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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Sarah Oliai



Beverly Hill Gendercide Awareness Project

Before founding the Gendercide Awareness Project in 2011, Beverly Hill worked first as a college lecturer and then as a sculptor. Hill graduated from Duke University and returned for graduate work in History of Science and went on to lecture at the University of Massachusetts and University of Iowa. In 2000, she began three years of training in sculpture, realizing a long-deferred desire to work in the visual arts.

While still lecturing, Hill developed a strong interest in global women's rights. As she educated herself on the subject, she was astonished to learn that in many parts of the world, women and girls are so oppressed that they simply do not survive. Their premature deaths create a measurable dent in the global female population — with 3.7% of it missing.

Hill believed more people needed to know about this staggering loss of life. In 2011 she founded the Gendercide Awareness Project, called Gendap for short, and recruited a team to create a dramatic art exhibit that would demonstrate the scale of gendercide. The work drew on her experience as a scholar and an artist.

The all-volunteer team reached a major milestone in 2017, when the exhibit opened in the Dallas Arts District. The exhibit

traveled to Toronto in 2018 and to several cities in Mexico in 2022/2023. In Mexico, the exhibit highlighted Mexico's high femicide rates and inspired practical measures to address the problem. These included scholarships (with free childcare) for single mothers, counseling for women facing violence, and teen workshops on healthy masculinity and healthy relationships.

In 2016 Gendap launched its girls' education program, sponsoring at-risk girls overseas to attend school. Gendap now funds the education of impoverished girls in seven low-income countries. This is the take-action component of Gendap's work. Gendap believes that educating vulnerable girls is the best long-term strategy to end gendercide

To date, Gendap has funded 338 girl-years of education and informed 3.9 million people about gendercide.

- From their website, gendap.org
- 338 girl-years of education delivered
 - 40+ girls currently supported
 - 7 graduates in professional careers
 - 2 graduates in vocational paths

Coming Attractions

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

Think about what you can do to help with the Parade! Not in town for the Fourth? Volunteer for prior to or after the Parade.

The vote for the 2026-27 RCPC Officers will be at the Annual Meeting on **March 6**.

The Farmers Branch RC has disbanded. Invite former RCFB members to visit.

March 4, 2026, 7:30 to 9:00 am Breakfast Social at Flying Fish in Preston Center East

Sat, March 7, 10am to 1:00pm **Crossroads Community Pantry**, 4500 Cockrell Hill Rd. Different jobs available. Sign up on RCPC website

Sat, April 11, 9:30am **NTFB Food Packing Day**

Thurs, April 23, 5:30-8:30 pm **Dockside Social** at White Rock Lake hosted by Downtown Dallas RC. \$30 per Person

2026 RCPC Fourth of July Parade Theme

America 250!

Serving Dinner at Ronald McDonald House, Mon, Feb.16.

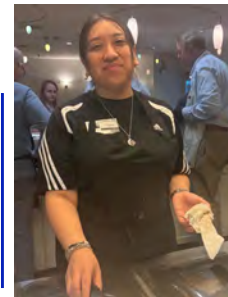
from Kathleen Klaviter

On the menu this evening, was a complicated recipe for Swedish Meatballs with mashed potatoes for 60. We still had fun and the meatballs were good.



District 5810

Sat, March 21, Fly Day Service Project hosted by Commemorative Air Force at Dallas Executive Airport, 5651 Mariner Dr, Dallas 75231.



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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**
 Invocation and Pledge: **Scott McLaughlin**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Sarah Oliai**, Board
 Certified Attorney in Estate Planning
 and Probate Law and **Oliai Law Firm**
 Photographer: **Van Oliver**
 Speaker: **Glenna Hecht**
 Program: "How Old Are You Today?"



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Scott McLaughlin** gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. President **Sarah** called for Happy Bucks. One happy news was that **Bob Dill** was back with us today. She then introduced our visitors and guests. Former member, **Bill Kelly's** son was visiting today. There is currently \$491 in the raffle. **Sergio Poppe** held the winning ticket, but did not draw the winning card.

PE **Mark Kashar** introduced Ryan Wood and presented him with a check from a grant from the RCPC Foundation for flood relief in Central Texas. He said that his organization has raised over a million dollars, which has been distributed to six organizations providing direct relief to those impacted by the flooding, including housing for those who lost their homes and support for business owners whose businesses have been unable to operate.



New member **Bryan Dunklin** gave his new member speech. He started by saying he wears many hats. He grew up in Pine Bluff, AR, but attended SMU where he earned his BA, MBA and law degree. He taught real estate and business law at SMU and has a real estate license. He is active in his profession. He and his father both joined RCPC in 1989. He plays keyboard with a musical group and in other venues. He is married to Cindy and has an adult son and daughter. Sinxw rgia xompleted all of his new member reqyremetsm President **Sarah** gave him his prmanent badge.

President **Sarah** announced an amend-

Please remember and keep them in your prayers.

Rod Pirtle is in Rehab.

Please let us know your concerns.

ment to the Slate of Officers for 2026-27. PP **Paul Pirok** was willing to continue as Treasurer, but **Marsjall Weaver** has volunteered as Treasurer. Since **Marshall** will step down as a Director, **Tom Swift** has agreed to take his place. President **Sarah** called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The vote will be held next week, at the meeting on March 6.

President **Sarah** said she wanted to thank members of the club who had led major projects by awarding them some of her Paul Harris points. They are **Holly McKasson**, **Kathleen Klaviter** and **Alan Winn**. PP **Greg Pape** asked **Jack Carpenter** and **Elisa Garcia** to come up also. **Susan Harris** has donated her Paul Harris points to recognize **Jack** and **Elisa** as Paul Harris Fellows. With President Sarah's addition **Holly** is now a second level PHF, **Katheen** is now at the third level, and **Alan Winn** was presented a certificate of appreciation because he has already reached Major Donor status.



Mark Neace introduced our speaker today, **Glenna Hecht** to speak on the topic of her book *How Old Are You Today?* She asked how many of us knew someone with dementia? Before you go to see them, you have this feeling, what are they thinking? How am I going to show up? She explained she was the caregiver for her mother for nine years while she had dementia. She was on hospice for seven of those years. There were no instructions. She just had to figure out how to show up; She said caregiving comes in all forms, but it is the hardest job in thr world. One day she had a call that her mom had gone missing in Chicago. She realized she had to go to be with her mother. She took her mother to the hospital where she was diagnosed with dementia. She had to live in assisted living but was a flight risk. and would leave (cont. 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
 FOSTER lives of service above self

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8	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
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A=Agape Health Serv Day
BD= Bnd of Dirs Mtg, 8am
BF=Bonton Farm
CC=Crossroads Com. Pabtry
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



Mar 6 Glynis Worthington, EdD
Pickleball



Mar 13 Holly Shipley
AI: What to Know



Mar 20 D'Juan Wilcher
George W. Bush Presidential Center



Mar 27 Cullum Clark
TBA, but it will be interesting

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 ...

Women

Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult.

~ Charlotte Whitton

If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach them the same things.

~ Plato

If you have any doubts that we live in a society controlled by men, try reading down the index of contributors to a volume of quotations, looking for women's names.

~ Elaine Gill

American women expect to find in their husbands a perfection that English women only hope to find in their butlers.

~ W. Somerset Maugham

The society of women is the element of good manners.

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

I hate to hear you talking so like a fine gentleman, and as if women were all fine ladies, instead of rational creatures.

~ Jane Austen

There are women who are for all your 'times of life.' They're the most wonderful sort.

~ Henry James

MEETING NOTES (continued)

to walk twenty miles home. She realized she needed to bring her mom to Dallas. She was in assisted living and eventually in lockdown. In order to learn more about how to interact with her mother she went to symposia and support groups. She even became a certified assisted living manager, hoping it would help her know how to deal with her mom when she was scared or forgot who she was, or when she herself was scared or didn't know what to do. She realized that what mattered most was just showing up when her mother needed her. One day her mother's conversation was stuck in a story that she repeated six times. Nobody told her that was not unusual. Glenna said she lost it and ran out in tears. She cried herself to sleep and when she woke up, these words were going through her head, "be quiet, watch, listen, travel." So she made a decision she was just going to be; she would just show up. One day she realized that she needed to meet

HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

How do you milk sheep? Bring out a new iPhone and charge \$1000 for it.

her mom where she was and not where she wanted her to be. She started asking "how old are you today, and she learned things about her mother she had never known. She asked everyday and that is how the game began. When she asked, her mother time traveled. The game brought her from an estranged relationship to a dementia love affair. By the time her mother passed away, nothing had been left unsaid. She has taught the game to others who have had miraculous results. She hopes that the game will bring moments of love and joy and peace and hope with your loved one. Her goal is to get the book into the hands of 200,000 people and donate two million dollars to Dementia/Alzheimers research.



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