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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Holly McKasson



Setareh Parvaresh

Coming Up at the Dallas Museum of Art

Setareh Parvaresh is a nonprofit arts leader with a multidisciplinary background spanning music, science, and philanthropy. Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, she currently serves as Manager of Corporate Giving at the Dallas Museum of Art, where she oversees strategic partnerships and sponsorship development in support of the museum's exhibitions and community initiatives. Her work has contributed to the success of major institutional projects through high-impact fundraising, corporate engagement, and collaborative programming.

Setareh brings a unique perspective shaped by a diverse academic foundation. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance from The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and completed post-baccalaureate studies in the sciences at UCLA. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Arts and Nonprofit Leadership at Southern Methodist University, where her academic focus includes inclusive access to the arts, ethical partnership development, and the role of museums in cultivating civic belonging. Her professional practice is guided by the conviction that transformative cultural experiences are made possible through visionary leadership and sustainable, mission-driven collaboration.

The Museum's Process for Collecting Texas Art: History of the Annual Exhibitions (from DMA website)

From the founding of the Museum in 1903 to the merger between the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts and the Dallas Museum for Contemporary Arts in 1963, Texas art formed a significant branch of the American art collection at the Dallas museum.

Texas art, which is categorized as art either made by Texas artists or representative of Texan life and culture, held particular significance for Dallas as a rapidly growing city with a strong regional character. Many of the Texas-themed sculptures, paintings, and works on paper in the Museum's collection were acquired as purchase prizes at annual exhibitions sponsored by the Museum, the State Fair, and various art clubs.

Annual exhibitions, such as the Dallas Allied Arts Exhibitions and the Southwest Print and Drawing Exhibitions, provided a well-publicized arena for the display of artworks by local artists. Such exposure encouraged the purchase of Texas art by both the Museum and private collectors and facilitated the growth of the art community in Dallas.



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



Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept. 27
Foot Care Clinic for the
Homeless at Austin Street
Center. More details soon!
Qs? Ask Holly McKasson

District 5810

Thurs, Sept 4, Rotary District
5810 Awards Banquet, Cash
bar opens 6 pm, dinner 6:30,
program 7-9 pm at Brook-
haven Country Club, Ballroom.
Tickets are \$58.10/per person.
Register in eBulletin or on
Dist. 5810 website

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Excerpted from RI blog, Rotary 360

By Leigh Larson, Rotary Club of Great Falls, Montana, USA

When You're a Rotarian, You Belong

When I scored tickets to see Taylor Swift perform in Edinburgh with my cousin in June 2024, I planned to check out Edinburgh and London and head back home to Montana. But one of the benefits of being a Rotary member is that the world becomes smaller through the connections we share with members around the world.

When I moved to Montana in 2022, I was new to town, a web and graphic design business owner, and recovering from a divorce. I had heard about the military base in Great Falls through colleagues during my service in the US Air Force Reserve Chaplain Corps in Denver, Colorado. I had also worked with the Rotary club in my hometown of Fort Worth, TX, during a post-college internship. I hoped Rotary could be the answer to that overwhelming feeling of moving somewhere new – and it was. Those Great Falls Rotarians (cont. on page 3)

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

SOEIT WEEK

President **Sarah Oliai**
 Richard **Stanford**
 Mark **Neace** @
 Richard **Stanford** and
 CC **Young**

Photographer: **John Brown**

Abby Harper

East Texas A&M University

President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Richard Stanford** gave the invocation, mentioning **Bryan Dunklin** and **Susan Donnenfield**, both of whose mothers have passed away. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner." President **Sarah** recognized Honorary Member **Jim Whorton**, the Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade, who was with us today.

President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. Happy news was that **Lynn Surls** was back with us today, he hasn't been able to attend since November, 2923, due to health issues. We had two visiting Roraiuans, **Rafaela** and **Inge**, from Switzerland. They are from a village about seventy miles from Zurich. It is a beautiful village attached to a very old monastery. Their Rotary Club has about seventy members. One of their husbands is here on business, so they brought the children so they could improve their English. **Farshad** said he hadn't attended in awhile, so he brought his wife and his brother who had just passed the Bar Exam.

Mark Neace introduced our Market Place Advertiser, **Richard Stanford**, and C.C. Young Senior Livibg,

President **Sarah** announced the raffle drawing. The holder of the winning ticket did not win the raffle. Saturday, Sept. 27 will be a Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless at Austin Street Center. On Friday, Sept. 26 the club will have a Service Day. Along with the regular meeting, club members will pack carre packets for Austin Street.

David Waiyaki introduced our speaker today **Abbie Harper** to speak on East Texas A&M University. She started by saying her husband was a Rotarian. She started with a story about a girl raised by a single mom who had not attended college. The girl muddled through high school and thought she should go to

Please remember and keep them in your prayers

Bryan Dunklin's mother has passed away

Susan Donnenfield's mother has passed away

PDG C.C. Collie has let the club know he is on hospice care. Hospice care can last up to six months or more. He would welcome phone calls.

Cindy Cummings remains at C.C. Young.

Please let us know your concerns.

college but didn't know how. She filled out applications and went to the first place that accepted her. She didn't do well, wasn't ready and didn't have the money. So she went to work for seven years as a receptionist. Then she stumbled across one person who believed in her and showed her the way back into college. She said that the girl was her and it took her thirteen years to get her degree. She now has a Masters, She believes that education changes lives because ut changed hers, She said they change lives at East Texas, They are rooted in East Texas and serve Dallas and surrounding areas. They have 140+ degree programs. They have a growing and diverse student body of over 13,000 students. Their name was changed to East Texas A&M University in 2024. Recently, they opened a satellite campus in the Top Golf Building. CDVID changed the way they deliver education. They wanted to be an affordable education option in the heart of Dallas. They offer every one of the programs they offer on their main campus. A students can come from DISD, take classes and get their degrees affordably. DISD students also can take dual credit classes there. They also have a hydroponics lab there. They are showing their students they can do whatever they want wherever they are. They want to meet students in their educational journeys. They care about their students and stay with them until they finish. ETA&MU started as a teachers' college and still has a strong program for educators. They have competency based education programs for adults. They are not in a classroom, but are based on an individual's prior knowledge. They consist of seven week programs, all online. The course work can be done at home whenever the students have time.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



August 22 Mark Rowling
The Baker Hotel - Mineral Wells



August 29 NO Meeting
Labor Day Weekend



Sept. 5 Stephanie Bohan
Hope Cottage



Sept. 12 Brad Schwall
The Center

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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THOUGHTS ON...

Art

It is only an auctioneer who can equally and impartially admire all schools of art. ~ **Oscar Wilde**

Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better. ~ **Andre Gide**

Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures.

~ **Henry Ward Beecher**

Every artist was first an amateur.

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel.

~ **Piet Mondrian**

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. ~ **Pablo Picasso**

Maybe because it's entirely an artist's eye, patience and skill that makes an image and not his tools.

~ **Ken Rockwell**

Painting in watercolor is like walking a tight-rope; one must achieve a perfect balance between what the paint wants to do and what the artist wants to do, or all is lost.

~ **Mary C. Taylor**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (continued)

were happy to put me to work as their "tech guru." I was given the opportunity to design their meeting slideshow and social media graphics and encouraged the chapter to move from a bulky, slow laptop to a light-weight streamlined iPad.

About a week before I was to head to Edinburgh covered in glitter and sequins (appropriate attire for a Taylor Swift concert), I emailed Rotary clubs in St. Andrews and Oban to ask if I could attend their next meeting. The St. Andrews club invited me to come to their golf tournament and Oban welcomed me to join them for lunch Tuesday.

I walked through the rain and fog to the clubhouse of St. Andrews Golf Course, nervous about what to expect. I needn't have been. Club officers gave me a tour of the clubhouse, shared stories of notable Rotary events and fundraisers, and even invited me

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to walk out on the course for some photos, which made my dad back home quite jealous. We exchanged flags with the historic Old Course behind us.

A few days later, I took a train to the Hebrides town of Oban. Whereas St. Andrews is formal and prestigious, Oban is casual and relaxed. You can see the Island of Mull and seals play in the marina from the road outside of the Oban club. Oban club members wasted no time teasing my American accent and got a kick out of me cocking my head when I couldn't understand their thick Scottish accents. But before the lunch meeting ended, I was dishing jokes right back. Read more: *Rotary 360, 8/12/2025.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Pam Blankenzee	8.15
Monty Montero	8.18
Nick Echtenkamp	8.20
Doug Means	8.21
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