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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Ley Waggoner

Tripp Gullede and Abby Lautin Envision



Rev. Robert I "Tripp" Gullede III

Rev. Tripp Gullede is a PhD student in religious ethics at Southern Methodist University, where his research invites religious traditions to shape our ideas about economic life. Originally from Mobile, Alabama, Tripp received Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Perkins School of Theology with highest honor in 2023 and 2025, respectively, and he earned concurrent degrees in music performance and music education from Auburn University with high honor in 2020. In addition to his studies, he serves as an associate minister at Highland Park United Methodist Church, where he has been on staff since 2021. He lives in Dallas with his wife Courtney and their dogs Dakota and Ripley.



Abby Lautin serves on the Development team at Envision Dallas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals who are blind or visually impaired through employment, education, and rehabilitation services. In her role, she works to build community partnerships, engage corporate volunteers, and create meaningful experiences that connect people to Envision Dallas' mission. Abby is passionate about accessibility, inclusive community engagement, and helping others better understand the experiences of individuals who are blind or low vision. She lives in Richardson with her husband Jon and their 2 dogs Yoda, Kaya and cat Meow.

RCPC IN ACTION

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

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)

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.



Volunteers are needed for the 4th of July Parade.

We especially need **walking marshals** and **standing marshals!** Remember, standing marshals do not have to stand for their full shift, only for when the parade is passing by. **Other tasks are available, too**, including helping with thank you notes after the 4th. The volunteer page on the website describes all of the positions for which we still need volunteers

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!



**Awards & Installation Banquet
Ozona Grill & Bar
4615 Greenville Ave,
Dallas, TX 75206
Friday, June 26, 2026. 11:30am**

Registration Information:

- Cost: \$38 per person
- Reservation & Registration: Your payment serves as your reservation.
- **Deadline: Registration closes on Monday, June 22nd.**
- Please pay for your ticket right away!
- See Monty Montero to pay by credit card today
- Or pay via Zelle
- Or use the QR code to purchase your ticket.



LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai** Invocation and Pledge: **Mary Bishop**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Sarah**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Nolan Duck** and **DBG Advisers**
 Photographer: **Barb Jeffries**
 Speaker: **Lyn McBee**
 Program: "**Young Women's Preparatory Network**"



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Mary Bishop** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Teresa Di Falco** introduced Erin Leigh, a soloist, to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." She will be singing on the RCPC float in the Parade. President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. The Legacy of Leadership cohort is happy that the Club 250 coins have come in. If you have contributed \$250, see one of the LOL cohort members to claim your coin. **Bud Naifeh** said that he was happy because he and his wife have been sponsoring and educating four Filipino children and the last two have graduated from university this month. President **Sarah** then asked if there were any guests,



Mark Neace introduced our MarketPlace Advertiser of the week, PP **Nolan Duck** and **DBG Advisers**.
 Sgt-at-Arms **Jack Carpenter** reported that so far there have been eighty-four contributors or 42%, and \$16,734 have been raised. He reminded us that President **Sarah** had challenged us to reach 85% participation.
 PE **Mark Kashar** said that the RCPC Foundation has had a fantastic year and has been able to grant over \$77,000 to projects that align with our strategic priorities. One of them is the Young Women's Preparatory Network. He presented a check to Lynn McBee



President **Sarah** then asked for the raffle drawing. She said that there were now three cards that had been marked with yellow, and anyone who drew one would receive a free lunch next week. The raffle is now worth \$197. The holder of the winning ticket did not win.

Please remember

Please let us know your concerns.

PP **Phillip Bankhead** read his Top Six reasons to volunteer to be a walking or standing marshal at the Parade. They are important!

Ed Fjordbak introduced our speaker today, Lynn McBee. He noted that she is also the seventh great granddaughter of Stephen F. Austin's sister. She has donated over 50,000 hours to charities and non-profits and has been on many boards and committees. She began by explaining how the Young Women's Preparatory Network was started. It was founded in 2002 by Lee Posey who was brought up in a single-parent home by a mom who had only a third-grade education. Lee dropped out of school in the ninth grade, but was mentored by his minister to finish high school. He went on to college and had an entrepreneurial spirit. He founded several businesses and realized the power of education. In early 2000s legislation was passed to allow single gender public schools. Lee worked with the Superintendent of the Dallas ISD to set up the first all girls school in Texas. In Texas today only 62% of students who graduate from high school are prepared to go to college or have a career. The rates are lower for minorities and students from low income homes. Only 29% of low income students will graduate from college in six years. Students who earn a Bachelors degree are four times more likely to earn a living wage. Their organization exists to give girls from underserved areas a college education to better their communities and families. They partner with ISDs. They come with a seven-figure gift and a model. Their work is all based on the pillars of health and wellness, responsible leadership, college readiness and their schools have a focus on STEM. After they were successful in the Dallas ISD, they went to Austin, San Antonio, Lubbock, and other cities all over Texas and now have twelve all girls schools and work with 6200 young women. Our schools are all grades six through twelve. They invest their money and their model starting in the sixth grade. They start talking to the student and the student's family about (continued on pg 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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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= 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 Klayter
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

-  **June 26** 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
-  **July 17** Brad Sham
The Cowboys

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 ...

Seeing

I think that I shall never see
a billboard lovely as a tree.
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all. ~ **Ogden Nash**

Discovery consists of seeing what everybody
has seen and thinking what nobody has
thought. ~ **Ankkm. Gorgyi**

A wise man can see more from the bottom of
a well than a fool can from a mountain top.
~ **Unknown**

Tact is the ability to describe others as they
see themselves. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Some things have to be believed to be seen.
~ **Ralph Hodgson**

You are not superior just because you see
the world in an odious light.
= ~ **Vicomte de Chateaubrian**

Talent hits a target no one else can hit;
Genius hits a target no one else can see.
~ **Arthur Schopenhauer**

I have seen the future and it doesn't work.
~ **Robert Fulford**

Love is not blind - it sees more, not less. But
because it sees more, it is willing to see less.
~ **Rabbi Julius Gordon**

We don't see things as they are, we see
things as we are. ~ **Anais Nin**

Anyone who can handle a needle convincingly
can make us see a thread which is not
there. ~ **E. H. Gombrich**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

where she is going to college to be sure it is not just an academic conversation, but it is a real thing. If you have ever been in one of their schools, like Irma Rangel near Fair Park, you feel college. There are pennants all over the walls. The girls wear uniforms. The girls all feel pride and self-confidence. We know that girls thrive in single gender environments. Research has confirmed that. The same can be said for boys. A lot of learning is gained for girls that are put in this setting. About 85% of the students in their schools are economically disadvantaged. So when you think about a girl who is smart and has so much opportunity but just by the situation she is born into can have a very good home but they just don't have the resources. So that self-esteem is even lower. In our schools everybody is wearing a uniform. It is an equalizer. The YRPN educational model ensures that students develop strong academic and leadership skills, are accepted in to a four-year university, receive academic and merit-based scholarships and attend college after they graduate from high school

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YWPN support continues throughout college to ensure the girls persist in and graduate from college. All of their schools are college-prep. They offer pre-AP courses in middle school and AP courses in high school with added ACT/SAT and college readiness workshops to ensure the girls are fully prepared for college-level academics. The girls participate in paid internships, mentoring, service projects and civic and cultural events that connect academics to real world experiences. There are programs in social emotional development, time management, nutrition and stress management. Through sports, mentoring, peer leadership roles students build self-advocacy. Their schools have lots of clubs. Any student can start and lead a club. All of their girls graduate from high school and 79% graduate from college. They want to improve that.

Happy Birthday*

Richard Stanford	6.17
Jim Thomas	6.20
Jodie Ray	6.22
Van Oliver	6.26
Tracy Gomes	6.27
Kacey Lambert	6.28

*You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this month

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