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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Richard Stanford



Social Meeting at Campisi's Relax and Enjoy Some Pizza and Conversation

The mysterious history of the Campisi family in America begins back in 1904, when my great-grandparents, Carlo "Papa" and Antonia Campisi, immigrated from Sicily to New Orleans. They settled in Dallas thanks to a telegram from a cousin who wrote of a grocery store for sale for \$800. Soon after, Papa was in the grocery business at the corner of Hall Street and Central Expressway (formerly the Central tracks). In an apartment above the store, my great-grandparents had six kids (four girls and two boys), who helped by working and translating in the store.

In 1946, with the end of World War II, Papa purchased a bar with a small kitchen in the back at the corner of Knox and McKinney called the Idle Hour. A cousin visiting from New York suggested they serve "Pizza Pies" which were so popular in New York. So, Papa gathered his family in the kitchen to create Dallas' first pizza, as well as Texas' first pizzeria. My grandfather Joe and my great uncle Sam were always on hand promoting their pizza pies to all their patrons.

We moved to our Mockingbird Lane location in 1950 to take over the previous "Egyptian Lounge." At the time, there was not enough money to buy a whole new neon sign, so the original Egyptian sign was changed by removing the word "Lounge" and adding the word "Restaurant." After Papa and Uncle Sam passed away, and the girls were busy raising their families, my grandfather Joe continued the entrepreneurial spirit of his

father by continuing to grow the family business.

In 1971, Campisi's was granted one of the first liquor licenses in the state of Texas since prohibition. Joe continued to serve his friends, politicians, and sports figures, and even became a local celebrity himself. My uncle Corky ran the Mockingbird Lane location through the next four decades and trained the next generation. In 1993, I opened the first satellite store at Coit and Campbell. Since then, I have expanded Campisi's to multiple locations throughout the Dallas metroplex.

The "American Dream" that brought the Campisi family to America has become a reality. Thanks to you, our loyal patrons, numerous local and national awards have been bestowed upon us over the years. The awards include Best Pizza, Best Italian, and Bon Appetit magazine's One of the Best Pizzerias in America. We feel honored to be the oldest Italian restaurant in Texas. And, with the third and fourth generation of Campisi children now carrying on the traditions, we are proud to enter our eighth decade of service to the metroplex.

My grandfather Joe, who raised me as his son, taught me a lesson in business. He said, "Baby, Campisi's was built on handshakes and hellos." And that's what we're still doing today.

Grazie, David Campisi and Family

- from the Campisi's website, www.campisis.us/

RCPC IN ACTION



Attention

The Feb. 3 Meeting is ON!

Our Speaker will be Monica Christopher, Senior Vice President, Chief Giving and Community Impact Officer of the Communities Foundation of Texas. The meeting will be at the Park City Club. Register and pay on the RCPC website.

Credit cards charges did not go through at the Holiday Party.

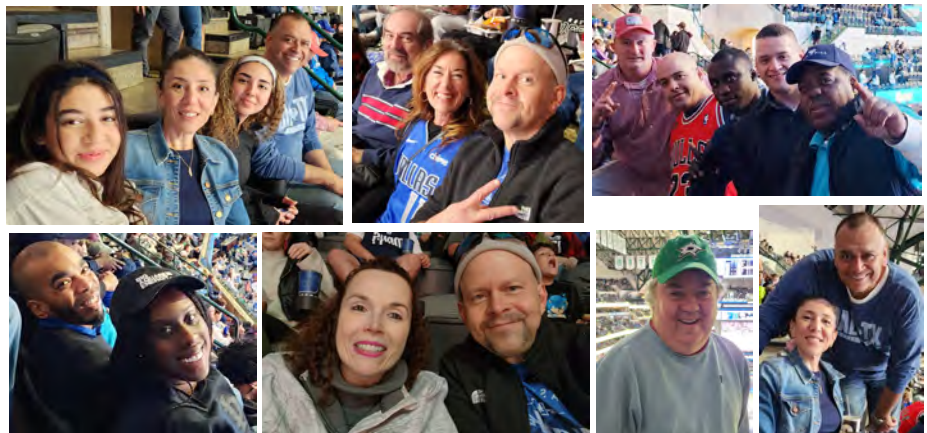
If you charged a drink ticket, please give cash or check to Mark Kashar or Laurie.

Jill Jordan is asking for ideas for the theme of the 2023 Fourth of July Parade. Send your ideas to Jill before Feb. 3.

RCPC Cheered on the Dallas Mavericks vs the LA Clippers this past Sunday, Jan. 22.

with thanks to Happy Franklin for the pictures

The game was at the American Airlines Center. The RCPC members, family and friends in attendance enjoyed themselves, despite the score: LA 112 - Mavs 98.



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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Jeff McNaughton**
 Invocation/Pledge: **Mary Bishop**
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**
 Chair of the Day: **Eric Heitkamp**
 Speaker: **April Culver, Executive Director and CEO**
 Program: **Challenge Air: Building Confidence in Children and Youth with Special Needs**



President **Jeff McNaughton** called this meeting at the Park City Club to order to order. **Mary Bishop** gave the invocation. **Mary** then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

PP **Jeff** asked for "Happy Bucks" and introduced our visitors and guests. **Mark Kashar** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the Week, PP **Happy Franklin** and Navigation Financial Group.

PP **Happy** introduced new member **Kelly Poppe**. **Jill Jordan**, co-chair of the Fourth of July Parade asked for ideas for ideas for the theme for the parade this year. She also noted that this year's parade would be the twentieth anniversary of RCPC taking over organizing the parade.

President **Jeff** reminded us that the meeting on January 27 would be at Campisi's and the meeting on February 3 would be back at the Park City Club. Be sure to register and pay on the RCPC website.

RCPC member **Lyn Berman** the Executive of Attitudes and Attire, thanked the club for the grant from the RCPC Foundation to help them repair their office after it was flooded. Their office is in the World Trade Center, and they lost their clothing stored in the office, furniture and all of their technology. **Lyn** said that they are just now able to use their office again.



PP **Eric Heitkamp** introduced our speaker today, **April Culver**, Executive Director and CEO of Challenge Air. She began by saying that this year, Challenge Air is celebrating

Please remember ...

Bill Sleeper is recovering from pneumonia and had been moved to an assisted facility.
Please let us know your joys and concerns.



thirty years of helping kids. Challenge Air was founded by Rick Amber, He had become a quadriplegic when his jet crashed during a landing attempt on a naval aircraft carrier. After competing in and winning the U.S. Open National Wheelchair Tennis Championship, he wanted to use his accomplishments to encourage children to overcome their own disabilities. That's when Amber decided to get back to his true passion – flying. The idea of Challenge Air took off after Amber invited a group of physically challenged children on a flight over the Addison skyline. He realized that overcoming his disability helped the kids change their perception about disability.

Challenge Air builds self-esteem and confidence through flight. The pilots on their flydays are volunteers. Ten to fifteen pilots on each day give flights to as many as one hundred kids. The next flyday will be in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They have flydays all over the country. On each day volunteers help to set up for the events in the hangars. Once they are greeted, the children and parents are helped into the plane. Some of them are nervous before the flight, but they are high-fiving after they return. Their smiles tell it all. The program is open to all children with disabilities, except for those with those who have such low functioning that they would not understand what was happening. Children who might misbehave sit in the back seat, and a parent sits in front with the pilot. Otherwise, the child sits in front with the pilot. The families are not charged for the flights. Challenge Air is based in Dallas, but they fly out of twelve to fifteen cities. Each event costs about \$20,000 to \$25,000. The volunteer pilots are usually from the local area, but some pilots might fly in. They either have their own plane or rent one. The planes must have four seats. Challenge Air also works with flight schools, but pilots must have at least 350 hours of flight experience. Each flight lasts thirty minutes and the pilot tries to fly over things familiar to the child.

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February						
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5	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
12	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
19	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
26	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

FT=NTFB Truck

FB=NTFB Evt- Susan Glen

In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes

LL=Legacy of Leadership

M=Meals on Wheels

Jim Weichel

Mn=Mentoring at Hillcrest H

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 Ahliali





SP=Strategic Planning Mtg

SpE=Special Service Event

VA=Veterans Support- Evan

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

	Feb. 3 is ON!	Monica Christopher Communities Foundation of Texas at Park City Club
	Feb. 10	Mark Wynne Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas- back at Maggiano's
	Feb.17	Burk Murchison and Michael Granberry <i>Hole in the Roof</i>
	Feb.24	TBA

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HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

A man staggered home late one evening. He took off his shoes to avoid waking up his wife. He tiptoed toward the stairs, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister. He swung around and fell. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing very painful. Managing not to yell, he got up, looked in the hall mirror to see that his rear was cut and bleeding. He found a full box of Band-Aids and put one each place he saw blood. He then hid the almost empty Band-Aid box and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, he woke up with a pain in both his head and rear. His wife was staring at him. She said "You were drunk again last night?"

The man said "Why would you say that?"
 "Well," his wife said, "it could be the open front door, or the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, or the drops of blood through the house, but mostly it's all those Band-Aids stuck to the hall mirror."

Happy Birthday*

Jack Carpenter 1.27

Richard Jodry 1.30

Nolan Duck 2.01

*You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this month

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 Kathy Wall..

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...

Conversation

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.

~ **George Bernard Shaw**

Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other, so we can have some conversation.

~ **Judith Martin**

Most conversations are simply monologues delivered in the presence of witnesses.

~ **Margaret Millar**

Saying what we think gives us a wider conversational range than saying what we know. ~ **Cullen Hightower**

He had occasional flashes of silence, that made his conversation perfectly delightful.

~ **Sydney Smith**

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.

~ **Plato**

One of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid. ~ **Jonathan Swift**

The character of a man is known from his conversations. ~ **Menander**

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversations as a dog does. ~ **Christopher Morley**

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Thank You from C. C. Collie

A heartfelt "thank you" to every member of our RCPC for the event at the Lakewood C. C. and a special "thank you" to the 10 or so who did all the "heavy lifting."

I was so honored and humbled! Unforgettable!

I am proud to be in such an outstanding Rotary Club.

Sincerely,
C. C. Collie

Dec. 6, 1922

Thank You from Ronald McDonald House

January 16, 2023

Dear Park Cities Rotary,

Thank you so much for blessing our families with such a delicious dinner. We are so grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Sincerely,
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