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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Jeff Sheehan



District Governor John Curtis State of District 5810

John was born and raised in New Jersey. He attended Cornell University where he earned his Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering. With his wife Janie and their infant daughter, they traveled to California and John began a career of bridge building. His first project was the San Diego Coronado Bridge, where he finished the project as Resident Engineer. He later worked on bridge projects throughout California and several bridges in Canada, Brazil, China, and many states in the US. He later earned a Master's in Public Administration at Cal State.

John also spent a portion of his career in England working for oil companies to install their oil platforms in the North Sea.

John held several engineering management positions which involved land development, housing construction, golf course construction and ultimately, City Engineering and Public Works

Directorships in California cities.

John became a Rotarian during that time and after holding several positions on its board, became President of the La Quinta Rotary. Because of their experience and interest in Youth Exchange, John and Janie, now a Rotarian too, were appointed District Youth Exchange Co-Directors.

A move to a new city meant joining a local Rotary Club and again a job-related move led to a new club and soon, chartering a new Rotary Club. John became the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club's second President, during Rotary's Centennial year. During this exciting time John saw the club double in size and become the District's medium sized Club of the year.

John and Janie retired to Texas to be closer to their young grandson and John joined the Rockwall Rotary Club. *(cont on pg 3)*

RCPC IN ACTION

June at Ronald McDonald House *from Kathleen Klaviter*

The Ronald McDonald House was hopping this month with all the kids out of school. We served over 70 dinners.

Special shout out to Phillip and Sergio braving the heat to grill outside and Dean for chopping onions and Tom for polishing the stainless ovens. We left it better than we found it! **Great team effort!** Join them in July!



Save the Date!

District 5810 Awards Banquet
Saturday, August 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Haggard Party Barn, Plano



It Was A GREAT Parade!



A Few More Pictures!



DG John Curtis



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LAST WEEK

Presiding: PP **Richard Stanford**
 Invocation/Pledge: PP **Ley Waggoner**
 Photographer: **Van Oliver**
 Chair of the Day: PP **Richard Stanford**
 Speaker: **Dallas Cothrum**
 Program: "**Planning and Zoning in Dallas**"



PP **Richard Stanford** called the meeting to order in place of incoming President **Jeff Sheehan**, who is ill. PP **Ley Waggoner** gave the invocation. Our guests were introduced; they included the incoming President and Program Chair of the Richardson RC.

Eric Harrison announced our Marketplace Advertiser for this week, **Sarah Oliai** and the Oliai Law Firm.

Our new Sgt-at-Arms **Van Oliver** asked all of the members with July birthdays to stand. He reminded us to support the RCPC Foundation with our voluntary donations of \$100 (or more) a year.

PP **Phillip Bankhead** reported that the Parade was a great success. It seemed like more people viewed the Parade this year and a lot of people came to the park after the Parade. At least 50%, or as many as 75%, of the members participated in some way with the Parade. There were six hundred views on YouTube the next day.

Nate Weymouth won the opportunity to choose a card in the raffle, but did not win the money. The total in the "pot" is over \$1400.

PP **Richard** introduced our speaker to-day, **Dallas Cothrum**, President of Master-Plan. He said he always enjoys the Parade and recognizes how much work goes into putting it on. He looks forward to it every year. He said the planning and zoning is really contentious. He feels like he is at the tip of the spear, and it is really hard work because ultimately you have to change people's minds. He said his dad started the business after being on the city council from 1965 to 1980. Change is hard. People do great work when they go on vacation, but when they get home, they are distrustful that anything new might be good. Every few years Dallas does a citizen's satisfaction survey all across the city.



Please remember ...

The family of **Herb Durham** who has passed away
Please let us know your joys and concerns.

It just came back and sixty-nine percent said the pace of development in Dallas is too fast. He believes it is way too slow. Dallas is so far behind. He is extremely worried about Dallas.

Elaine Allen was a Masterplan employee for many years. When she was there, they did about thirty jobs a month, but now they do 450 to 600 things all across the state. Now we are doing zoning cases in twenty states. He said it was great to have a case in Miami because they return phone calls. He said the Dallas Planning Department is unresponsive. They are focused on a political agenda. We don't have politics or opinions at Masterplan, except that they don't work for any adult-oriented business. If they are hired by a client, they go in to win; it is a little like being a mercenary. Clients don't pay you to lose, and often they get fired when they don't win.— or the client doesn't pay you. He is not afraid to lose because he goes and asks for something he thinks is good and appropriate, but people are resistant to change. People in Dallas are resistant to height. He would rather be near a steel and concrete building that will last a hundred years than a four-story multi-family building. People also complain about traffic, but Traffic in Dallas is not that bad. It is just part of living in a very desirable place. If you move to Detroit, they have light traffic and not much going on. Growing up in Dallas, he thought that Dallas was one of the best run cities in the country. but that has changed. He had a meeting in Frisco, but only one member of the board was a Texan. The rest were from the West Coast. He believes that Dallas continues to fall farther and farther behind and they don't realize that other cities are competing against them. The city has an office of Big, Audacious Goals (BAGs), among other offices, which are part of the racial equity plan; they have \$20 million in their budget. While these are good things, they are not the basic city services of collecting garbage, paving the streets, providing clean water and keeping up the parks



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July						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
9	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
16	M	Mc	M	M	Mtg	D
23	M	M	M	M	F	Mtg
30	M					

A=Agape Health Serv Day

BD= Bnd 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

M=

Jim Weichel

MMentoring 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 Alhaili.

SP=Strategic Planning Mtg

SpE=Special Service Event

VA=Veterans Support- Evan Altemus

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



July 21 Sol Villasana
Little Mexico



July 21 Robert Kent, Texas Director -Trust for Public Land
Building a Greener Texas, One Park at a Time



July 28 Sandra Bond Chapman, PhD, Founder and Chief Director
Center for Brain Health



Aug. 4 Interfaith Dialog
Moderated by Jeff Brady

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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 . . .

Better Friendships

The main things which seem to me important on their own account, and not merely as means to other things, are knowledge, art, instinctive happiness, and relations of friendship or affection. ~ **Bertrand Russell**

Friendship makes prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it. ~ **Cicero**

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation. ~ **George Washington**

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair. ~ **Samuel Johnson**

The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money. ~ **Mark Twain**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR (cont.)

'District Governor continued from First Page

He held board positions and became District co leader leader for Interact. That eventually led to becoming District Youth Services Director, an Assistant Governor and DDF Director, all positions that helped John better understand the ways and means of Rotary. John and Janie attended an international outreach program to Nicaragua and delivered books to schools in Jamaica during the service part of the District Conference Cruise to the Caribbean.

Additionally, John held leadership positions on Boards in the City of Heath, the Boys and Girls Club, Church Vestry and men's groups, the local HOA and in housing development.

After joining Rotary thirty-five years ago to meet friends and improve business connections John has made Rotary service an important aspect of his life. As Major Donors, John and Janie see the goals of Rotary as their goals too and hope for success in all areas of Rotary. It is very exciting to focus on President Gordon's call to 'Create Hope in the World'.

Together we can make a difference!

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In memory



Herb Durham

passed away on July 10
at the age of 98
He joined RCPC in 1950
and was the longest

serving member of the club, 73 years!
Services are pending.

Happy Birthday*

Hank Gaines 7.15
Charlie Bond 7.17
Sarah Oliai 7.17
Ed Fjordbak 7.19
Bill Siegel 7.20

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