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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Richard Stanford



Sam W. Haynes Unsettled Lands

Sam W. Haynes is a professor of history at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he also serves as the director of the Center for Greater Southwestern Studies. In 2019 he received a year-long fellowship from SMU's Clements Center to complete his new book, "Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas," which was published by Basic Books in 2022. Unsettled Land has won several awards including prizes from the Texas Institute of Letters and the Texas State Historical Association, and was listed as one of Foreign Affairs' "Best Books of 2022."

"Unsettled Land": New book on early Texas describes a scene of utter chaos" by Michael Barnes in the *Austin American-Statesman*

Don't trust anyone who tells you that they know all the answers to Texas history. Especially not about the era before, during and after the Texas Revolution of the 1830s. After all the reverential myth-making and sensationalistic myth-busting, Texas in the early 19th century still comes off as a scene of absolute anarchy. Hundreds of significant players changed sides among dozens of different causes. Most had no idea what others were thinking or doing because the distances were so wide and land routes

so rough

One book that captures this rough tumult with all its cacophony is Sam W. Haynes' "Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic; The Struggle for Texas," due out from Basic Books on May 3.

The reader comes away with the sense that there was no single proximate cause for the Texas Revolution. Yet the conflict had a profound effect on an informally multiracial society that became increasingly dominated by the Anglo classes.

RCPC IN ACTION

RCPC attended the District's afternoon at the Rangers game

Pictures from Happy Franklin



Looks like everyone was having a good time!



Don't forget to buy your Raffle Ticket! You could be the winner of half of the "pot."



DISTRICT 5810 ROTARY FOUNDAT'N

District Awards Banquet

Saturday, August 26, 2023
6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Haggard Party Barn,
5948 McKamy Trail, Plano
Business Casual Attire

Reserved Seating Opportunities

[Details on District website]

General Admission: \$35 each

Rotary Means Business Social



Tuesday, August 8th, 2023
5:00 to 7:30 pm.

12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse
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Dress: Business Casual
A Cash Bar will be available to take orders

This is a GREAT opportunity to network our business / services!

Bring a guest!

From The RI Foundation Trustees Chair

from RGHF's "Our Foundation's Newsletter

I love Rotary for many reasons, perhaps most of all for the impact we make when we work together. There is really no other group like us.

In the last five years, The Rotary Foundation has helped 100 million beneficiaries. That is staggering.

But the need is great. There are countless more we could be reaching and supporting right now if we had the resources. We could reach twice as many in the next five years. And your fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians are ready to help. They're hungry for more grants to help more people who need us.

That's why, this year, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have set an ambitious goal for giving of \$500 million, our highest ever.

This breaks down to \$150 million for
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Be a Vibrant and Visionary Model of Service Above and Beyond Self

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Jeff Sheehan**
 Invocation/Pledge: **Fred Brown**
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**
 Chair of the Day: **Pat Martin**
 Speaker: **Sol Villasana**
 Program: "Little Mexico"



President **Jeff Sheehan** called the meeting to order with PP **Fred Brown** giving the Invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. The "Happy Bucks" has grown to over \$1400 so plan on buying Tickets next week. You could be the winner. **Herb Ziev** highlighted PP **Cleve Clinton** and his law firm as our Market Place Advertiser.



PP **Greg Pape** presented the Frank Monroe medallion to PDG **Richard Gilman**.



Orville Salmon received an Honorary Membership Certificate. The chair of the day, **Pat**



Martin, introduced Sol Villasana who gave us an excellent history of "Little



Mexico", a barrio on Harry Hines where the North Texas tollway ends in Uptown. Sol is a civil trial lawyer as well as a speaker and writer. His book is based on research, pictures and his own growing up in this area of Dallas.

Mexicanos had lived in Dallas since mid-19 century. The social displacement created by the Mexican Revolution of 1910, however, caused the emergence of a distinct and vibrant neighborhood on the edge of downtown Dallas. The neighborhood consisted of modest homes, small businesses, churches and schools. Further immigration from Mexico in the 1920's caused the "Little Mexico" to boom. By 1930, the population was over 15,000 people. The railroad depot was situated in this area and actually throughout Dallas, barrios sprang up around these hubs of transportation and commerce. Sol showed us pictures of the streets and railway cars filled with people, in front of schools and churches.

One interesting picture was of the Jewish

Please remember ...

The family of **Siobhan Abraham** whose mother has passed away..
 Please let us know your joys and concerns.

with thanks to **Mary Bishop** for these Notes!

synagogue that became The First Mexican Baptist church. This area had been a Polish Jewish community starting in the 1880s and it was known as "Little Jerusalem" before transitioning into "Little Mexico" beginning in 1919. The Cathedral of Guadalupe was originally in this area before moving downtown. The community center was called Pike Park (about a 5 acre area). The city of Dallas recreated the first park in this area known as Summit Play but renamed Pike Park with tennis courts, wading pools, and a baseball field. A two story field house was created in the Mission Revival style. The area became the central spot for celebrations for July 4 and other holidays for the residents of "Little Mexico". The top floor was removed in 1950 and in 1956 the City Council began urban renewal but that meant the destruction of homes and business and people began moving out to the suburbs. In 1969 to preserve the area, councilwoman Anita Martinez fought and succeeded renovating the Mission style building to its present form but it still has not been open for use. It is only an outdoor park surrounded by high rise buildings in Uptown.

Many city leaders and their families have contributed to Dallas and to our nation. Sol's own father along with many Mexican soldiers fought in World War II before becoming citizens.

By the 1960s many residents were moving out of "Little Mexico" and a few landmarks were saved like the park with the Old Recreation Center Building, St. Anne's school and Old Dallas High School. By the end of the 20th century, it had all but disappeared, giving way to the upscale high-rise residences, hotels and office buildings. Many residents and their children from the "Little Mexico" area have continued in leadership roles. Many were elected to the Dallas school board, the zoning commission and City Council in this ever changing and vibrant city we call Dallas.

VP **Sarah Oliai** closed the meeting with the four way test.

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August						
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6	M	M	F	M	Mtg	
13	M	M	M	BD	Mtg	
20	M	Mc	M	M	Mtg	D
27	M	M	M	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



Aug. 4 Keith Randal Duncan
The Movie Institute



Aug. 11 Robert Kent, Texas Director -Trust for Public Land
Building a Greener Texas, One Park at a Time



Aug. 18 Steve Ladik
U.S. Sports Immigration Policy



Aug. 25 Larry Roberts
AI Tools for Business

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nonfridays

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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 . . .

Land

They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea. ~ **Sir Francis Bacon**

One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

~ **Andre Gide**

Our land is more valuable than your money. As long as the sun shines and the waters flow, this land will be here to give life to men and animals; therefore, we cannot sell this land. It was put here for us by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us.

~ **Anonymous Blackfoot chief**

What greater grief than the loss of one's native land.

~ **Euripides**

A man's homeland is wherever he prospers.

~ **Aristophanes**

This land of ours cannot be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

~ **Richard M. Nixon**

The Promised Land always lies on the other side of a Wilderness.

~ **Havelock Ellis**

RI FOUNDATION (continued)

(Foundatoun' cont) Annual Fund to help fund grants and \$50 million for polio eradication, to be matched by \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For the Endowment Fund and our future, we are targeting \$60 million in outright giving and \$80 million in commitments, totaling \$140 million. And we want to collect \$60 million in other contributions, such as direct giving, cash for global grants, and Disaster Response Fund donations

To make this happen, we need all of you — each and every Rotarian and Rota-ractor.

Did you know that over 80 percent of Rotary members make no contributions to Polio Plus, or that over 60 percent make no donation at all to The Rotary Foundation? For an organization of 1.4 million members, that means that nearly 1 million of us are not contributing each year.

Imagine the tremendous difference it

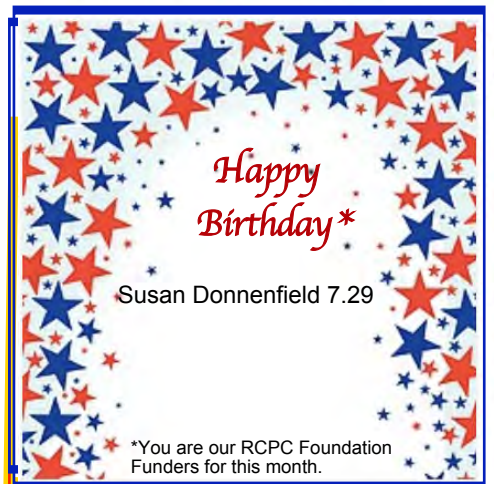
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Barry Rassin, RI Foundation Chair, 2023-24, is a director and former president of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, where he retired after a 38-year career. He was the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahama.... A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin served as RI president in 2018-19



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