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### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Eric Heitkamp*

## Chris Young, Exec VP & General Mgr-Texas Rangers

### Interviewed by **Lesley McCaslin**



#### **Chris Young**

Executive Vice President & General Manager

Chris Young joined the Texas Rangers as Executive Vice President & General Manager on December 4, 2020. The 44-year-old Young assumed leadership of the Rangers' entire baseball operations group on August 17, 2022.

The franchise's 63-year drought without a World Series Championship ended on November 1, 2023, when the Rangers defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks in the fifth and deciding game of the Fall Classic. That concluded an historical postseason run that saw Texas go 13-4 in the A.L. Wild Card, Division and League Championship Series and the World Series, including an 11-0 record on the road.

Young is the first former Major League player to win the World Series in a head baseball operations role since Kenny Williams of the Chicago White Sox in 2005. He is also the first individual to earn a World Series crown as both a player (Kansas City in 2015) and a General Manager/Baseball Operations Chief since Johnny Murphy, who pitched on seven championship teams with the New York Yankees (1932, 1936-39, 1941, 1943) and won the Fall Classic as the General Manager with the New York Mets in 1969.

After hiring three-time World Series champion Bruce Bochy as the Rangers' manager in October 2022, Young fortified Texas' starting pitching with the free agent signings of Jacon deGrom, Nathan Eovaldi, and Andrew Heaney last winter. Young's midseason additions via trade of pitchers Aroldis Chapman, Jordan Montgomery, Max Scherzer, and Chris Stratton also played a key role in Texas' improvement from 68 to 90 regular season victories in 2023.

The Rangers also received significant contributions from a number of home-grown players including third baseman Josh Jung and outfielders Evan Carter and Leody Taveras. In recognition of the team's overall on-field accomplishments, Baseball America selected the Rangers as its 2023 Organization of the Year, Texas' first such honor since 1989. *(See complete biography in the eBulletin)*



#### **Lesley McCaslin**

Lesley McCaslin is a sideline reporter and anchor for Bally Sports Southwest where she covers the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Mavericks. In 2023, she served as a field reporter for approximately half of the Texas Rangers telecasts on the field and many more as the host of the Rangers pre and post-game coverage on BSSW. She also hosted the playoff run and World Series Championship parade coverage in Arlington.

McCaslin, who has contributed to Rangers' programming for the last 11 years, is also the courtside reporter on Dallas Mavericks road broadcasts.

Previously, she was the courtside reporter and host for the Oklahoma City Thunder. She covered the team led by Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook for seven years. During that time, she won two Emmy Awards for live sporting events as a part of the broadcast team on then Fox Sports Oklahoma. McCaslin has also covered the sidelines of Big 12 college football games. Other career stops include News 8 in Austin and KTXS in Abilene where she started her career.

McCaslin also works for Dallas-based Benchmark Title in a business development role in commercial real estate.

Lesley grew up in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Theater. She now lives in Dallas with her three children; a son, Hunter (7), and two daughters, Sullivan (4) & Harrison (2).

### RCPC IN ACTION

**It Was A GREAT Party!** *(More pics, pg 3)*

A huge THANK YOU to **Tom** and **Suzy Rhodes** for hosting the party in their home!



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## LAST WEEK

Presiding: PP **Richard Stanford**  
 Invocation/ Pledge: **William Taylor**  
 Marketplace Advertiser: **Shawn Foster**  
 highlighting **Nolan Duck**  
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**  
 Chair of the Day: **Richard Stanford**  
 Speaker: **Daniel Roby, CEO**  
 Program: **Update on the Austin Street Center and Private Tour**



PP **Richard Stanford** called this special meeting to order at the Austin Street Center. **William Taylor** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of The Star Spangle Banner. PP **Richard** asked for Happy Bucks and then asked if there were any guests. **Shawn Foster** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the Week, **Cleve Clinton** an attorney who is board certified in civil trial law, and who is a share holder in Gray, Reed and McGraw, PC. **Mary Bishop** announced the Christmas Party. PP **Richard** announced that for those who pay their RCPC dues in two parts, the second half is now due.

PP **Richard** introduced our speaker to-day, Daniel Roby, CEO of the Austin Street Center. He began by saying that Austin Street Center was founded in 1983, but they moved to this new building just eighteen months ago. It had been a long-term project. Several generous supporters donated the land, but it was five or six different parcels, so it had to go to the Zoning Commission before they could build. They raised private funds - \$15 million - to build the facility. They also took advantage of a new tax program that grew out of Hurricane Katrina. Until 2021 Austin Street was a part of Shelter Ministries of Dallas, but then they became a separate entity. Both The Salvation Army and Austin Street were revamping their programs at about the same time. The old building had cots from one end to the other. There was no good space for having meetings. They now have over twenty-five case managers. Their goal is for people to go from the Center to a home. Yesterday, they had a home; today they are home-



### Please remember

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

less, and they don't know how to get back, don't know how to get food. One lady who was sixty or seventy years old was caring for her son in an apartment, but he overdosed and died. She was overwhelmed and was found wandering around downtown. She came to Austin Street and she got into a housing program. There was a man living in his Porsche who got frostbite and lost both legs. He came to Austin Street. The hospital discharged him with home health care, but he had no home. He received home health care services at Austin Street. They have nine patients. They saved a million dollars in care. The man got prosthetics at the Center learned to use them, and got his own place. They work with City Square. When City Square opened about two-thirds of the residents were from Austin Street. They work with other agencies in case of an emergency or very cold temperatures. They also have added a small bus to take residents to appointments, etc. He said they have gotten good at getting the homeless into homes. They have seen an increase of 30% in the number of homeless in Dallas, and homeless persons are coming to Dallas from other places.



A tour getting started

Donated clothes are sorted, washed and stored by gender, size and season.

Every person coming in to the shelter gets a blanket, clothes and shoes. They get new clothes every thirty days and new shoes every six months. Each person is allowed to keep 50 pounds of possessions.



They serve about 200 breakfasts, 220 lunches and 420 dinners each day. When a person goes to a home, they are given some cans and other foods.

January						
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7	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
14	Mc	M	M	BD	Mtg	
21	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
28	M	M	M			

- A=Agape Health Serv Day
- BD= Bld 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
- FT=NTFB Truck.
- FB=NTFB Evtnt- Susan Glen
- In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes.
- LL=Legacy of Leadership
- MM= Meals on Wheels, Jim Weichel
- M= Mentoring at Hillcrest H.S. various days, times
- Mc=Ronald McDonald House 1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter
- NM=New Member Event
- Pr= Program Committee Mtg
- RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy
- Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg
- SpE=Special Service Event
- VA=Veterans Support- Evan Altemus

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Building a legacy of good works and fellowship, we strive to:  
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Jan. 12 **Craig Davis**  
Visit Dallas



Jan. 19 **Jeff Crilley**  
Marketing Without Money



Jan. 26 **Mark Brezinski**  
Fork Fight: Behind the Restaurant Curtain



Feb. 02 **Chris Cassidy**  
National Medal of Honor Museum

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- #parkcitiesrotary
- #PeopleOfAction
- #district5810proud
- #goodthingshappeneonfridays

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**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 Van Oliver.

**Attendance Rule Change.** For those wanting to maintain Perfect Attendance, make-ups may now be completed within a year.

**The Rule of 85.** Attendance requirements change for those who are at least 65 years of age and who have been a member of a Rotary club for twenty years

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## THOUGHTS ON . . .

### Baseball

Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical.  
~ **Yogi Berra**

Canada is a country whose main exports are hockey players and cold fronts. Our main imports are baseball players and acid rain.~ **Pierre Trudeau**

Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand.  
~ **Leo Durocher**

Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian.  
~ **H. L. Mencke**

We're supposed to be perfect our first day on the job and then show constant improvement.  
~ **Ed Vargo**

Baseball is a skilled game. It's America's game -- it, and high taxes.  
~ **Will Rogers**

If the fans don't wanna come out to the ballpark, no one can stop 'em.  
~ **Yogi Berra**

When you're part of a team, you stand up for your teammates. Your loyalty is to them. You protect them through good and bad, because they'd do the same for you.  
~ **Yogi Berra**

## PARTY PICTURES (continued)



Even more pictures on Club-runner



### Proposed New Members

**Robin Lynne**

Type of Membership:

Individual Proposed

Classification: Media

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Happy Birthday

**Anita Vantreesse 1.05**  
**Mark Kashar 1.08**

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