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TODAY'S PROGRAM



Jeff McKissack

Social or Anti-Social Media?

Program Chair of the Day: Eric Harrison

Jeff is a noted authority in the fields of threat assessment and the prevention of violent crime with over 35 years of experience speaking on these topics to audiences across the country, some 350,000+ in live audiences, and countless more via radio and television interviews.

In addition to speaking at conferences and conventions across the U.S., Jeff regularly conducts onsite employee training programs and client value-add events for various companies and corporations. Jeff also often provides continuing education seminars for those in the educational, medical, legal, financial, real estate, human resource, risk management, insurance, event planning, and venue management fields (and that list is growing). He has also been a contributing writer to several state and national trade publications.

Jeff also has decades of experience in the physical aspects of

self-defense and protection, having taught at the university level for several years. He has worked and trained with some of the same people responsible for training many of today's A-List Hollywood celebrities for their realistic on-camera fighting skills. Point being, he understands the physical dynamics of violence as well, yet another reason for his emphasis on prevention and avoidance.

It is this experience and expertise as well as highly evident passion for his subject matter that Jeff brings to each and every presentation whether in public or private settings..

Jeff McKissack is no stranger to our Rotary Club. He has presented a few times over the years, always entertaining and thought-provoking, often surrounding his ongoing goal of teaching us "how to spot trouble before trouble spots you." And today, this is a message beneficial to us all, both personally and professionally.

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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

- Credit card through the website **(there will be an additional fee)**
- Zelle also via the website - no fee

- **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.

Friday, Sept 4, NO Meeting!
Labor Day Weekend

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.

Monday, Sept. 21 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. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter

Saturday, Sept. 26. Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless
Check back for details

Save The Date!
NTFB Volunteer Packing Day!
Saturday. Oct 17, 9:00-11:30 am For information contact: Susan Glen

District 5810

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

Drury Hotel, 1600 CityLine Drive, Richardson 75082

Registration: 6:00 to **6:45 pm**
Dinner and Program: **6:45 to 9 pm**. Attire: Green Summer Casual. No Shorts

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.



ROTARY INTERN'L

Planting 50,000 trees in a day by Gautam Shrestha, Rotary Club of Yala, Nepal
excerpted from "Rotary 360"

On a crisp morning in July, I was on a journey to plant saplings in central Nepal. We were headed for a breathtaking village in hill country ranging from 3,900 to 7,545 feet above sea level. Rotary District 3292 has a proud history of massive tree plantings, but this campaign was our most ambitious yet. We arrived and waited for other Rotarians and members of the local community to join us. DG Binod Koirala's vision had set the tone: "Together, we can create a lasting green legacy for our communities and future generations. This is not just about planting trees; it is about planting hope and strengthening community ties"

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Mark Kashar**
 Invocation and Pledge: **John Brown**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Mark**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Mark Neace** and
 Serve to Lead Media
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**
 Speaker: **Mary Pat Higgins**
 Program: **"The Holocaust and Human Rights Museum"**



President **Mark Kashar** called the meeting to order on another hot August Day. **John Brown** gave the invocation and then 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 and visits from family. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced. Among our guests were PDG Mary Bedosky and the incoming District Governor of District 5810.

PE **Eric Harrison** introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, **Mark Neace** and Serve to Lead Media.



PP **Greg Pape** reviewed some of the goals of the Rotary international Foundation. He read a list of the EREY contributors for the 2025-26 Rotary year. The EREY designation is for those who donate \$100 or more every year to the RI Foundation. He then announced those who are receiving Paul Harris Fellow designations for having donated \$1000 to the RI Foundation. **Kathy Wall** received her first PHF pin. PP **Ley Waggoner** and PP **Barb Jeffries** both received their sixth level PHF pins; both are members of the Paul Harris Society, who pledge to donate \$1000 every year. **Mark Neace** used his RI Foundation points to give **Teresa Di Falco** her first PHF and **Betty Dawson** her seventh level PHF.



Please remember

Bob Patton whose wife gas passed away, There will be a **Celebration Of Life** on Thurs, Aug. 20, at 10:00 am at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 8011 Douglas Ave. Dallas 75225. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Let us know your concerns.

President **Mark** awarded **Daphne Stidham** her permanent member badge PDG Mary Bedoskey awarded RCPC with Rotary International's Club Achievement Award;for



requirements that RI sets for the award.

President **Mark** called for the raffle drawing. There is currently \$735 in the raffle. **Kathy Wall** held the winning ticket, but did not draw the winning card. Better luck next week.

President **Mark** introduced our speaker today, Mary Pat Higgins, CEO of the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum to speak about the museum. She began by saying the history of the museum was to build a way to teach history. The goal was to change lives through education. The museum has grown to be so large that they have an orientation film for those who are new to the museum. When you arrive, you arrive on the first floor. You start with history, not just chronological. but how it occurred. Then you move forward into World War II when the Germans invaded Poland and the Russians invaded from the other side. There are nine short films along with maps You learn facts you never heard before. You can visit other exhibits. They have a box car that is similar to the ones used on the holocaust. It is accompanied by the voice of a person relating the experience of being in the boxcar. They also have a lot of artifacts donated by survivors. Then they have an exhibit on the Nuremberg Trials, which established the legal framework for prosecuting atrocities today.



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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=ctrict 5810 Event

DH=Dentistry with a Heart-

Michael Ralwater

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

M=Meals On Wheels-JimWeichel

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-

SP=Strategic Planning

SpE=Special Service

VA=Veterans Support-

Ruth

Alhaili.

Mtg

Event

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



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



Sept. 18 Bruce Levine
The Dallas Stars

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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THOUGHTS ON ...

The Internet

When I took office, only high energy physicists had ever heard of what is called the Worldwide Web.... Now even my cat has its own page. ~ **Bill Clinton**

On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog. ~ **Peter Steiner**

The Internet has no such organization - files are made available at random locations. To search through this chaos, we need smart tools, programs that find resources for us. ~ **Clifford Stoll**

If you ever start to feel too good about yourself, they have this thing called the Internet, and you can find a lot of people there who don't like you. ~ **Tina Fey**

It shouldn't be too much of a surprise that the Internet has evolved into a force strong enough to reflect the greatest hopes and fears of those who use it. After all, it was designed to withstand nuclear war, not just the puny huffs and puffs of politicians and religious fanatics.

~ **Denise Caruso**

Internet is so big, so powerful and pointless that for some people it is a complete substitute for life. ~ **Andrew Brown**

The best Web sites are better than reality.

~ **Jakob Nielsen**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

At the museum they want people to understand the ten stages of genocide: *classification* which divides people into "them" and "us," *symbolization* which gives names or symbols to each of the groups, *discrimination* which gives priorities to one group over another, *dehumanization* which makes murder without guilt possible, *organization* which forms hate groups, *polarization* by which extremists target moderates as enemies, *preparation* when the genocide is being planned and support is sought, *persecution* which further marginalizes the target group, and finally to *extermination*. This is followed by *denial* by the perpetrators that they committed any crimes. The museum emphasizes human values. There is also a reflection room with a memorial to the survivors and their families who founded the museum. On the second floor there are videos of twelve different survivors. There is also a special exhibit, which currently is about Walt Disney's contributions to the war efforts. On October 9 a new exhibition will open on Black cowboys. In Texas about 25% of the cowboys were Black. They have numerous educational programs for children

and adults. They have educational resources for school districts. Last year about 20,000 students toured the museum. Some districts have partnered with the museum to teach "Upstander" skills to multiple grade level.. Upstanders are those who actively support or defend a cause or individual in situations where someone is being bullied or discriminated against. Their "Generations" program is for individuals who are descendants of Holocaust victims, survivors, refugees, hidden children, and Kindertransportees. Those in Generations have a family member who was targeted and persecuted by Nazi Germany and their collaborators between 1933-1945. It includes all descendants of the Holocaust.

Happy Birthday*

Doug Means	8.21
Sarita Smithee	8.21
Elisa Garcia	8.23

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