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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Eric Heitkamp*



## Matt Hicks and Don Wakamatsu Texas Rangers: Outlook for the New Season



**Matt Hicks**  
Texas Rangers Radio Announcer

Matt Hicks enters completed his eighth full season in the Texas Rangers radio booth after joining the broadcasts in June 2012.

Hicks came to the Rangers from the Corpus Christi Hooks, the Houston Astros Texas League affiliate, where he had served as Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations since 2005. In that role, he was the primary play-by-play voice on all radio broadcasts and called Hooks television games on Fox Sports Southwest's Astros Minor League Game of the Week from 2007-09.

Hicks has over 30 years of professional baseball play-by-play experience, making stops with Frederick of the Carolina League from 1989-94 and El Paso of the Texas League from 1995-2004 before becoming an inaugural employee at Corpus Christi. He is a former winner of the Radio Broadcaster of the Year Award in El Paso and in 2016 was inducted into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame.

In addition, Hicks has extensive experience broadcasting college basketball with Mount St. Mary's College (Emmitsburg, MD), James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA), the University of Texas-El Paso, New Mexico State University, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He was also the first play-by-play voice of the El Paso Buzzards of the Western Professional Hockey League. During his time in Corpus Christi, Hicks also broadcast high school football on the Texas Sports Radio Network's CCISD Game of the Week.

Hicks is a graduate of the University of Maryland in College Park, where he called baseball, football, basketball, and lacrosse on WMUC Radio. The native of Washington, D.C. also was an extra in the movie Major League II, appearing in scenes featuring Bob Uecker, A.K.A. Harry Doyle.

Hicks and his wife, Estelle have a son Nathaniel and reside in Keller. Matt also has a daughter, Amy, who lives in West Virginia.



**Don Wakamatsu**  
Texas Rangers Bench Coach

Don was hired as Rangers bench coach on November 6, 2017, returning for his second stint on the club's coaching staff...his return to new manager Chris Woodward's staff was announced on November 14, 2018...served as Rangers interim manager for final 10 games in 2018, with team going 3-7 after his appointment on Sept. 21...the former Seattle Mariners manager spent five seasons on the Texas staff as bench coach (2003-06) and third base coach (2007), and with the first game of 2019 he will have served on the staff for each of the Rangers' last four full-time managers (Showalter/ Washington/ Banister /Woodward); resides in North Richland Hills in the offseason.

**COACHING CAREER:** Was manager for the Seattle Mariners from start of 2009 until he was relieved of the post pregame in 2010; managed Chris Woodward while the pair were both with the Mariners in 2009, became the first Asian American to be named manager of an MLB club; before re-joining Rangers staff, spent four years (2014-17) as Kansas City's bench coach; as he was at Ned Yost's side for the Royals' back-to-back World Series runs in 2014-15, including the second championship in franchise history in 2015; was Yankees special assignment scout in 2013 and had stints as bench coach at Oakland (2008) and Toronto (2011-12). He owns a career 215-248 record (.464) as a Minor League manager; before joining the Rangers' staff for the 2003 season, spent three years in the LA Angels organization as Minor League coordinator and roving catcher instructor (2001-02) as well as manager at AA Erie (2000); managed in the Arizona Diamondbacks system from 1997-99, piloting AA El Paso (1999) and High Desert (1998), landing Cal League manager of the Year honors in 1998 after the Mavericks won their division in the second half; began 1997 as a Minor League coach before taking the reins for Peoria in the Arizona League in July; he was a player-coach for two years at Canton-Akron (1995) in the CLE organization and Port City (1996) in the SEA system.

**PLAYING CAREER:** Caught for 12 years with 7 organizations from 1985-96, originally selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 11th round of the 1985 June Draft, went to Rangers major league spring training camp in 1994 as a non-roster invitee, played in just one game at Oklahoma before re-injuring right elbow and missing rest of season, had a .330 composite average at Los Angeles' Albuquerque club in 1992-93, backup catcher to Mike Piazza in 1992, began 1991 at Vancouver before promotion to Chicago White Sox, had first hit in Major League debut in 1991 at California, topped Southern League catchers in fielding (.990) in final year in Cincinnati in 1989

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### LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Richard Stanford**  
 Invocation: **Karl Von Bieberstein**  
 Pledge: **Karl Von Bieberstein**  
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**  
 Chair of the Day: **Valerie Pelan**  
 Speaker: **Anthony Murphy, Dallas**  
**Federal Reserve Macro VP**  
 Program: **2020 Economic Forecast**



President **Richard Stanford** called this first meeting of the new year to order. PP **Karl von Bieberstein** gave the invocation, noting that former member **Gerry Montgomery's** wife had passed away earlier in December. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by "Auld Lang Syne." Our visitors and guests were introduced PP **Pam Carvey** presented a check to David Gruber from the Dallas Metro Homeless Alliance. He said that the DMHA's goal is to end homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties. He related a story about a homeless man who could have signed up for an apartment, but did not have the money for the application fee. The grant from RCPC will be used to pay the fees needed to help people get off the streets. He also asked for volunteers for the 2020 Homeless Count Night. **Herb Ziev** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the week, Vista Bank; part of their mission is to give back to the community. **Chris McNeill** announced the next PCR Connect at Drake's on Lovers Lane, which has just opened.



President **Richard** reviewed a few of the club's accomplishments, including the grants like the one given today, the donations made from the funds from the Fourth of July Parade and the Snider Plaza Tree Lighting. He also mentioned the many projects the club has completed, the Legacy of Leadership program the project in The Philippines and the RI Global Grant, the RCPC Foundation with \$1.5 million in it, and participation in the Young Professionals Program.

**Valerie Pelan** introduced our speaker today, Anthony Murphy,



### Please remember ...

**Toby Zidle** who is recovering from a stay in the hospital.

Please let us know your Joys or Concerns at- [announcements@parkcitiesrotary.org](mailto:announcements@parkcitiesrotary.org)



Macro V.P. at the Federal Reserve Bank. He said that he tries to predict the future by looking at the past. Services are expanding, but manufacturing is moving sideways or contracting. Manufacturing has been hit by a global slowdown. Consumer spending keeps the economy humming. Consumer expectations are high. Consumer spending was a major driver of growth in 2019. The effects of the tax cut is diminishing. One downside of the tax cut was that there was not as much investment as had been hoped. There is slower growth abroad; it is lower than was expected six months ago. If there wasn't a trade war with China, economic growth would have been higher. The tariffs on China put on in September have been halved, the tariffs put on in December have been removed and it is unclear if the January tariffs will be imposed. A survey of forecasters identified trade with China as affecting the economy, then the slowing economic growth in China and Europe. In the labor market there is strong growth in employment. Job creation is still very high. There are two measures of employment. The headline rate for unemployment has been falling since 2010 and is just beginning to level out. The broad U.S. unemployment rate has also been falling since 2010, and is at about 3.9 percent which is above the level of full employment which is about 4.8 percent. There is a notable increase in the prime age labor force participation rate. The unemployment rate for all workers is downward but leveling out; people are being pulled back into the labor force. Wage growth is quite high, especially at the low end of the wage distribution. It has been increasing since 2010 at about 3 percent. Jobs are not low-paying. The argument that the jobs being created are low-paying jobs is not true. The underlying inflation rate is close to 2 percent over the next two years, close to the Fed's target rate.

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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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### EVENTS CALENDAR

January						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			M	M In	Mtg	
5	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	
12	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	
19	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	
26	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	

### Get Involved!

A=Agape Health Service Days  
 BD = Board of Dirs. Mtg, 7am  
 LaMadeleine, 75 & Mockingbird  
 Cn = PCR Connect Event.  
 CP = ChildsPlay Work Mtg  
 CC = Core Clubs Event  
 D = District 5810 Event  
 DH = Dentistry with a Heart  
 FR = Family of Rotary Event  
 F = Fellowship Event  
 FF = RCPC Foundation Fund Mtg. See Ed Fjordbak  
 FH = Fisher House. See Rob E  
 In-Interact Special Project

In- Interact at Hillcrest H.S., 8 am. See Tracy Gomes  
 LL- Legacy of Leadership  
 M = Meals on Wheels (Different teams on each day) See Jim Weichel  
 Mn-Mentoring at Hillcrest HS  
 Mc = Ronald McDonald House-See Jina McDaniel  
 NM = New Member Event  
 FT=NTFB Truck-Stan Wright  
 FB-NTFB Event  
 Pr = Program Committee Mtg  
 RU = Rotary University  
 SpE = Special Service Event

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



**Jan. 17** **Troy Vaughn, President - Principle Services**  
**What's New in Electric Power and Storage**  
**Opportunities in Texas**



**Jan. 24** **Frank Lloyd**  
**From Employee to Retiree: Transition Journey**



**Jan. 31** **New Member Speeches and**  
**Announcement about Exciting RCPC Initiative**



**Feb. 7** **Paul Chafetz, Clinical Psychologist/ Author**  
**Loving Difficult Older Relatives**

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sign up at [www.parkcitiesrotary.org](http://www.parkcitiesrotary.org)*

**PCR Connect, Thurs, Jan. 16, 5:00-7:00pm at Drake's**

**Ronald McDonald House, Mon, Jan 20, 4:30-7:00pm,** at 4707 Bengal, Dallas 75235. Prepare and serve dinner to the children and families at RMDH.

**RI Foundation:** \$100 (or more) Every Rotarian Every Year! See Greg Pape.

**RCPC Foundation:** \$100 (or more). See Birthdays below, then Cindy Cummings.

**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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RI has its own channel on YouTube offering a growing collection of videos and psas.



Check out or add to RI's Flickr group often, [www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/)



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RI has Pinboards on major projects.



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See RI's latest pictures via Instagram.

## THOUGHTS ON ... RCPC IN ACTION

### Baseball

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

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. Mencken**

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

~ **Ed Vargo**, major league umpire

Baseball is a skilled game. It's America's game – it and high taxes

~ **Will Rogers**

Son, what kind of a pitch would you like to miss?

~ **Dizzy Dean**

There's no easier pitch to hit than a splitter that doesn't do anything.

~ **Whitey Ford**

I don't want people to forget Babe Ruth; I just want them to remember me.

~ **Hank Aaron**

All ballplayers should quit when it starts to feel as if all the baselines run uphill.

~ **Babe Ruth**

Baseball is dull only to dull minds.

~ **Red Barber**

### An Evening of Indulgence at

*Chocolate Secrets*

**Thursday, January 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p m**  
**at Chocolate Secrets**

3926 Oak Lawn, Dallas 75219

Enjoy ice cream, assorted chocolates, wine, tea, beer, coffees, hot chocolate, cakes, truffles, cheese boards, croissants and more!

Music: The Voice Finalist Dana Harper

Everyone will have their own tab.

We have a private room, the indoor patio room.

### HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

A guy was driving his Corvette too fast. Suddenly he heard the siren and saw the police car right behind him. Hesitantly, he pulled over and waited for the officer. "Sir, you are aware that you were driving 30 miles over the speed limit aren't you?" the officer said as he handed the guy his ticket. "What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist. "Keep it," said the officer. "When you get four of them, you get a bicycle."

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**1500 Volunteers Needed**

**2020 Homeless Count Night**  
**Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 pm- Midnight**

**Why:** Help our community understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends, and the measure of our success in making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. And remind us that in Dallas everybody counts.

**Where:** Dallas and Collin counties. Sites vary.

**Register:** <https://dallas.pointintime.info>

**Happy Birthday**

George Patterson 1.12

\*You are our RCPC Fun-cation Founders for this week

