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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Sarah Oliai*



### Mark Rawlings

### Baker Hotel and Spa Restoration Progress

Mark Rawlings is the principal of Syndicated Contracting Services and is responsible for spearheading the constructive restoration for The Baker Hotel and Spa.

In 1998 Mark's focus turned to the hotel industry, project managing the restoration of the Historic Driskill Hotel in Austin. Other Hotel clients followed suit including the St. Anthony Hotel and Gunter Hotel(San Antonio), Hilton Austin, Barton Creek Resort and Spa, Lakeway Resort, Sheraton Capitol, Vintage Villas at Lake Travis, Hilton Garden Inn, Doubletree Guest Suites, Stephen F. Austin Intercontinental, Hotel Icon (Houston), Omni Southpark, Hills of Lakeway Resort, Hotel Derek (Houston) Flintrock Falls Country Club, Lost Creek Country Club, World of Tennis/Elevation Athletic Club (Lakeway), Hotel Granduca, Four Seasons, Royal St. Charles and Le Pavillon(New Orleans), Stagecoach Inn (Salado), and the Mayan Princess Resort (Port Aransas).

Mark specializes in designing/building projects and assists in steering design teams through the processes. Having a practical knowledge of how the building systems should operate and integrate with one another, what types of systems ultimately will be in the best interest of the building, and the staff who will be charged with maintaining it are just some of the aspects taken into consideration.

#### Excerpted from the Baker Hotel website: History:

In 1877, James Alvis Lynch, his family and 50 head of livestock left Denison, Texas and headed west for a drier climate. When the family received news of Comanche attacks further west, they settled where they were, in a valley in Palo Pinto County. The location the Lynch family settled in was four miles from the only water source, the Brazos River. By the summer of 1880, a well-driller agreed to drill a well in exchange for some of the family's oxen. At first, the taste of the water worried the family, so they watered their livestock with it. Soon the family began to drink from the well, and they found they were feeling better. News of the healing waters spread quickly. Within months, hundreds of strangers were arriving to the Lynch property inquiring about the water. With the popularity of the water spreading, the town of Mineral Wells was formed in the fall of 1881.



#### Save the Date!

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



**Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00-6:45 pm  
Ronald McDonald House  
4707 Bengal St., Dallas, 75235  
Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter**

#### 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**

#### Items Needed for Footcare Clinic at Austin Street

*from Holly McKasson*

#### Please sign up to Volunteer!

Foot care clinic for the homeless at the Austin Street Center on Sat., Sept. 27, 9:30 to 11:30am, 1717 Jefferies St., Dallas.

#### Please bring to Rotary meetings to donate to the care kits:

- over-the-counter cold medicines
- Tylenol
- sandwich bags
- travel-size laundry detergent
- travel-size toiletries
- razors,
- bars of soap
- new pairs of socks

**We will be packing the foot care and misc. care packets at the regular Rotary lunch meeting on Friday, Sept. 26.**



**Don't forget! No Meeting August 29! Labor Day Weekend! Enjoy a last long weekend of Summer!**

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

## SOFT WEEK

President **Sarah Oliai**  
**Daniel Drabinski**  
**Eric Harrison**  
**Kathy Wall** and **State Farm**  
 Photographer: **Van Oliver**  
**Setareh Parvaresh** and **Susan McIntyre**  
**Coming Up At the Dallas Museum of Art"**

President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Daniel Drabinski** gave the invocation. He mentioned that his business partner of fifteen years was in ICU. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner." President **Sarah** recognized **Orville Salmon**, who was back today. **Tom Swift** asked **Orville** when he joined RCPC. It was 1992. He is currently ninety-nine years old.



President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. Several members were Happy about plans for attending football games. **Barb Jeffries** was happy that two of her grandchildren were coming to visit. Among our guests today was a member of the Frisco RC and a member of the Waxahachie RC.

**Eric Harrison** introduced our Market Place Advertiser, **Kathy Wall** and her State Farm Insurance Agency.

**Holly McKasson** announced the Footcare Clinic for the Homeless on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Austin Street Center. Volunteers are needed! It is truly a blessing to be there. Nursing students will care for the feet of the homeless, and we will give them new shoes and socks. We will be adding toiletries to the Care Packets. Please start gathering items, [See Front Page for needed items.] On Friday, Sept. 26 the club will have a Service Day. Along with the regular meeting, club members will pack care packets for Austin Street Center. President **Sarah** reminded us that we have a club-wide goal of 85% participation in at least one service project.

PP **Cleve Clinton** announced the next Legacy of Leadership. This will be the seventh year. They will be adding some new speakers. They will probably meet on Monday mornings for eight sessions. The goal is to learn about



**Please remember and keep them in your prayers.**

**Daniel Drabinski's** business partner is in ICU 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.*

team building and team leadership within the club and community.

**Siobhan** discussed how to propose a new member. More information and the needed forms are on the RCPC website.

President **Sarah** announced the raffle. The raffle is currently worth \$183. The holder of the winning ticket did not win the raffle.

**Holly McKasson** introduced our speakers today, **Setareh Parvaresh** and **Susan McIntyre** Susan began by saying the DMA is Dallas's premier cultural asset. The museum has been a part of the city for over a century, It started in 1903 as the Dallas Arts Association with the earliest exhibitions held in the public library. From a small group of fifty art lovers they have grown to a world-class museum. They offer lectures, children's programming and newsletters. In 1984 the museum moved into its current building which is owned by the City of Dallas. The collection spans over 5,000 years of history and includes more than 26,000 works. They offer over 2,000 programs each year and they are either free or low cost so they are accessible to everyone. Since it offered free admission in 2013, it has welcomed over six million visitors. The current exhibit, Return to Infinity by Yayoi Kusama will continue through January, 2026. International Surrealism is opening November 2. It is organized by the Tate Modern and features works by Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali. An exhibit that opens November 9 is Constellations Contemporary Jewelry. It is a thematic exploration of contemporary jewelry with over 300 works from DMA's collection. Fire and Inform: The Art of Japanese Metal Work opens March 29, 2026. The DMA's education programs reach over 112,000 individuals annually. Their family, youth and school programs reach over 25,000 young people annually. They have a robust community program that reaches over 20,000 people.

## 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 a high ethical standards  
 LIVE lives of service above self  
 - A supporting member of Rotary International

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LL=Legacy of Leadership  
 TM Meals On Wheels- various days and times  
 Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS various days and times  
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



**August 29 NO Meeting**  
Labor Day Weekend



**Sept. 5 Stephanie Bohan**  
Hope Cottage



**Sept. 12 Brad Schwall**  
The Center



**Sept. 19 Jeff Karcher**  
The Texas Stock Exchange

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



#PeopleOfAction



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## 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...

### Hotels

A hotel isn't like a home, but it's better than being a house guest.

~ William Feather

Do Not Disturb signs should be written in the language of the hotel maids.

~ Tim Bedore

Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business.

~ Dave Barry

Chilling out on the bed in your hotel room watching television, while wearing your own pajamas, is sometimes the best part of a vacation.

~ Laura Marano

When you get into a hotel room, you lock the door, and you know there is a secrecy, there is a luxury, there is fantasy. There is comfort. There is reassurance.

~ Diane Von Furstenberg

The great advantage of a hotel is that it is a refuge from home life.

~ George Bernard Shaw

My definition of a good hotel is a place I'd stay at.

~ Robert De Niro

I stayed in a really old hotel last night. They sent me a wake-up letter.

~ Steven Wright

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

excerpted from

**Rotary 360: 5 Ways To Use Your Digital Platforms to Boost Rotary's Public Image** by Frederico Rios, Rotary Club of Totoras, Santa Fe, Argentina

In an increasingly interconnected world, social networks have become a key tool to amplify the impact of our actions. At Rotary, our mission of service transcends borders. Today more than ever, we have the opportunity to make known what we do and who we are through digital platforms. Every publication, interaction and message we share can attract more people to our cause. Using our networks to make the projects of our club and other clubs visible inspires more people to join.

Here are some ways to do that:

### • Show the human side of Rotary

Public image can best be shaped with human interest stories.

### Proposed New Member

**Rene Santana**

(former RCPC member)

Type of Membership: Individual  
Classification: Marketing/Branding/Media  
Proposed by **Mark Kashar**

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### • Communicate what we do

On a daily basis, Rotary clubs carry out countless projects that benefit their communities. But if we don't communicate about them, people won't know.

### • Think global reach

Rotary International works on high-impact initiatives, such as our top priority of eradicating polio, our effort to promote peace, and our desire to protect the environment.

### • Be a reliable source of information

In these times of information overload, being a reliable source is a great way to enhance our image.

• **Support and share the work of other clubs** When we promote the work of any club, we enhance our brand.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY\***

<b>Elisa Garcia</b>	<b>8.23</b>
<b>Jon Petersen</b>	<b>8.30</b>
<b>Rick Amsberry</b>	<b>8.31</b>
<b>Bob Patton</b>	<b>9.2</b>
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