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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Happy Franklin



Meghna Tare

Earth Day

Meghna Tare is a leader and change-agent at the intersection of sustainability and social impact. As the Chief Sustainability Officer for the Dallas FIFA World Cup 2026 she oversaw the environmental framework for one of the world's most significant global sporting events. Her focus is on minimizing the event's environmental footprint while simultaneously empowering communities and leaving a lasting legacy of positive change across the north Texas region.

Meghna holds an MBA in Sustainable Management, an M.S. in Environmental Science, and an M.S. in Chemistry.

From Meghna's website, <https://www.meghnatare.com/>

"My mission is to inspire meaningful action towards sustainability, where innovation and collaboration lead us to a future that prioritizes our planet and people equally."

-Meghna Tare, Chief Sustainability Officer, UT-Arlington

As Chief Sustainability Officer for Dallas FIFA World Cup 26,

"I lead the development and execution of sustainability strategies for one of the world's largest sporting events. This role involves integrating environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic impact into all aspects of event planning and operations. By fostering collaboration with diverse stakeholders, championing innovative solutions, and driving measurable outcomes, I ensure the FIFA World Cup in Dallas sets new benchmarks for sustainable event management while leaving a lasting positive legacy for the community and the environment."

Earth Day

from earthday.org

Earthday.org's founders created and organized the very first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. Since then, Earth Day Network has been mobilizing over 1 billion people annually on Earth Day, and every other day, to protect the planet.

Earthday.org™ has campaigns in countries around the world to drive meaningful action for our planet through these programs and campaigns, such as

- End Plastics
- Canopy Tree Project
- Climate and Environmental Literacy
- Food and the Environment
- Fashion for the Earth
- Act on Climate Change

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)

Thursday, Aug. 6, Wine and Cheese Tasting at Total Wine. More details coming soon.

Sunday, Sept. 13, Join RCPC members at Dudley's Sports Bar to watch the Cowboys' first game. Details will be available closer to the event.

District 5810

It's Time for the Emerald City Awards Gala! Fri, August 21
"There's no place like Rotary."
Drury Hotel, 165 CityLine Drive, Richardson 75082

Reception: 6 to 7 pm
Dinner and Program: 7 to 9 pm.
Attire: Green Summer Casual - No Shorts

Ticket Price \$65, Italian Buffet, including two drink tickets
Register on the District 5810 website

Join Rotary District 5810 for the Emerald City Awards Gala as we celebrate the outstanding clubs, members, and leaders who make a lasting impact through Rotary service.

RCPC's Next Volunteer Food Packing Day at NTFB from Susan Glen:

Sat, Oct 17

9:00-11:30am
For information contact:
Susan Glen,
Relationship Manager
RCPC/ NTFB
214-908-9981



Tuesday, Aug. 11, 5:00-7:30 pm **Rotary Means Business Social Networking Event**, 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas 75287
Business Casual RSVP on District 5810 website.
Network Like Only a Rotarian Can!

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:00am. District 5810 will join Rotary members and supporters across Zone 25B & 29 for the **World's Largest Polio Walk** in support of Rotary's **End Polio Now** campaign. Brookhaven Main Campus, 3939 Valley View Lane Farmers Branch, TX 75244
Registration - \$25

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Mark Kashar**
 Invocation and Pledge: PP **Ley Waggoner**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Mark**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Susan Glen** and CMP
 Photographer: PP **Ley Waggoner**
 Speaker: **Darren Collins**
 Program: **"Project Hand Up"**



President **Mark Kashar** called the meeting to order. PP **Ley Waggoner** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Mark** asked for Happy Bucks. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced, including members from the Uptown Club and a future member who was a Rotarian in Austin.

New member, **Dominic Anderson** gave his New Member Speech. He said he was from Philadelphia originally but has been in Dallas for about six years. He and his wife have a two-year old daughter and are expecting a baby boy in November. His Grandma was the hero of the family. She grew up poor in South Carolina and did not go to high school. In her twenties she moved to Philadelphia. She was a very resilient person. She was lucky with the lottery and saved very well. His mother flourished in Catholic school and went on to finish graduate school. He believes in education. He is a financial planner and he realizes how important it is for people to have a financial plan. He enjoys helping people. He has already taken part in the Fourth of July Parade.



P-E **Eric Harrison** announced that Soles for Souls would be giving out shoes to children on Saturday. If anyone wanted to go, let him know so he could register them.

President **Mark** said there would be a wine and cheese tasting at Total Wine on August 6. There are several more events coming up, also. (See Front Page.)

There is \$503 in the raffle. PP **Bill Sleeper** held the winning ticket, but did not pick the winning card. Better luck next week!

Herb Ziev introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, **Susan Glen** and CMP, Career Management Partners. It specializes in recruitment, development and outplacement for individuals. She brought a short video about the company

Please remember

Please let us know your concerns.

Monty Montero introduced our speaker today, **Darren Collins**. He started with a short introductory video. His project was first funded by a Rotary Global Grant. It went really well, and things started to grow beyond the original grant. From a suggestion by Rotary he had workshops to teach the technique to people in the community. At one of the workshops he met Jose. He was very enthusiastic and wanted to learn about puppetry. He had been burned in a house fire when he was four months old and wanted to teach about fire safety. He kept coming to the workshops and said he wanted to join them. After he came to the fourth workshop they made him part of the crew. He only had one hand and had scars all over, but they did not look like burn scars because he had grown up with them. His life was not easy; people wanted to avoid him. Darren believes that not all the money for a charity should come from the U.S. It should be matched by local funds. They started working at shopping malls and became very popular. Many of the malls wanted to hire them for an Easter program. He called Jose and asked him to be the Easter Bunny. He worked six hours in the Bunny costume, and he enjoyed getting so many hugs from the children. Darren wanted to do live shows in villages. They sometimes had a thousand kids at one of their shows. Then COVID hit, and he couldn't do live shows anymore. He was asked to make a video to do desensitization to COVID on television. He made a video and it won the Kenya Film Commission Award for best TV advertisement. He knew how to talk to children and he started making more videos. The government mandated that there was COVID education on television, and they made their own video. It got complaints that it was scaring the children. Then they made one and it got fan mail. Then he was asked to do a video on sensitivity of people living with disabilities in the context of COVID. People with disabilities were experiencing the pandemic differently. They couldn't social distance because they need assistance. The people with disabilities that he talked to



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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	M	Mtg	
19	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
26	M	M	M	M	Mtg	

A=Agape Health Serv Day
BD= B'd 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
Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS
various days and times
Mc= Ronald McDonald House
1 x/mo-Kathleen Kivler
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-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



July 31 **Meghna Tare**
Earth Day



Aug. 7 **Trey Bowles**
Park Cities Angel Network



Aug. 14 **Mary Pat Higgins**
Dallas Holocaust Museum



Aug. 21 **Carl Flowers - America 250 Series**
The Spirits of '76

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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<https://parkcitiesrotary.org/>

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



#PeopleOfAction



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THOUGHTS ON ...

The Earth

The meek shall inherit the Earth, but not its mineral rights. ~ **J. Paul Getty**

Pity the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ~ **Don Marquis**

The meek shall inherit the earth? Well... I don't think so. If by meek you mean friendly and introverted, okay maybe, but if by meek you mean unwilling to take a chance, then never. If I was a betting man and I had to wager on who I thought would inherit the earth, my money would be on the curious.

~ **Jim Coudal**

We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

~ **W. H. Auden**

There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity.

~ **General Douglas MacArthur**

May we, in our dealings with all the peoples of the earth, ever speak the truth and serve justice.

~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, / Than are dreamt of in your philosophy ~ **William Shakespeare**

Touch the earth, love the earth, honour the earth, her plains, her valleys, her hills, and her seas; rest your spirit in her solitary places.

~ **Ernest Dimnet**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

said stop making videos about us; make videos from us. They already had a video with a character who was a doctor. So they made videos where this puppet interviewed people. He called Jose, who was now a firefighter and asked him to be interviewed by the puppet in the video. The video was successful and ran for a few months. About a year later, a firefighter group who helped fund the video, asked for data on how effective the video was. So he called the children's network that he had partnered with to get the information, and was told that they never stopped running the video. People loved it. At that time they were reaching half of all the children with access to TV in Kenya and a third of their caregivers. It was about five million a week. At a meeting he was told that a group had gone to a rough area to teach about fire safety. They took Jose with them, and when he got out of the car,

HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

Why do we keep having "quick meetings"? Because "eternal despair gatherings" didn't catch on.

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the kids surrounded him and hugged him. Every time the video is played, it is seen by at least 1.3 million children, and 900,000 caregivers watch it. It has changed their perspective. It had changed Jose's life; he is a hero wherever he goes. The fact that his work has grown so much is unbelievable, but it is also due to Rotary connections, to the global grants, and the accountability. However, their supplier for the puppets is going out of business, and they need to buy as many as possible. He said he knew he shouldn't ask for money at a Rotary meeting, but he needs money to buy the puppets before the supplier closes. He said you can donate at <https://projecthandup.org>



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