



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: David Waiyaki*



## Abbie Harper

### East Texas A&M University

Abbie Harper serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Extended Sites at East Texas A&M University. As the University's relationship liaison with school district superintendents, city officials, and community leaders, Abbie networks to facilitate numerous educational opportunities for traditional and non-traditional students in the DFW area and the entire state of Texas. Abbie has also leveraged educational resources for municipalities and corporate entities to enhance their employee pipelines.

With 18 years of experience in higher education, Abbie's background includes fundraising, alumni relations, strategic partnerships, and program implementation. Her work consistently centers on expanding access to education while fostering sustainable community and industry collaborations.

Abbie lives with her husband, Jon, and two sons, Hudson and Hayes, in Commerce, Texas.

### Historical Timeline

**1889**—William Leonidas Mayo founded East Texas Normal College in Cooper, Texas.

**1894**—The Cooper site was destroyed by fire, and the university moved to its present-day location in Commerce.

**1917**—On March 14, a bill passed in the state legislature making the university a state-funded college. On the same day, Professor Mayo died suddenly before receiving the news that his college would live on. Subsequently, the name changed to East Texas State Normal College.

**1923**—The school was renamed East Texas State Teachers College.

**1935**—Graduate education entered the curriculum.

**1957**—The state legislature, recognizing that the university had broadened from teacher education alone, changed the university's name to East Texas State College.

**1962**—The first doctoral program was inaugurated.

**1965**—The university's name changed to East Texas State University. 1996—The university's name changed to Texas A&M University-Commerce when the university joined The Texas A&M University System.

**2024**—A&M-Commerce became East Texas A&M University when The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved the name change.



**Monday, Aug. 18, 4:00 - 6:45 pm**  
**Ronald McDonald House**  
**4707 Bengal St., Dallas, 75235**  
**Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter**

### Save the Date!

**North Texas Food Bank**  
**Volunteer Packing Day**  
**Saturday, October 18th,**  
**9:00am-11:30am**



### District 5810

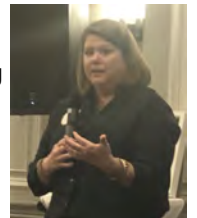
**Sat, Aug 9, 9:30-10:00am** Net-working, 10:00-12:00 Program  
**Club Leadership Exchange**  
Topic: Online Resources Dal-las College Richland Campus, Sabine Hall, SH118, 12800 Abrams Rd, Dallas 75243  
**Zoom option available.**

**Tues, Aug 12, 5:00-7:30pm**  
**Rotary Means Business So-cial Networking** at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas 75287  
Please **RSVP:** <https://forms.office.com/r/Pjn9BHH80H>

**Thurs, Sept 4,** Cash bar opens 6 pm, dinner 6:30, program 7-9 pm **Rotary District 5810 Awards Banquet** at Brookhaven Country Club, Ballroom. This is a night of recognition, inspiration, and camaraderie. Don't miss this opportunity to applaud the dedication and success of our Rotary family including Club of the Year, President of the Year, Star Award winner from each club, and other special District awards. Tickets are \$58.10/per person. **Register** in eBulletin.

### Cafe Momentum

Tracey Hull from Cafe Momentum spoke for a few minutes about the impact that our Rotary Foundation grant has made on the young people in their program



Working alongside local Justice Departments and community partners, Café Momentum is proving that it is possible to break the cycle of incarceration and violence that many of our youth have faced.

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







## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- DMA** August 15 **Setareh Parvaresh**  
Coming Up at the Dallas Museum of Art
-  August 22 **Mark Rowling**  
The Baker Hotel - Mineral Wells
-  August 29 **NO Meeting**  
Labor Day Weekend
-  Sept. 5 **Stephanie Bohan**  
Hope Cottage

## 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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## ROTARY CONNECTED

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**Miss a Meeting? Watch it on** YouTube or as an event on **Facebook!**

 <http://bit.ly/RCPCyoutube>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/>

**Share Rotary!** Post on your social media when you're at a meeting or event. Use our hashtags!

**Like and Follow us** on Social Media: Website: <https://parkcitiesrotary.org/>

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

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

## THOUGHTS ON...

### Education

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

~ **Malcolm Forbes**

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

~ **Will Durant**

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe

~ **H. G. Wells**

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

~ **Robert Frost**

An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.

~ **Anatole France**

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

~ **James A. Garfield**

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

~ **Diogenes Laertius**

Education is the best provision for old age.

~ **Aristotle**

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

*By Herb Silverman, president of the Rotary Club of IMPACT Ocala, Florida (excerpt)*

### Why Rotary Needs to Keep Adapting

Rotary International has united people through service, fellowship, and purpose for over a century. From leading the effort to eradicate polio, to providing clean water and sanitation, to empowering generations of youth, we have proven what can happen when thoughtful leaders come together with a shared purpose of Service Above Self.

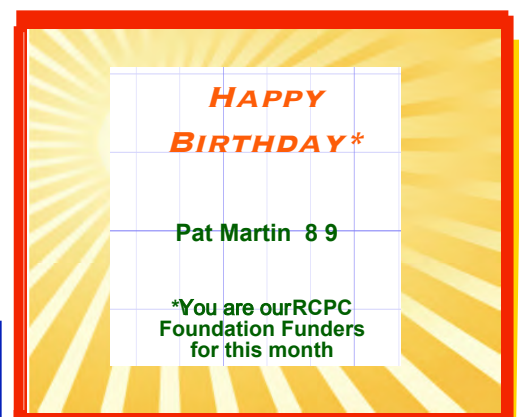
But what worked well for clubs many years ago is not necessarily the best set up for today. The world has changed, and people with it. Attention spans are shorter. Calendars are packed. People today connect over podcasts, group texts, livestreams more than over chicken lunches.

### HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

A Horse Walks into a Bar... He approaches the bartender and says, "If there is a triangle with three sides labeled x, y, and z, and x and z are perpendicular to each other, which side is the hypotenuse?" The bartender thinks for a moment, then replies, "Y, the long face."

Our members span six decades, from professionals, students, retirees, entrepreneurs, and more, each bringing unique perspectives to our shared commitment to service. Each one contributes in a way that gently enriches our collective spirit of service. We serve with intention: guided by what feels most meaningful and worthwhile.

In today's world, (especially for the younger audience), most people have no idea what Rotary is. That is not a crisis. It is an opportunity. If we want to grow, we must stop hiding behind meeting schedules and start broadcasting our mission like the civic rockstars we are. Visibility matters – not for vanity, but for vitality.



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