



THE HUB

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Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Ed Fjordbak



Lynn McBee

Young Women's Preparatory Network

As the Chief Executive Officer, Lynn McBee is dedicated to empowering underserved girls in Texas and guiding them toward successful college pathways. Hailing from Freeport, Texas, Lynn's journey, beginning with a quality secondary and post-secondary public education, is a testament to the power of education. Her trajectory in STEM fields and community leadership roles fuels her passion to teach and lead other young women on similar paths of achievement.

She has held the following professional positions:

- City of Dallas Workforce Czar, Jan 2022 - Present
- President and CEO, Young Women's Preparatory Network 2014- Present. Over 10 years of leading the nation's largest network of single-gender, college preparatory, public schools in Texas. Giving young women the academic and leadership skills to achieve success in college and in life.
- New England Biolabs, 1992 - Present
 - Life Sciences Professional, 1994 - Present, Dallas. Over 33 years of leading business development activities in the biotechnology sector formulating partnerships in academic, biotech, clinical, and government sectors
 - Production Scientist, 1992 - 1994, Massachusetts
- Research Scientist, Baylor College of Medicine, 1990 - 1992

- Director, Dallas Breakfast Group, Jan 2023 - Present, Responsible for leading the organization's efforts to engage business leaders in local government and civic issues, manage membership growth and oversee programming that fosters informed civic participation

Education:

- The University of Texas at Austin, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 1986 - 1990.

Volunteering

- Board Chair, The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center, 2009 - Present
- Board Co-Chair, For Oak Cliff, 2019 - Present
- Trustee, Dallas Education Foundation, 2019 - Present
- Executive Committee; Capital Campaigns Committee, AT&T Performing Arts Center, 2017 - Present
- Chairman Emeritus; Life Member, Board of Directors, Visiting Nurse Association of Texas, 1998 - Present
- Executive Board, Dallas College Foundation, 2012 - Present
- Advisory Board Member, College of Natural Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014 - Present
- Trustee; Founding Chair; Campaign Chair, Ann Moody Place The Family Place, 2015 - Present

RCPC IN ACTION

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

Think about what you can do to help with the **Parade!** Not in town for the Fourth? Volunteer for prior to or after the Parade.

Parade Co-Chair, **Jill Jordan** called for **pre-Parade volunteers**

- **Callers** to HPISD sport moms for current email addresses
- **Google Sheets Guru** to help update data-base information.

26-27 Are Past Due

RCPC 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)

If you can work on the day of the **Parade**, please sign up **ASAP**. HP and UP are concerned about security and want our names soon.

Club 250

The current cohort of the Legacy of Leadership has created Club 250. You can join by donating \$250 **thru RCPC** to the North Texas Food Bank/ The first 300 donors will receive a commemorative coin recognizing both Rotary and America's 250th birthday.



District 5810

Wed, June 26, 6:00pm at Prestonwood Country Club, Join us for fellowship and inspiration as District 5810 officially installs District Governor Mike Callahan, District Officers, and Club Presidents for the upcoming Rotary year. **Installation of District Officers. \$80** after June 1.

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!

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**
 Invocation and Pledge: **Herb Hammond**
 Introduction of Special Guests: Pres. **Sarah**
 Mayor **Randy Biddle**, City of University Park
 Mayor **Will Beecherl**, Town of Highland Park
 Introductions by **Alan Winn**:
 Past Grand Marshals & Announcement of
 2026 Parade Theme
 Introductions by **Jill Jordan**
Title Sponsor:
The Agency, Megan & Damon Williamson
Title Patron Sponsor: Bell Nunnally,
Kenny Meixelsperger
 Introductions by Monty Monteiro
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Turf and Earth Golf Carts
 Photographer: **PP Ley Waggoner**
 Speaker: **Parade GM Retired Admiral**
Patrick M. Walsh.
 Program: **"Interview of Parade GM, by Jeff**
Brady"



President **Sarah Oliai** called this special meeting to order. **Herb Hammond** gave the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. **PP Ley Waggoner** introduced John Dubois, a soloist, to sing "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by "At the River," a patriotic song by Aaron Copeland. Among our special guests today were Mayor Randy Biddle, City of University Park and Mayor Will Beecherl, Town of Highland Park. Mayor Biddle read a Fourth of July Proclamation on behalf of the residents and signed by both Mayors.



Parade Co-Chair **Alan Winn** introduced the past Grand Marshals who were attending

Please remember

Please let us know your concerns.

today, Jim Whorton (2025), Kirk Dooley (2013) and Randy Allen (2012).



Parade Co-Chair **Jill Jordan** introduced Title Sponsor Damon and Megan Williamson of The Agency They remarked how much their family had always enjoyed the Parade and that they were proud to be able to contribute to the event. **Jill** then introduced the Title Patron Sponsor Bell Nunnally represented by Kenny Meixelsperger. He said how proud he was to stand behind the community and the Rotary Club and to be a part of the parade. He said by contributing to the NTFB the benefits of the Parade would be felt far into the future.



Monty Montero introduced our Patriot Sponsors, our Old Glory Patrons, and our Stars and Stripes Sponsors.

The North Texas Food Bank was represented by Harrison Coleman, the Major Gift Officer. He thanked RCPC for their contribution to the NTFB. Since 2016, when the NTFB became the beneficiary of the Parade, 2.4 million meals have been donated to help families and children facing hunger. Unfortunately, Texas is the number one state facing hunger in the nation. Their goal is to fulfill 80% of the need in the 219 zip codes they serve. To help them reach that goal so far this year, RCPC has raised 526,839 meals. He thanked the Legacy of Leadership group for their support of children with the Book Vending Machine, and this year with the 250 Club which enables supporters to provide at least 1,500 meals with each \$250 contribution. So far the Legacy of Leadership group has raised over 120,000 meals. He also thanked all of the Patrons and Sponsors not only for their support of the Parade but for all reach of them do throughout the year for the NTFB. He said that the NTFB is supporting people in 219 zip codes which means that about 400,000 pounds of food goes out each day.



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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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June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	M	M	M	M	GM Mtg	
7	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
14	M	Mc	M	BD	Mtg	
21	M	M	M	M	Awards Mtg	Dist
28	M	M				

- A=Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD= Bnd 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 Klaviter**
- NM=New Member Event**
- Pr= Program CommitteeMtg**
- RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy**
- Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilal.**
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**
- SpE=Special Service Event**
- VA=Veterans Support-**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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June 19 **Trey Gullede and Abby Lautin**
Envision
- 
June 25 **Installation Dinner**
Congratulate the incoming Officers and Directors
- 
July 3 **NO Noon Meeting**
Go to the Parade!
- 
July 10 **Nancy Manners**
TBA - You won't want to miss li

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

-  #PeopleOfAction
-  #parkcitiesrotary
-  #district5810proud
-  #goodthingshapp e nonfridays

THOUGHTS ON . . .

Girls

Transported to a surreal landscape, a young girl kills the first woman she meets and then teams up with three complete strangers to kill again.

~ **Rick Politto** about *The Wizard of Oz*

If all the girls who attended the Yale prom were laid end to end, I wouldn't be a bit surprised.

~ **Dorothy Parker**

Leave it to a girl to take the fun out of sex discrimination.

~ **Bill Watterson**

It's the good girls who keep diaries; the bad girls never have the time.

~ **Tallulah Bankhead**

The girl with a future avoids a man with a past.

~ **Evan Esar**

Look like a girl, act like a lady, think like a man and work like a dog.

~ **Caroline K. Simon**

Girls just want to have funds.

~ **Adrienne E. Gusoff**

A girl should not expect special privileges because of her sex but neither should she adjust to prejudice and discrimination.

~ **Betty Friedan**

When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.

~ **Albert Einstein**

Over the past ten years, for the first time, intelligence had become socially correct for girls.

~ **Tom Wolfe**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

President **Sarah** introduced **Clement George** to introduce our Parade Grand Marshal Patrick M. Walsh, PhD, Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.). He began by explaining more about the Legacy of Leadership program and the background of the Club 250 coin. He then introduced Adm. Walsh.

Jeff Brady interviewed Adm. Walsh. He asked what he preferred to be called; the reply was Pat. **Jeff** asked about the Blue Angels. It was the name of a bar in New York City. Pat went on to explain that in 1945 Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz hosted the surrender in Tokyo Bay. He went on to become the chief of naval operations. He wanted to memorialize the Battle of Midway which changed the course of World War ii in the Pacific. In the early days the pilots were those that represented naval aviation at its best. **Jeff** asked what was the hardest thing he had to do as a Blue Angel. Pat said the most unusual was when they transitioned from the A4, a small traditional nimble plane to the F-18 which is larger and controlled digitally. **Jeff** asked for the each of the Pacific fleet. Pat replied



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that it goes from the west coast of California to the India-Pakistan border, 11 time zones, 199 million square miles, 125,000 people five carrier groups, and an 11 to 12 billion dollar budget. The issue is readiness. It is important to issue guidance that is in alignment with the direction of the country. We are not looking for a fight, but we are not walking away from one. The most challenging thing was the Japan earthquake, The response was a turning point in the America-Japan partnership. **Jeff** asked about the capability of the U.S. Navy. Pat said that the Chinese have stolen our technology. He recalled a conversation with the leader of Singapore who said they trust the U.S. but not their neighboring countries. He said the U.S. has found a way to unlock the intellectual capability of the talent around you. We do not know how to do that.

Happy Birthday*

Roger Freidline	6.10
Jim Weichel	6.12

*You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this month

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