Update from our new DA**



President **Richard Stanford** called the meeting to order. **Barbara Marcum** gave the invocation. **Cindy Cummings** led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner." **Herb Ziev** introduced our market place advertiser for today, **Nolan Duck**. His company DBG is an advisor and business broker for both the Buyer and Seller of large companies. **Happy Franklin** spoke about RCP Connect and invited everyone to join the "Beer Tasting" event on Wednesday, August 21 from 5 to 7 at Total Wine, 9350 N. Central, cost \$15 per person which includes snacks and beer. Also August 27, members are asked to attend Restaurant week at Del Frisco. Note: \$8 of your meal will be donated to North Texas Food Bank.

Howard Parker introduced our speaker today, John Creuzot, Dallas County DA who gave us an update concerning issues facing the Criminal Justice system. Mr. Creuzot is a retired judge with three decades of experience including 21 years as a Felony District Court Judge. His background includes seven years as a Dallas County Assistant District attorney and Chief Felony Prosecutor. Creuzot has earned a national reputation for his innovative work on drug courts, criminal justice reform and "evidence-based sentencing."



The county DA office has over 500 employees and 280 lawyers and a \$50 million dollar budget. The sections are Criminal (by far the largest), Fraud, Appellate (supervision of the conviction), and Conviction Integrity. Many of the criminal cases involve people with a problem with substance abuse, mental illness and opioids. Mr. Creuzot has presented research

Please remember ...

Please let us know your Joys or Concerns at- announcements@parkcitiesrotary.org

with many thanks to Mary Bishop for the Notes!

about the cost benefit of several new approaches to the Texas Legislature, He has implemented many successful options other than putting those addicted to alcohol, drugs, or suffering from mental illness into the prison system where they can't get the help they need. Typically it is a revolving door with these folks being put into prison for 12 to 18 months only to fall afoul of the law and going back through the criminal justice system. The cost, time and money could be better spent.

How you might ask? Mr. Creuzot has proven that "Evidence Based Sentencing" has reduced sentencing and resentencing (in and out of prison and need patient care) by 68%. High risk offenders (substance abuse, mental illness and opioids users) can be identified before ending back in the prison system. By helping these individual (not prison) but more patient care facilities for the mentally ill and rehab program, we can save the tax payer's dollars. He mentioned that in 1991, we had 50,000 prison beds, in 2005 they increased to 105,000. More beds is not the solution. The solution is more emphasis and money on intervention and rehab. This a public health issue not a criminal justice issue.

A controversial issue that Mr. Creuzot mentioned was marijuana. He feels there this is not a criminal matter but should be a misdemeanor. It costs the prosecutors too much time, taking them and police officers away from the true criminals. We must be smart on crime. More attorneys are need to handle child abuse cases and other issues besides spending all their time on revolving cases. At this time, we have 8,000 cases backlogged. Marijuana cases are creating a log jam.

Help is needed: The Salvation Army is building a new facility with 150 beds for free rehab. Homeward Bound is redoing a nursing home with dedicating beds for rehab of substance abuse, alcohol, and hopefully mental illness. The community must recognize this is not a criminal justice issue.

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
 - A supporting member of Rotary International

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EVENTS CALENDAR

August						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				M	Mtg	
4	M	M	M	VV	M	Mtg
11	M	M	M	M	Cn	Mtg
18	M	Mc	M	M	F	Mtg
25	M	M	M	M	M	Mtg

Get Involved!

A=Agape Health Service Days
 BD = Board of Dirs. Mtg, 7am
 LaMadeleine, 75 & Mockingbird
 Cn = PCR Connect Event.
 CP = ChildsPlay Work Mtg
 CC = Core Clubs Event
 D = District 5810 Event
 DH = Dentistry with a Heart
 FR = Family of Rotary Event
 F = Fellowship Event
 FF = RCPC Foundation Fund Mtg. See Ed Fjordbak
 FH = Fisher House. See Rob E
 In -Interact Special Project

In- Interact at Hillcrest H.S,

8 am. See Tracy Gomes

LL- Legacy of Leadership

M = Meals on Wheels (Different teams on each day)

See Jim Weichel

Mn-Mentoring at Hillcrest HS

Mc = Ronald McDonald

House-See Jina McDaniel

NM = New Member Event

FT=NTFB Truck-Stan Wright

FB-NTFB Event

Pr = Program Committee Mtg

RU = Rotary University

SpE = Special Service Event

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Aug. 30 **Jeff Simon, Partner - Simon Greenstone Panatier PC**
The Cost of Living High: America's Opioid Epidemic



Sept. 6 **Candace Evans, Publisher - Real Estate Papers**
Current Trend in the Real Estate Market



Sept. 13 **District Governor Beverly Grogan**
State of Our Rotary District



Sept. 20 **Marc Christensen, Dean - Lyle School at SMU**
Overview of Research Being Done at Lyle

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sign up at www.parkcitiesrotary.org*

Ronald McDonald House, Mon, Sept 16, 4:30-6:45pm 4707 Bengal, Dallas 75235 Prepare and serve dinner to children and families at RMcDH. Very rewarding! **Help the Hungry.** Distribute healthful food at **Agape Clinic.** See Stan Wright.

Attendance Rule Change For those wanting to maintain **Perfect Attendance.** make-ups may now be completed within a year.

\$\$ It's a NEW Rotary Year! Plan to Contribute! \$\$

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

RCPC Foundation: \$100 (or more). See Birthdays below, then Cindy Cummings. The Rule of 85. Attendance requirements change for those who are at least 65 years of age and who have been a member of a Rotary club for twenty years.

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RCPC has its own channel.

Miss a Meeting? Watch it on Facebook!

Connect with Rotary International and District 5810!

RI: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557&trk=hb_side_g

RI: <http://twitter.com/#!/rotary>

RI: www.facebook.com/rotary

Dist. 5810: www.facebook.com/Rotary-District5810

RI has its own channel on YouTube offering a growing collection of videos and psas.

Check out or add to RI's Flickr group often, www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/

<http://pinterest.com/rotary/>

RI has Pinboards on major projects.

www.statigr.am/rotaryinternational
 See RI's latest pictures via Instagram.

THOUGHTS ON ...

Drama

Drama is life with the dull bits cut out. ~ **Alfred Hitchcock**

A little drama wins more friends than boring. ~ **Scott Westerfeld**

Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater. ~ **Gail Godwin**

Destiny is a name often given in retrospect to choices that had dramatic consequences. ~ **J. K. Rowling**

A dramatic critic is a man who leaves no turn unstoned. ~ **George Bernard Shaw**

Life is like an overlong drama through which we sit being nagged by the vague memories of having read the reviews. ~ **John Updike**

One of my chief regrets during my recent years in the theater is that I couldn't sit in the audience and watch me. ~ **John Barrymore**

A perfect method for adding drama to life is to wait until the deadline looms large.

~ **Alyce P. Cornyn-Selby**

FAMILY OF ROTARY



The Spectacular Senior Follies



from the Pirtles

September 12 through 15

2:00 matinees and

7:00 pm Saturday

You may buy tickets on any day for any price using code RCPC19 to receive 10% off on each ticket. Call the Eisemann Center Box Office for tickets 972-744-4650, ext 4.

Be sure to use the code RCPC19.

www.seniorfollies.com

And be sure to come to the lobby to greet the cast — and **Rod** and **Beth Pirtle!**

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

An old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg. "I am afraid it is just old age," replied the doctor. "There is nothing we can do about it." "That can't be," fumed the old man. "You don't know what you are doing." "How can you possibly know I am wrong?" countered the doctor. "Well, it's quite obvious," the old man replied. "My other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!"

We gratefully acknowledge

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Eating For Good *from Trisha Cunningham*

Support our partner, North Texas Food Bank, by participating in DFW Restaurant Week through Sept. 1. For each prix fixe meal purchased, the restaurant will make a donation of 20% to the Food Bank.

- (1) Go to www.dfwrestaurantweek.com to find participating restaurants and when they are participating,
- (2) Make your reservation through that link or through the OpenTable App and
- (3) Specify you want the Restaurant Week menu in the comments, and also remind them when you dine.

All Dallas & Collin County restaurants go to NTFB. The prix fixe lunches are \$25 and dinners are \$39 or \$49 at some of the finest restaurants in Dallas -- so \$5 to \$10 of each meal comes back to NTFB.



Happy Birthday*

No Birthdays This Week!

*You are our RCPC Funders for this week

