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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Paul Pirok



Trey Bowles

Park Cities Angel Network

Trey Bowles is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of 1845 Ventures, a venture firm with several products, the first being a Venture Studio built to co-found, launch, and scale high-conviction companies alongside exceptional entrepreneurs. Through 1845 Ventures, Trey works hands-on with founders from day zero, helping turn promising ideas into venture-backed businesses by combining capital, strategic guidance, operating support, product development, go-to-market execution, and fundraising leadership.

Trey is also the Founder and Managing Director of Bowles Investment Group (BIG), an investment firm overseeing a portfolio of more than 50 companies. As a multi-exited entrepreneur, investor, and ecosystem builder, Trey has launched, scaled, and supported more than 35 ventures across both for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

In addition to his work with 1845 Ventures and BIG, Trey plays an active role in expanding access to early-stage capital across Texas. He is the Founder of the Park Cities Angel Network, Co-Chair of the North Texas Angel Network, and Fund Manager of the SMU Impact Lab, an impact-focused investment fund deploying a capital into SMU-affiliated founders and companies.

They has spent much of his career building platforms that support entrepreneurs and strengthen innovation ecosystems. He played a foundational role in creating the Dallas Entrepreneur Center, now The DEC Network, co-founded the Dallas Innovation Alliance,

and helped establish the North Texas Innovation Alliance. He also co-founded the Mayor's Star Council, now Engage Dallas, along side former Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings to engage civically minded, culturally diverse young professionals in shaping the future of the city.

At the national level, Trey serves on the board of the Center for American Entrepreneurship and was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE). He also founded the Startup Champions Network, a national coalition of entrepreneurial eco-system builders working to strengthen startup communities across the country.

In higher education, Trey serves as the Fund Manager for the SMU Impact Lab, a student-led fund to invest in SMU affiliated companies with an impact driven mission. Bowles also launched the Arts Entrepreneurship and Arts Management Department at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts and currently serves as an adjunct professor at SMU's Cox School of Business, where he bridges academic theory with real-world entrepreneurship, investing, and company-building experience.

Trey lives in University Park, Texas, with his wife and three children.

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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, 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.

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. Join Rotary District 5810

for the Emerald City Awards

Gala as we celebrate the out-

standing clubs, members and

leaders who make a lasting

impact through Rotary service.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 9:30am Club Leadership Exchange, EastTX A&M Campus, 8750 US75, 9th FI

Tuesday, Aug 11, 5.00- 7:30 pm Rotary Means Business Social Networking Event, 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas 75287 Business Casual RSVP on District 5810 website. *Network Like Only a Rotarian Can!*

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.

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Mark Kashar**
 Invocation and Pledge: PP **Tracy Gomes**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Mark**
 Advertiser of the Week: PP **Happy Franklin**
 and Navigation Financial Group
 Photographer: PP **Phillip Bankhead**
 Speaker: **Meghna Tare**
 Program: "Earth Day"



President **Mark Kashar** called the meeting to order. PP **Tracy Gomes** gave the invocation and 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 vacation plans and vacation memories. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced, including a future member who was the President of the RC of Austin and the Past District Governor of that District, among other offices held.

Mark Neace reminded members to renew or purchase ads and that there were spots available. He said that there will also be additional recognition for advertisers. He then introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, PP **Happy Franklin**, a wealth planner at Navigation Financial Group.



President **Mark** awarded his permanent badge to **Benedict Voit**.

PP **Karen Farris** announced a special program for the August 28

meeting. There will be nine table captains, one for each school with quite a few alums and also one for the SEC and for the Big Ten. You don't have to be an alum, just a fan. The program will take you inside the new era of college athletics, strategy, revenue, NIL and roster building.

President Mark called for the raffle. The holder of the winning ticket did not win the raffle/ Better luck next week!

PP **Happy Franklin** introduced our speaker today, **Meghna Tare**, to speak on "Earth Day." She began by explaining that she is the Chief Sustainability Officer for Ut-Arlington. She explained that she has Masters degrees in Sustainable Management, Environmental

Please remember

Brad Rejebian's mother has passed away. Please keeo this family in your prayers

ence and has been working as Sustainability Officer for seventeen years. She was recruited to work on the World Cup, and has been since April, 2024. The sport is a massive event, Working on sustainability for the World Cup was a massive undertaking. She said she is a numbers person and that is how she tracks the information. There were 2.8 million people who visited the region and billions in economic impact. There were hundreds of thousands of people at the Fan Festival in Fair Park over forty days. It was like planning for nine different Super Bowls. There was a massive amount of waste generated, the energy that is used, the food that is wasted. How do you tackle all that together? She formed a committee of one hundred and fifty stakeholders, including local government, non-profits, colleges, and ISDs. Their first project was to clean Lake Arlington. They were expecting twenty-five volunteers and got two hundred. They cleaned six thousand pounds of litter from the Lake in two hours. They had other events to help the community also. They started working with the North Texas Council of Governments and recruited twenty-six cities to participate. The City of Dallas has put twelve air quality monitors across the region. FIFA bought one more monitor to put at Fair Park, They donated left over food to the Food Bank. They also recycled or composted what they could. What she is most proud of is the community engagement. They also did an educational project for Green Ambassadors. One thing she stresses is not to drink water out of plastic bottles because they put micro-plastics in your body which affects your health as well as being bad for the planet. They have hosted a sustainability conference and invited all the ISD students to come in. The Dallas ISD organized a competition to create a soccer ball out of recycled material. The winner was displayed at the Anatole Hotel. The City of Dallas has its own Sustainability Office, Water is wasted just like food, but it ends up in the landfills and cannot be recovered. The Tarrant Water District runs a program called "Water is Awesome" which runs in the Spring of every year to educate people about water use. Solar panels last twenty-five to thirty years. She thinks that (cont. on next page)



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

M=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. 14 Mary Pat Higgins
Dallas Holocaust Museum



Aug. 21 Carl Flowers - America 250
Series The Spirits of '76



Aug. 28 College Gameday Panel
Discussion led by Jack Betts



Sept. 4 **NO Meeting**
Celebrate Labor day

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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#PeopleOfAction



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THOUGHTS ON ...

Money

Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons. ~ **Woody Allen**

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. ~ **Bob Hope**

Spare no expense to save money on this one. ~ **Samuel Goldwyn**

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something. ~ **Jackie Mason**

The easiest way for your children to learn about money is for you not to have any. ~ **Katharine Whitehorn**

The only thing I like about rich people is their money. ~ **Nancy Astor**

Money can't buy friends, but it can get you a better class of enemy. ~ **Spike Milligan**

If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars. ~ **J. Paul Getty**

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. ~ **Leo Rosten**

He had heard people speak contemptuously of money: he wondered if they had ever tried to do without it. ~ **W. Somerset Maugham**

He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money. ~ **Benjamin Franklin**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

clean water usage is the priority now rather than desalinization. UT-Austin has a pilot program to reclaim water back into their system. Zero Waste is possible; it just takes a very methodical approach. There are companies that report on their sustainability. Some companies will make products out of recycled materials or will repair their products at no cost.

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

My wife said "You're so unromantic you don't even know what my favorite flower is". I said "Is it All Purpose"

Proposed New Members

Barry Curlee

Past President of Rotary Club of Austin

Past District Governor, District 5870

Type of Membership: Individual

Classification: Retail Business Owner

Proposed by PDG **Richard Gilman**

Tim Pugliese, Sr.

Type of Membership: Individual

Classification: Creative Marketing

Proposed by PP **Richard Stanford**

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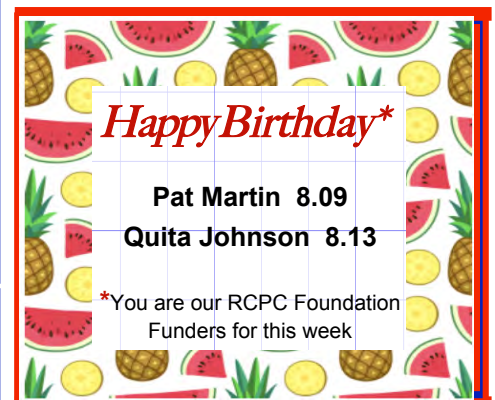
One Award, many women to inspire

by Mayan Raslan, Rotary Club
of Cairo Royal, Egypt

excerpted from Rotary 360. July 25, 2026,

When I received the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award I felt deeply honored. But more than celebrating a personal achievement, I saw it as a reminder of the responsibility to continue opening doors for women in Rotary.

Rotary has given me far more than opportunities to serve. It has shaped the way I see leadership. Every role taught me that leadership is not about titles. It is about bringing people together, building trust, and creating opportunities for others to succeed..



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