



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chairs of the Day: Ley Waggoner*



**Kevin Randles, Executive Director**

**Camp John Marc**

Kevin Randles is the Executive Director of Camp John Marc (CJM). His involvement with Camp began in 1992 as a camper at Camp Esperanza, one of Camp John Marc's week-long summer camps for children/teenagers with cancer. After spending his summers in college as an activity leader, Kevin spent time as Assistant Camp Director and Camp Director prior to his role as Executive Director for Camp John Marc.

He and his wife Katelyn (who met at CJM while in college) have three children – Adeline, Easton, and Bryson

**Camp John Marc** excerpted from their website

#### **Mission**

Camp John Marc inspires confidence for life through high-quality camping programs for children, teens, and families. Year round programming and specialized camp facilities are uniquely designed in partnership with Dallas-Fort Worth area pediatric hospitals, community volunteers, and health organizations who are dedicated to serving campers living with chronic medical and physical challenges. The dignity of each camper is nurtured at Camp John Marc as well as in the community through its outreach programs.

#### **Typical Daily Schedule for a CJM Summer Camp**

8:30 Breakfast  
9:15-10:15 Activity 1  
10:25-11:25 Activity 2  
11:45 Lunch  
12:45-1:45 Rest  
1:50-2:05 Word of the Day, please gather in front of the Dining Hall  
2:10-3:20 Projects  
3:30-3:40 Snack, gather in front of the Dining Hall  
3:50-4:50 Activity 3  
5:00-6:00 Activity 4  
6:00-6:20 Cabin Time  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Evening Activity

#### *It's 2026!*

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

Sat., Jan. 31: **Strategic Planning Session** in the morning (8:30-Noon) at the Meeting Place, 13612 Midway Rd #601, Dallas, TX 75244 (at Alpha and Midway)

Thurs, Feb. 12, 6:00-7:30 pm, **Wine and Chocolate Tasting** at Total Wine and More, 9350 N Central Exp, Dallas, 75231

Beginning in January the cost for lunch will be \$22.00 and for non-eaters will be \$7.00

#### *District 5810*

Sat, Jan. 24: Join us at the **Public Image Brunch**: A hands-on working brunch to sharpen your club's visibility and credibility, designed for Rotarians who want real traction, not theory.

Tues, Feb. 10, 2026, 5:00pm – 7:30pm. **Rotary Means Business** Social Networking Event at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75287. Network Like Only A Rotarian Can!

Thurs, Feb. 12.. *Save the Date!* Join us for the 2026 **Foundation Gala**. For registration details, see the eBulletin.

#### **The Fourth of July is Just Around the Corner** *from Jill Jordan*

It's now 2026 and time to kick off the preparations for the 2026 4th of July parade. Our first task is to select a theme for this year's parade. So, put on your thinking caps and get creative as to what the theme should be!

**Please email your best idea to Jill Jordan by Friday, January 30th.** Submitted ideas will be shortlisted to get to the best of the best ideas. Once a shortlist is made, club members will vote at a meeting on which theme will be the winner to become this year's theme.

To help you think through ideas, recent parade themes have been: 2019 Let Freedom Ring!

2020 Stars, Stripes, and Service  
2021 United We Stand  
2022 Together We Serve  
2023 Freedom to Serve  
2024 Red, White and You  
2025 America the Beautiful  
Remember, too, that this year will be our country's 250th birthday.

Alan and I are also looking for volunteers to help with pre-parade planning activities. All club members are supposed to help with the parade, so if you know that you will be out of town for July 4th, volunteering for the parade planning tasks is a great way to help out. If you are interested in helping, contact either Alan or myself. Jill=jajh214@gmail.com, Alan=awinn@awinnlaw.com

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## LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: **Mary Bishop**  
 Advertiser of the Week: **Happy Franklin** and  
 Navigation Financial Group  
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**  
 Speaker: **Matthew Wilson**, Assoc. Professor  
 of Political Science  
 Program: **"Politics in Interesting Times: A  
 Look Ahead to 2026"**

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President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Mary Bishop** gave the Invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. President **Sarah** called for Happy Bucks. **Tom Swift** was happy because long-time member, **Donnie Berg**, was with us today. Our visitors and guests were introduced.

PP **Greg Pape** talked about the Every Rotarian Every Year goal and the areas of focus of the Rotary International Foundation. He then introduced those who would be receiving Paul Harris Fellow recognitions.



PE **Mark Kashar** introduced our Advertiser of the Week, PP **Happy Franklin**, and Navigation Financial Group.

PE **Mark** then introduced Kerri Steele, the Executive Director of Little Hearts of Hope, and presented her with a check for \$2,500, a grant from the RCPC Foundation. Little Hearts of Hope serves children ages 4-14 who have a parent or sibling fighting cancer. The families do not submit economic status or ethnicity. They have a 70% ask rate for financial help due to low income. The grant will help produce a parent video series, which aligns with the club's goal of health and wellness.



**Siobhan Abraham** introduced our newest member, **Elmer Valdespino**. He works for Oncor Energy and his classification is Energy/Utilities.

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*Please remember and keep them in your prayers.*

*Please let us know your concerns.*

*Much of the YouTube video of this program was not audible so there is no detailed recap of the meeting, but the following were highlights from his powerpoint presentation.*

**Jill Jordan** announced that it was time to start planning for the 2026 Fourth of July Parade. [See Page 1 for more details.]

VP **Eric Harrison** gave a recap of the Soles for Souls project which ended in December. [See Thank You Note on pg. 3 for details.]

PP **Happy Franklin** introduced our speaker today, **Matthew Wilson**, PhD, Professor of Political Science at SMU, who spoke on "Politics in Interesting Times: A Look Ahead to 2026." He began by asking "What's at stake?" One is the control of Congress. Currently, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives, Republicans have a majority of five seats. In the 35 seats in the Senate, Republicans have a majority of six. There are two more Republican Governorships. Various lower level state offices, state legislatures and local offices are also at stake. Some unusual features impacting the election are President Trump's nonconsecutive, second term incumbency, the dueling redistricting among the states, everything about the Trump presidency, and the evolving media and technological landscape. The current predictions about the race are that there is a 76% chance and a 66% chance that the Republicans will hold the Senate (both on Kalshi). The most competitive Senate races are AK (Rep), GA (Dem), ME (Rep), IA (Rep), KS (Dem), MI (Dem), NV (Rep), and WI (Dem). The Senate race in Texas will also be interesting. The Democrat advantages are that it is a Republican presidential midterm (the average loss is 21 seats), Donald Trump's poor approval rating, high propensity voters, and the Republican's best issues have receded. The Republican advantages are that the Democrat Party is in disarray with only a 32% favorability rating, an objectively good story to tell on the border, crime and the economy and a relatively favorable terrain with modest advantages in redistricting and a favorable mix of contested Senate seats.

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- 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
- 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=Ronald McDonald House 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-

## 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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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**Jan.30 Glynis Worthington, EdD**  
**Pickleball**
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**Feb 6 Yolanda Walker**  
**The Vision for Texas A&M Ft Worth**
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**Feb 13 Dave Tanner**  
**TBA**
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**Feb 20 Glenna Hecht**  
**How Old Are You Today?**

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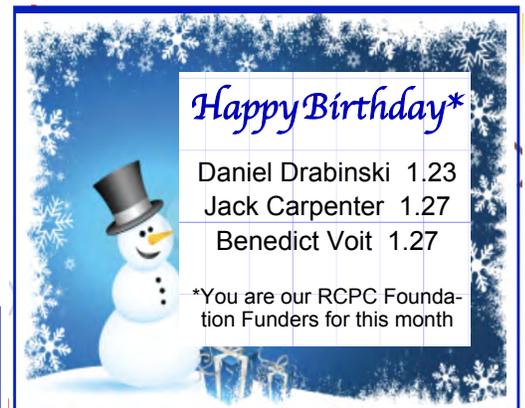
-  #PeopleOfAction
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-  #goodthingshapp e nonfridays

## MEETING NOTES (continued)

*Politics in Interesting Times' continued*

He believes the Texas Senate race will be interesting because of the Cornyn-Paxton-Hunt Republican primary and the Crockett-Talarico Democrat primary; the primaries will be early. He predicts these races will be very expensive and likely bitter in both the primaries and the general election. He predicts the things to watch are as follows:

- Can Republicans motivate low propensity voters?
- What do Hispanic voters do?
- How do Democrats talk about Trump and impeachment?
- Can Republicans hold the line in the Senate?
- What kinds of Democrats do best?



## 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 ...

### Play

One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards.

~ Oscar Wilde

You've achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you're doing is work or play.

~ Warren Beatty

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jill a rich widow.

~ Evan Esar

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

~ Plato

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

What we play is life.

~ Louis Armstrong

This flashpoint of creation in the present moment is where work and play merge. ~ Stephen Nachmanovitch

To play it safe is not to play.

~ Robert Altman

Play by the rules, but be ferocious.

~ Phil Knight

## SOLES4SOULS THANK YOU

Dear Eric,

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*Eric, A special thank you for your continued support and leadership in driving this effort forward. Your commitment to our mission and to creating meaningful impact makes a real difference.*

*With gratitude, Christine Ortega*

*Senior Manager, Community Partnerships-TX*

## HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia.

She whispers, "They're right behind you..."

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