



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Eric Heitkamp*



## Chili Day at the Salvation Army

### Captain Maxie DeBlanc, Corps Officer at the Irving Corps

Captain Maxie DeBlanc has been an Officer of The Salvation Army for over fourteen years. She and her husband, Major Joe DeBlanc serve as the Corps Officers at the Irving Corps.

She is a mother of three young adult children, who have a passion for serving.

Her relationship with The Salvation Army began when the Corps Officers and community in San Angelo, Texas supported her family during one of the most difficult times of their lives. The impact of the Angel Tree program changed her life and she began volunteering soon after. So many blessings have been provided through the ministry of The Salvation Army, and she is blessed to be a part of the life-changing Army of love.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, road trips, and baking.

Her desire is to faithfully live out the mission of The Salvation Army, preaching the gospel and meeting human needs in His name without discrimination.

#### The Salvation Army of North Texas (from their website)

Backed by 131 years of expertise, The Salvation Army of North Texas is uniquely positioned to respond to the changing needs of our community. Our footprint across 4,078 square miles in Dallas, Tarrant and Ellis, Denton and Collin, and Rockwall Counties makes us the largest Salvation Army Command in the world. But more importantly, it allows us to reach our most vulnerable neighbors in every pocket of North Texas.

From October, 2021 thru September, 22 The Salvation Army of North Texas provided the following:

- 1,300 individuals were provided with shelter and housing each week at our six shelters and senior living centers
- 10,000 individuals were provided with nutritious food each week through our 12 food pantries
- 800 individuals were provided with treatment each week to combat addiction through our three recovery programs

In addition, their out-of-school-time programs have provided enriching educational experiences to children and youths throughout the region, giving them a safe place to learn, play, and grow. They also offer a wide range of assessments, courses, vocational training, and hiring events across the corps locations. They are one of the first agencies to respond in a disaster. Their service encompasses counseling and emotional support for those affected.



*It looks like Christmas is coming! Lots to do!*

**Friday, Nov, 1 – Soles for Souls.** Start collecting gently used pairs of shoes to bring to Meetings: 12-5 and 12-12  
Qs? Ask **Eric Harrison**

**Friday, Dec. 5. 11:45, Chili Day at The Salvation Army.** If you want your donation to go to the Adult Rehabilitation Center, where we will be meeting, put Dallas ARC on your check or a note with cash or use the QR Code. Otherwise, it will go to the National Command. Either is fine, but this is so you know where it will go!  
Qs? Ask **Eric Heitkamp**

**Thursday, Dec. 11, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at The Salvation Army Distribution Center.** Angel Tree gifts will be sorted for distribution to families in need. See eBulletin. Qs? Ask **Eric Heitkamp**

**Friday, Dec. 12, 6:00 to 8:30pm RCPC Holiday Party** at home of President **Sarah** and catered by Kuby's. \$50 per person. Sign up and pay on RCPC website **by Dec. 9** for Kuby's head count.  
Complimentary valet or self parking available.  
**NO Noon Meeting!**

**Monday, Dec. 15, 4:00pm.** Help make dinner for the families at **Ronald McDonald House**, 4707 Bengal St, Dallas, TX, 75235. More details in eBulletin  
Qs? Ask **Kathleen Klaviter**

**Fri, Dec 19, 11:45** Join Us for Lunch at the NEW **Bonton Wellness Center** & View the RCPC Dental Suite! 6407 Carlton Garrett, Dallas, 75215  
Lunch = \$20. Sign up on RCPC website. Invite spouses and friends.

Six volunteers needed for **Meals on Wheels**. Ask **Jim Weichel** about details and times available.

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

### LAST WEEK (Nov. 21 meeting)

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: **Eric Heitkamp**  
 Advertiser of the Week: **Mark Neace** high-lighting **Susan Glen**  
 Photographer: **John Brown**  
 Speaker: **Larry Wansley**  
 Program: **"Tough Streets, Rough Skies & Sunday Sidelines"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the November 21, 2025 meeting to order with **Eric Heitkamp** giving the Invocation, Pledge and Anthem.

Several joys were shared during the "Happy Bucks" requests. Several guests were introduced, then **Susan Glen** high-lighted **Mark Neace** as our Marketplace Advertiser.

No one won the raffle, so the pot increased.

Mark your calendar:

- Contact Person: **Eric Heitkamp**, Dec. 5 at 11:45 is our Chili Day at the Salvation Army.
- Thurs, Dec. 11 at 5:30pm is our gift sorting for Angel Tree at the Salvation Army.
- Contact Person: **Eric Harrison**. December drive for new or used shoes. Thru Dec. 12.
- Sat, Nov. 22 is packing popcorn for Scottish Rite Hospital at 8:30 a.m.
- Tues, Dec. 2 is program planning at 6:30 pm at **Richard Stanford's** home: 3725 Turtle Creek, unit B.
- Sat, **Jan 31** is our Strategic Planning Session (time: TBD). 13612 Midway Rd suite 601

**Richard Stanford** introduced our speaker, **Larry Wansley**. He is author of *Tough Streets, Rough Skies, Sunday Sidelines*.

Larry has a remarkable story and a very interesting career. He is a globally respected author and leader in the aviation business, sports/entertainment, corporate and the executive security world. He was raised in a rough urban neighborhood and knew his only way out was the Marines. This was the best decision he ever made besides marrying his wife and having two daughters. As a rookie cop, he was in the middle of the Watts Riots in California and faced several life-threatening situations.

He was recruited by the FBI and was immediately assigned to the Patti Hurst kidnapping and the SLA violent revolution group.

*Please remember and keep them in your prayers.*

**Cindy Cummings** remains at C.C. Young.

*Please let us know your concerns.*

*with thanks to Mary Bishop for these Meeting Notes*

He went undercover in East Texas as a mob boss to build a case against twenty-one corrupt police officers who were convicted of seventeen murders.



He worked on the real time events as the 911 planes were causing mass chaos and with the security protocol following.

He was awarded the FBI Director's Award for his team's identification of the 911 terrorists and his passenger screening model led to the creation of TSA.

He worked at American Airlines as Global Security Director and with CEO Bob Crandall.

He was hired by Whitney Houston's father as her bodyguard and was very close to her and shared several international assignments. The movie was patterned after his experience.

He was hired by the International NFL when they went globally. To assess risks and run security for the teams when they traveled overseas. He also worked for the Dallas Cowboys as Director of Corporate Security and recently retired.

### Popcorn Packing at Scottish Rite Hospital

About 28 RCPC volunteers and friends gathered at SRH on Saturday morning, Nov. 22, and packed 150 tins of popcorn. All of the popcorn is popped in house, The sale of these tins for Christmas is a major fundraiser for the hospital. (More 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

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December						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
7	M	M	M	M	NOMtg Party	
14	M	Mc	M	BD	Dist Ctr	Mtg
21	M	M	M	M	NO Mtg	
28	M	M	M			

**A=Agape Health Serv Day**

**BD= Brd of Dirs Mtg, 8am**

**BF=Bonton Farm**

**Cn=PCR Connect Event.**

**CP=ChildsPlay Work Mtg-Jill Jordan.**

**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=RonaldMcDonaldHouse**

**1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter**

**NM=New Member Event**

**Pr= Program CommitteeMtg**

**RL=Readers2Leaders-various**

**days, times- Rob Levy**

**Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.**

**SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**

**SpE=Special Service Event**

**VA=Veterans Support-**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



**Dec. 12** **NO Noon Meeting**  
**Holiday Party in the Evening**



**Dec 19** **Mark Jones, President and CEO**  
**Meeting at Bonton**



**Dec. 26** **NO Noon Meeting**  
**Happy Holiday Season**



**Jan. 2** **NO Noon Meeting**  
**Happy 2026!**

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**#goodthingshapp e nonfridays**

## 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 Good

Don't waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good.

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

He that can't endure the bad, will not live to see the good.

~ **Jewish Proverb**

Seek ye first the good things of the mind, and the rest will either be supplied or its loss will not be felt.

~ **Sir Francis Bacon**

Men of ill judgment oft ignore the good that lies within their hands, till they have lost it.

~ **Sophocles**

Our doubts are traitors, / And make us lose the good we oft might win / By fearing to attempt.'

~ **William Shakespeare**

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

~ **Mother Teresa**

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

~ **John Wesley**

## Popcorn Packing at Scottish Rite Hospital *(continued from page 2)*



*excepted from:*

**WFAA: Ideas That Pop: Children's Hospital Transforms Patient Experience, Jan, 2018**

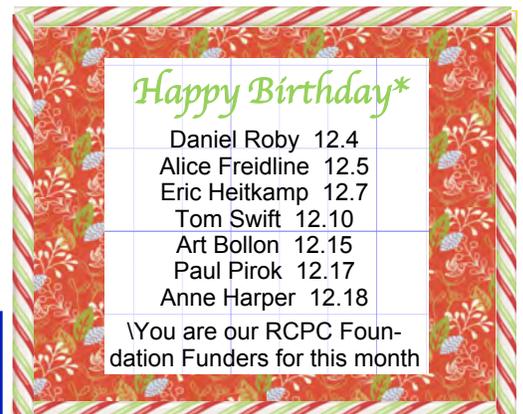
When you walk through the doors of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children the first thing you notice is the buttery smell. "My kids think of the movies they don't think of a hospital," one dad remarked as he walked in with his two daughters. The girls promptly made a bee line for the popcorn stand and handed over a quarter to a volunteer who stays busy filling bags. The popcorn stand started decades ago. While the snacks are delicious they serve another purpose, to send a subliminal message through smell that the children are somewhere fun.

## HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

Two men were arguing about who was a bigger fan of baseball. One said, "I've been to every game this season!" The other retorted, "I named all my children after famous players!" A third man, overhearing, interjected, "That's nothing! I named my cat Umpire so every time he causes trouble, I can say, "You're out!"

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