

# THE HUB The Rotary Club

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### 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

Club Leadership Exchange Topic: Online Resources Dallas College Richland Campus, Sabine Hall, SH118, 12800 Abrams Rd, Dallas 75243 Zoom option available.

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

Sat, Aug 9, 9:30-10:00am Net- Thurs, Sept 4, Cash bar opens working, 10:00-12:00 Program 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.

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#### ŠŒT WEEK)

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President-Elect Mark Kashar called the meeting to order. Patsy Watson gave the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance

and "The Star Spangled Banner." P-E Mark asked for Happy Bucks. Mark Neace was happy about several things, including his opportunity to represent our club at a statewide Rotary public Image Workshop in Pflugerville. He will be helping facilitate the workshop. P-E Mark then introduced our guests, including former member, Renee Santana.

Tom Swift introduced guest, Tracy Hull, Director of Development at Cafe Momentum, a fine dining restaurant in downtown Dallas, but it is very casual and nonprofit. She explained that they are entirely staffed by youth aged fifteen through nineteen who are justice involved. They are coming out of the juvenile justice system and are looking for a way to stabilize. They provide a fully paid, living wage internship with a year long curiiculum. They have also created their own high school which awards an accredited diploma. Many of their graduates go on to higher education. She thanked the club for "amazing support" over the years from grants from the RCPC Foundation.

PP **Greg Pape** brought a short video about RI's impact in the world. He mentioned members who had recently made their Paul Harris contributions to the RI Foundation. The club has twenty-seven members of the Paul Harris Society, who donate \$1000 every year. **Jack Carpenter** is the latest.

P-E **Mark** asked for the raffle. The raffle was won last week, so a new deck of cards was started this week. However, the holder of the winning ticket did not choose the winning card.

PP **Richard Stanford** introduced our speaker today, member **Jeff Brady**. He began by quoting the Gettysburg Address

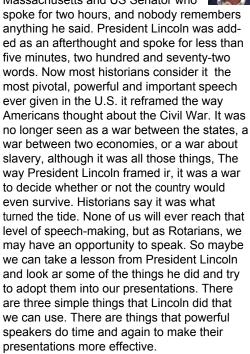
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*P*DG **c.c.** Collie has let the club know he is on hospice care. Hospice care can last up to six months or more.

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

President Lincoln spoke at the dedication of a cemetery. The keynote speaker was the former governor of Massachusetts and US Senator who



- 1) President Lincoln's opening words showed that he was telling a story, a very powerful and pertinent story because everybody there had somebody in the family who fought in that war Scholars say those who tell stories rule the world. When you tell a story, it activates the amygdala in your brain which releases dopmine which tells your brain it is important.
- 2) Make it shorter, sharper, stronger. You only have a short amount of time. The audience has a short attention span. Have only three points. Brains like trios and patterns. Delete the data. Just tell them the results.
- 3 Tailor your talk to your audience. One of the most important things people can give you is their time and attention. Don't waste it. What would be most helpful to your audience?



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#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

August 15 Setareh Parvaresh

Coming Up at the Dallas Museum of Art

lugust 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, makeups may now be completed within a year. RI is no longer tracking attendance.

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#### 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 Our members span six decades, from pro-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 ef-fort 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 younger audience). most people have no 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 rockstars we are. Visibility matters - not for 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."

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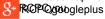
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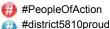
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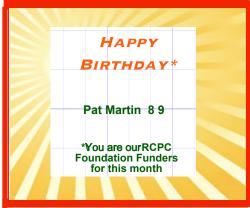


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fessionals, students, retirees, entrepreneurs. and more, each bringing unique perspectives to our shared commitment to service. Each one contributes in a way that gently enriches our collective spirit of service. We serve with intention: guided by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

In today's world, (especially for the 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 vanity, but for vitality.



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