



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Mark Neace*



## Nancy Matter Racers Igniting Hope

Nancy Matter is a veteran entrepreneur, professional motorsports owner-driver, and accomplished creative whose career reflects a unique blend of leadership, perseverance, and passion. Since 2002, she has competed as an NHRA owner-driver in one of the most demanding arenas in professional drag racing, building a reputation for determination, resilience, and innovation both on and off the track.

In addition to her accomplishments in motorsports, Nancy also has a background in music. After a decade of employment with a Fortune 500 Entertainment Corporation, she became the first self-funded female Mastering Studio Owner / Chief Engineer in North America and combined together, earned upwards of 70 RIAA Gold and Platinum Albums. She incorporates a lifelong appreciation for performance, discipline, and the power of connecting with people through shared

experiences.

Beyond her professional achievements, Nancy is deeply rooted in the values of community and service. She believes strongly in using her platform to encourage others, support meaningful causes, and make a positive impact wherever she can. Her philanthropic spirit, combined with her dedication to family and her commitment to helping others, has shaped a life centered not only on achievement, but on purpose.

Today, Nancy brings a perspective that is both inspiring and authentic—one grounded in perseverance, gratitude, and the belief that success is most meaningful when it is used to uplift others.

### RCPC IN ACTION

#### 26-27 Dues Are Past Due

RCPC Past Treasurer **Paul Pirok** reported the Good News that dues would remain the same as last year - no increase. **He asked that all members pay prior to June 1st.** Ways to pay include,

- Check mailed to the club address or brought to the meeting
- Credit card through the website (**there will be an additional fee**)
- Zelle also via the website (no fee)

#### District 5810

**It's Time for the Emerald City Awards Gala! Fri, August 21** at the Drury Plaza Hotel Dallas in Richardson. Tickets will be available in July. Let's come together to celebrate the remarkable work being done in District 5810!

#### Nominations for District 5810 Awards

On August 21 at the Emerald City Awards Gala, the District will present awards to clubs and individuals nominated from across the District. Nominations can be made in several categories. RCPC has nominated these individuals:

- Star Award (President's Choice) - **Monty Montero**
- Outstanding First Year Rotarian - **Daphne Stidham**
- Rotarian of the Year - **Dr. Michael Rainwater** for Dentistry with a Heart
- President of the Year - **Sarah Oliai**

Our club has been nominated for these awards:

- Club of Year** (Large Club)
- Most Fun Club** (Large Club)
- Community Service Award** (Large Club)
- International Service Project** - 3D printers in Dumaguete, Philippines
- Public Image Award** (Large Club)

**Come cheer on your fellow members!** The Gala will be at the Drury Plaza Hotel Dallas in Richardson on Friday Aug. 31 Time is TBD (in the evening). Tickets will be available soon.

#### What A Great Day! Great Parade!

And Trisha Cunningham received a check for **\$67,216.00** for the North TX



Food Bank! It equals over 200,000 meals!



Republic of the Philippines  
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Negros Island Region  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DUMAGUETE CITY

#### Certificate of Recognition

*This certificate is proudly presented to*

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In grateful recognition and sincere appreciation for your generous donation of 3D printers to the Department of Education – Dumaguete City Division for the benefit of six public secondary schools in support of innovation, digital transformation, and the enhancement of 21st century learning

Your unwavering commitment to education and community service is truly commendable and will make a lasting impact on our learners and educators

Given this 4th day of June 2026 at the Convergence Zone, DepEd, Dumaguete City Division  
*signed*

**Edmark Ian L. Cabio Edd,**  
DM – HRM, CESO VI  
Schools Division Superintendent

### LAST WEEK (6-19-2026)

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: **PP Karl Von Bieberstein**

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Sarah**  
 Advertiser of the Week: **Vista Bank** and  
**Scott McLaughlin**

Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**

Speaker: **Tripp Gullede** and **Abby Lautin**  
 Program: **"Envision"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **PP Karl Von Bieberstein** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. There were quite a few members who had things to be happy about.

**Mark Neace** reminded members that it was a new year, so time to renew their ads or to start an ad for The Hub and the RCPC website. He then introduced our Advertiser of the Week, Vista Bank. A short video was played about Vista Bank.

**PP Greg Pape** reminded us that the Rotary Foundation helps advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving the environment and alleviating poverty. The Rotary Foundation operates with exceptional financial efficiency, dedicating approximately 87% to 90% of its total expenditures directly to service programs and grants. Its administrative expenses are just 3.5% to 3.6% of its potential, which outperforms many charitable entities. He said that with each individual donation of \$100 or more, you receive points which can then be used to make someone else a Paul Harris Fellow. He recognized

**Mark Neace** for contributing a significant amount to the permanent fund and has attained a fifth level Paul Harris Fellow.



President **Sarah** called for the Raffle Drawing. Nobody claimed the first ticket drawn, but **PP Bill Sleeper** had the second ticket drawn. He did not win the prize.

**Jill Jordan** gave an update on the Parade preparations. She also reminded us that there was still time to join Club 250.

**Bud Naifeh** brought us up to date on the

### Please remember

Please let us know your concerns.

3-D Printer Project the club helped to fund in The Philippines through our RCPC Foundation. The printers will give high school students a marketable skill when they leave school and will lift them out of poverty so they can pursue college or other careers if they want. RCPC was recognized with a certificate that also mentioned our earlier computer literacy project.



President **Sarah** mentioned that RCPC had made seven nominations for District Awards. Those will be awarded at the end of August at the District Awards Gala.

**PP Ley Waggoner** introduced our speakers today, **Tripp Gullede** who is a pastor at Highland Park Methodist Church in charge of the Clarks Chapel services and **Abby Lautin** who is the Manager of Development at Envision, Envision used to be called Lighthouse for the Blind. **Tripp** began by introducing a video about what Envision does, including providing training and jobs for people who are blind or visually impaired. **Abby** continued saying that they started in 1931 with people selling household items door to door. In 1960 they moved to Farmers Branch and changed their name but were still working on behalf of the Dallas community and the surrounding counties. They now are expanding their services to include child care and other services their site has never had. She said she wanted to share a little piece of history and had researched newspaper clippings. She also said that she was born legally blind and does not have peripheral vision. She is able to see people standing in front of her, but can't read nametags or a logo on their shirt. She attended Austin State University in East Texas and got a Bachelor's degree in Orientation and Mobility, which is helping people who are blind or visually impaired get around, oriented and mobile in their environment. She asked, who is better to teach someone than someone else who is already doing it. So for the last seven years she has referred to her job as the blind man of the blind. She has worked in Dallas and has worked with kids, aged zero to (cont. on page 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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July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
12	M	M	M	BD	Mtg	
19	M	M	M	M	Mtg	Dist
26	M	M	M	M	Mtg	

- A=Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD= Bld of Dirs Mtg, 8am**
- BF= Bonton Farm**
- CC= Crossroads Com. Pabtry**
- Cn= PCR Connect Event.**
- CP= Childs Play 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 Klawter**
- NM= New Member Event**
- Pr= Program Committee Mtg**
- RL= Readers 2 Leaders- various days, times- Rob Levy**
- Rct= Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.**
- SP= Strategic Planning Mtg**
- SpE= Special Service Event**
- VA= Veterans Support-**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**July 17**     **Brad Sham**  
**The Cowboys**
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**July 24**     **Darren Collins**  
**Project Hand Up**
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**July 31**     **Meghna Tare**  
**Earth Day**
- 
**Aug. 17**     **Trey Bowles**  
**Park Cities Angel Network**

## 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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**Make a post about or while at Rotary and use these hashtags**

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

## THOUGHTS ON ...

### Racing

Auto racing began 5 minutes after the second car was built. ~ **Henry Ford**

If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough

~ **Mario Andretti**

When I first started racing, my father said, "Win the race as slow as you can."

~ **Richard Petty**

You win some, lose some, and wreck some.

~ **Dale Earnhardt**

Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports... all the others are games. ~ **Ernest Hemingway**

Straight roads are for fast cars, turns are for fast drivers.

~ **Colin McRae**

It is not always possible to be the best, but it is always possible to improve your own performance.

~ **Jackie Stewart**

Racing is not what I like to do; it's winning.

~ **Jeff Gordon**

The client is not always right.

~ **Enzo Ferrari**

I feel safe when I'm on the racetrack, I really do. I know that I'm surrounded by the best drivers in the world. That's something you can't say when you're driving down the interstate. ~ **Sterling Marlin**

## MEETING NOTES (continued)

to twenty-two. She then joined Envision to work on development, fundraising and philanthropy. There she gets to work with adults.

Tripp said that he was born with the condition that makes him have low vision. It was discovered when he was six weeks old. He has a retinopathy. They did laser surgery on his eyes when he was six weeks old which stabilized and maintained the vision that he had until he was about thirteen. He now has vision similar to Abby's. When he was in eighth grade, his condition started to progress. He has had treatment to stabilize his condition until a more permanent solution could be found but so far there haven't been enough new treatments. He got through high school successfully and went on to Auburn University where he earned a degree in music performance and music education. He got interested in ministry. In 2020 he came to Dallas to start graduate school at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He got involved with Envision about a year ago and was captivated by everything they did. He

started to volunteer. He said they have an activity to show the difference that independence can make. It was a blindfold simulation, but it is not at all like what it is to be blind. One person puts on the blindfold and another person is to guide him/her to some place in the room. The exercise is to demonstrate the changes you have to make. You must have a lot of trust in the person who is guiding you. Also if something like a pin number is needed, you have to tell somebody your pin, because you can't see it



*Happy Birthday\**

Jina McDaniel	7.2
Karen Farris.	7.5
William Taylor	7.6
Siobhan Abraham	7.7
Jerry Washam	7.9
Leroy Howard	7.10
Happy Franklin	7.12

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