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TODAY'S PROGRAM



Mary Pat Higgins

Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Program Chair of the Day: Mark Kashhar

As President and CEO of the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, Mary Pat Higgins leads the Museum in its mission to teach the history of the Holocaust and advance human rights to combat prejudice, hatred, and indifference. Under Mary Pat's leadership, the Museum embarked on a significant transition as it moved from its previous space in the West End of downtown Dallas as the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance to a new, permanent home, becoming the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, which opened to the public on September 18, 2019. The new space accommodates an expanded permanent exhibition and a larger volume of visitors. Additionally, it enables the Museum to grow its education program, which now serves more than 300,000 students. The vision for the new Museum includes a broadened perspective, with exhibitions and narratives focused on human and civil rights, pluralism and diversity, and other genocides, in addition to the history of the Holocaust.

Mary Pat has been a longtime advocate for children and educational initiatives. Prior to her role at the Museum, Mary Pat served as Associate Head and Chief Financial Officer at The Hockaday School in Dallas. She oversaw the annual operating

budget, numerous school departments, investment management for a \$125 million endowment, and substantial construction and renovation activities

Outside of the Museum, Mary Pat is active in the greater non-profit community of Dallas and currently serves on the boards of North Dallas Bank & Trust, serving as Chair of the Audit Committee, The Hockaday School, and Thanks-Giving Foundation. She has also served on the boards of Visit Dallas (as Chair), Preservation Dallas, Oak Hill Academy, Preston Hollow Presbyterian School (as Vice Chair), Ursuline Academy, Planned Parenthood of North Texas (as Chair), KERA (as Treasurer), the Dallas Women's Foundation, and the President's Visiting Council of Austin College. She is a member of Charter 100, The Dallas Assembly, and the International Women's Forum-Dallas. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from The University of Texas at Austin, is a Certified Public Accountant, and is a graduate of Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business Executive MBA Program.

Mary Pat and her husband, Lance, have lived in Dallas since 1989. They have two sons.

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RCPC IN ACTION

26-27 Dues Are Past Due

RCPC Past Treasurer Paul Pirok reported the Good News that dues would remain the same as last year - no increase. He asked that all members pay prior to June 1st. Ways to pay include

- Check mailed to the club address or brought to the meeting

^a Credit card through the website **(there will be an additional fee)**

- Zelle also via the website- no fee

Monday, Aug. 17, 4:00pm. Make dinner for families at **Ronald McDonald House**, 4707 Bengal St Dallas, TX 75235.. Sign up on the RCPC website to book yourself online and view available slots.

Friday, Sept 4, NO Meeting!
Labor Day Weekend

Friday, Aug. 14, 3:30/ Tour of the Holocaust Museum. **You MUST have already signed up**

Friday, Aug. 28, Regular Noon Meeting. College Game Day

Wear your favorite jersey, hat, shoes - anything that shows your college spirit. Sign up to sit at your college's table. See eBulletin for the Table Captains We need a few volunteers to help with logistics. Contact PP **Karen Farris** to volunteer.

Sunday, Sept. 13, Join RCPC members at Dudley's Sports Bar to watch the Cowboys' first game. Details will be available closer to the event.

District 5810

It's Time for the Emerald City Awards Gala! Fri, August 21
"There's no place like Rotary."

Drury Hotel, 165 CityLine Drive, Richardson 75082

Reception: 6 to 7 pm
Dinner and Program: 7 to 9 pm.
Attire: Green Summer Casual - No Shorts

Ticket Price \$65, Italian Buffet, including two drink tickets

Register on the District 5810 website. **Due by August 13.**

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:00am. District 5810 will join Rotary members and supporters from Zone 25B & 29 for the **World's Largest Polio Walk** in support of Rotary's **End Polio Now** campaign.

The Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

"In 1977, a small group of Holocaust survivors came together with an extraordinary vision to teach the North Texas community the lessons learned from the Holocaust, to honor beloved family members who did not survive, and to memorialize the 6 million Jews and others murdered by the Nazis. They saw as their legacy the creation of a place to teach the history of the Holocaust and advance human rights to combat prejudice, hatred, and indifference to create a better world."

"We are dedicated to teaching the history of the Holocaust and advancing human rights to combat prejudice, hatred, and indifference."

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Mark Kashar**
 Invocation and Pledge: **Daphne Stidham**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Mark**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Pat Martin** and
 People Newspapers

Photographer: **Van Oliver**

Speaker: **Trey Bowles**

Program: **"The Park Cities Angel Network"**



President **Mark Kashar** called the meeting to order. **Daphne Stidham** gave the invocation. There were no new concerns today. Then she led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Mark** asked for Happy Bucks. There were several things mentioned to be happy about, including travel plans/ Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced, hat

Mark Neace introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, **Pat Martin** and People Newspapers. which includes *Park Cities People* and *Preston Hollow People*. They have recently won thirteen awards from the National Newspaper Association.

Herb Hammond highlighted the members with August Birthdays and asked them to remember to donate to the RCPC Foundation.



President **Mark** called for the Raffle. It currently is worth \$645. **Tom Bright** held the winning ticket, but did not win the raffle.



PP **Paul Pirok** introduced our speaker today, **Trey Bowles**, to speak on the "Park Cities Angel Network." Trey started by saying that he appreciates talking to Rotary clubs because of how engaged the members are in helping the community and how welcoming they are. He said that it was difficult to talk about what he has learned and what he sees for the future without talking about his background, but first he wanted to talk about something exciting. The future of Texas, specifically the future of North Texas, is very exciting. Texas has the eighth largest economy in the world. There is an amazing amount of activity and movement coming our way. He said he would start with where we are going to go. Then he will talk about how we got there and how we can be involved. He said he thinks of himself as at the

Please remember

Let us know your concerns.

intersection of technology, entrepreneurship and education. He tries to make sure that everything he is involved with moves each of those components forward in some way. He said his career has had three parts. The first was entrepreneurship. While he was in college, he started his first company. Really quickly, that company got purchased, and he moved to Nashville and started another company, and a third company. His third company was the fastest growing company in the history of the internet, but he says it was just because it was at the right time and place. At that point he decided he liked being an entrepreneur. He moved around the country. After that time when he focused on building companies, he moved back to Dallas and began to build out the North Texas ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation. He learned a lot about the opportunities we have here and how we can build upon them, participate in them and see Texas thrive and grow. In that he got involved in a lot of non-profits and with SMU. Where he is now is turning more into an investor. A couple of the investments he is involved with now are the North Texas Angel Network and the Park Cities Angel network, as well as a venture fund and a fund at SMU. He is helping companies grow and helping them capitalize on the amazing talent and incredible ideas we see in Texas and across the country. As an entrepreneur, he learned several key things. The first was that you can never control the outcome of your business. He decided at that time that he would not try to be as successful as he wanted to be, but that he would build companies around what he was passionate about. If they worked, great; if they didn't, that was fine, too, because he couldn't control the outcomes of his companies but he could control his contribution to the profits. He said the first lesson of entrepreneurship is perseverance. Companies don't fail because of bad ideas or not solving real problems, but because you don't know what you don't know. There are twenty-five different things going on at any given time and entrepreneurs have to figure out what you are going to do. (cont. on pg. 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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August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
9	M	M	M	M	Mtg	F Dist
9	M	M	FF	M	M	Mtg
16	M	Mc	M	BD	M	Mtg Dist
23	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
30	M					

A=Agape Health Serv Day

F=Bonton Farm

BD = Brd of Dirs Mtg, 8am

CC=Crossroads Com.

PC=PCR Connect Event.

CP=Childs Play Work Mtg-

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

MM=Meals On Wheels-Jim Weichel

various days and times

Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS

various days and times

Mc=Ronald McDonald House

1x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter

NM=New Member Event

Pr=Program Committee Mtg

RL=Readers2Leaders-various

days, times- Rob Levy

Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhaili.

SP=Strategic Planning Mtg

SpE=Special Service Event

VA=Veterans Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Aug. 21 PP Bill Sleeper
The Best 50 Years of RCPC



Aug. 28 College Gameday Panel Discussion led by Jack Betts



Sept. 4 NO Meeting
Celebrate Labor day



Sept. 11 Natalie Markham and Trisha Cunningham
Food RX

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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nonfridays

THOUGHTS ON ...

History

Hegel was right when he said that we learn from history that man can never learn anything from history.

~ **George Bernard Shaw**

History is the short trudge from Adam to atom.

~ **Leonard Louis Levinson**

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.

~ **Napoleon Bonaparte**

History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

~ **Sir Winston Churchill**

There is properly no history, only biography.

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

History never looks like history when you are living through it.

~ **John W. Gardner**

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, however, if faced with courage, need not be lived again.

~ **Maya Angelou**

Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you.

~ **Nikita Khrushchev**

History teaches that wars begin when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap.

~ **Ronald Reagan**

History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is the history we made today.

~ **Henry Ford**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

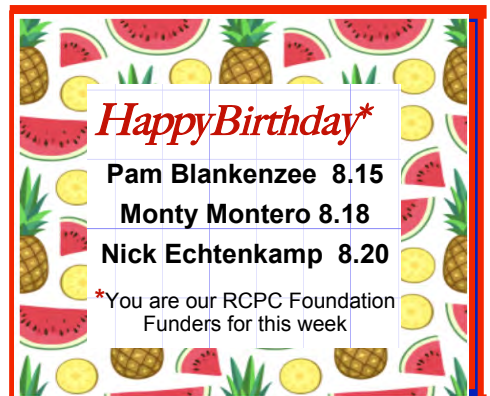
Perseverance is key. Another is knowing your customers. Many entrepreneurs fall in love with the product. A company is built by solving something painful enough that people will pay. You can never underestimate the value of the right team. People are the best part about building a company and also the hardest part. The right team changes the ceiling; the wrong team changes the company. If you are the best at more than one thing in your company, you have hired poorly. If you are the best at nothing, then you have hired brilliantly. Why would you not hire the best, brightest people to build the company that you own? It doesn't matter who runs the company; it matters who owns it. We have created a very flawed inaccurate definition of failure and an unrealistic definition of success. Success should be what is important to you, not what is important to the people around you. If we can teach kids if they try something that doesn't work, that is not failure; try something else. We need to encourage people to go out and try. He was asked to build an entrepreneurship department in the Meadows School apart from communication and advertising.

He started several nonprofits to help entrepreneurs and to build leaders. He began to see the ecosystem grow. There were so many people in North Texas who were willing to mentor and help young entrepreneurs and innovators. He is beginning to see Dallas create its own identity as a city as it relates to entrepreneurship, innovation and technology. Out of all of this he decided to create the Park Cities Angel Network. It is formed by a group of accredited investors. We bring together deals and evaluate them. We bring them before those investors and they can choose to invest or not invest. It is a great way to get your mind around diversifying your portfolio, particularly early-stage opportunities.

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