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Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948

Meeting on Zoom, 11:40 Fellowship, 12:00 Noon Meeting

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Meeting ID: 492 134 6963 Passcode: RCPC

Chair of the Day: Bill Sleeper

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Daron Babcock, CEO

Bonton Farms Update

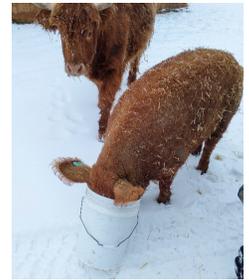
As a young man, Daron Babcock became a successful corporate employee, living everywhere from Oklahoma to Oregon. Life events and struggles – and some might say fate as well -- ultimately led him to Dallas, TX. After he connected with the community of Bonton through a friend, Babcock began to serve in the neighborhood. His heart broke for the marginalized and overlooked people who called Bonton home, so he decided to leave his career and his home in Frisco, Texas, and move to Bonton.

For the past nine years, Daron has led efforts for community restoration and revitalization. To date, some of those efforts have grown into Social Enterprises such as Bonton Honey Company, Bonton Housing, The Market at Bonton Farms, a coffee house, farmers' market and, most notably, Bonton Farms, the largest urban farm in the United States. He serves as Founder and CEO. Daron's broad professional experience coupled with his heart for serving inner-city communities brings a fresh and innovative perspective to urban transformation and renewal. Daron and his wife, Theda, live in Bonton.

from Bonton Farms on Facebook, Feb. 18, 12:54 pm:

"There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace." - Aldo Leopold

"Rigo and his daughter, Mariyah, checked in on Lucy the Goat, Fred the Pig, and Ruby the Cow at our Extension Farm. Thankfully, everyone is still surviving out here. It's been a rough few days for everyone, but we just keep moving forward as best we can."



RCPC IN ACTION

Mark Your Calendars

Meditative Hike

from Happy Franklin

Saturday, March 13
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Need to release anxiety and stress or simply feel more relaxed and refreshed? Then let's hit the trail. It has been said that nature is healing, that the peaceful and restorative to your mind and body

Come with us as we walk in the natural world. You will learn how to do a walking meditation and also give gratitude for the natural world, gain new insights to a problem...and release the current negative energy that is pulling you off your path.

The hike will be led by hypnoist and hiker, Valerie Grimes.

Our Annual District Conference CELEBRATION

It is time to Celebrate what WE as a District have done this Rotary year. You can attend in person or virtually.

Fri, April 23 and Sat, April 24

• Friday let's all gather for the annual All Club Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be RI Director Suzi Howe.

• You won't want to miss our "grab bag" room and Service Project competitions.

• Saturday, our conference will be honored to hear RI President Holger Knaack address the group.

• In the evening, we'll have our Roaring 20's gala, including dinner, live music, silent auction and lots of fun.

• For more information and to register, go to <https://rotary5810.org/sitepage/district-conference/>

PCR Connect

Join other RCPC members on Zoom for a social and networking get together on ZOOM.

March 18 at 5:00 pm

Bring your own beverage and snacks, some short or tall tales and, most importantly, yourself.

PCR Connect is a RCPC tradition that many look forward to every month. If you haven't made it a habit, it is time to start!

Perhaps sometime soon PCR Connect can meet in person.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Myanmar Refugees Charter New Club in Indiana

from Service in Action

One of the largest populations of Burmese Chin refugees in the world lives in south Indianapolis.

Since 2000, waves of Burmese refugees have been fleeing ethnic and religious persecution in their home country and seeking asylum in the United States. Burmese Chin, a mostly Christian minority group, have chosen Southport as their new home. Today, almost 20,000 Chin live on the south side, making it one of the largest concentrations of Chin people outside of Myanmar (formerly Burma). Access to employment, low housing prices, and an abundance of Christian churches appealed to them, and their presence is making a remarkable (cont. on pg.3)

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Barb Jeffries**
 Invocation: **Ley Waggoner**
 Pledge: **Ley Waggoner**
 Anthem: **Ian Mudge** montage on video
 Marketplace: **Kyle Marmillion**
 Chair of Day: **Scurry Johnson**
 Speaker: **David Munson**
 Program: **Positive Solution to Climate**



Change without Restricting Oil and Gas

President **Barb Jeffries** called the meeting to order via Zoom, following a period of social time online. PP **Ley Waggoner** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kyle Marmillion** highlighted our MarketPlace advertiser, **Daniel Drabinski** and Bluecrest Financial Alliances. PP **Ley Waggoner** reviewed RCPC' participation in the North Texas food Bank's virtual food drive. The recent cold weather and snow has increased the need, while impeding the supply. The amount dona-ted would be triple-matched. Because the Food Bank obtains food in large quantities, one dollar will provide three meals. PP Ley said that RCPC was Number 2 in the amount donated.

Stan Wright introduced new member, **Sean Johnson**, who is the new Parks and Recreation Director for University Park. The Parks Department is our partner in the Fourth of July Parade and the Snider Plaza Tree Lighting.



Scurry Johnson introduced our speaker today, Dave Munson who spoke on "Positive Solutions to Climate Change Without Restricting Oil and Gas."

He said that his company Get Real Alliance is working to reduce carbon emissions. There is a problem with irrational thoughts and laws affecting the energy producers. The sun only shines a few hours every day; it is intermittent and unreliable. He thinks relying on solar panels for reliable energy is crazy. There is no free lunch. There must be realistic solutions, with bold thinking and innovation. The climate system is an engineering marvel; radiation from the sun is the source of heating. He was asked about



Please remember ...

Linda Tunnell whose cousin lost the battle with COVID
Holly Hollenbeck whose nephew has committed suicide.
 Please keep these families in your prayers.
 Email your prayer requests to Barb Jeffries so they can be shared at the Friday meeting.
Please let us know your joys and concerns

particulates. He said that studies show that there are tons of small particles in the air. Some are man-made and some are due to agriculture. The real problem is not carbon dioxide, but agricultural practices that add dirt to the air. He was asked about the use of coal. He said that man has burned coal for thousands of years. We now have abundant natural gas and can make natural gas from waste products. Many people who say they are for the environment also are for coal-burning power plants. It would be rational to create photosynthesis to soak up the carbon dioxide from the air. He was asked about soil remineralization. He said if you burn plant waste at a very high temperature, it will create biochar, a pure carbon, It soaks up nutrients. It cleans water. If you put it in the soil, it will retain moisture in the soils and will soak up nutrients so that it creates an incredibly rich soil. The ancient peoples used this method. It lasts forever in the soil. Currently, half of the fertilizer used washes away. Adding biochar to the soil will keep the nutrients in the soil. He was asked about the forests. He said that forests must be thinned in a sane way. Trees deplete the soil. Adding biochar to for-est soil will make them more healthy. He said that by adding biochar to the soil, we can reclaim the deserts. He was asked about rock dust. He said that microbes cannot get into rocks. Rock dust is the basis of healthy soil. Studies show that adding rock dust in-crases the yield in corn. In the desert adding rock dust will allow tree seedlings to grow Plants take carbon out of the air. They put fifty percent of the carbohydrates in the roots to feed the organisms in the soil. Microorganisms are doing incredible work; they are the digestive process for the roots. Keeping plants growing will clean the air.

Our Mission

Building a legacy of good works and fellowship, we strive to:
 REACH those in need in partnership with others
 SPIRE tomorrow's leaders with high ethical standards
 FOSTER lives of service above self
 - A supporting member of Rotary International

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EVENTS CALENDAR

March						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	M	M	M	M	Zoom Mtg	
7	M	M	M	M	Zoom Mtg	SP
14	M	M	M	M	Zoom Mtg Cn	F
21	M	M	M	M	Zoom Mtg	
28						

Get Involved!

A=Agape Health Service Days
 BD= Board of Dirs. Mtg. 8am
 Cn=PCR Connect Event.
 CP=ChildsPlay Work Mtg.
 D=District 5810 Event
 DH=Dentistry with a Heart
 FR=Family of Rotary Event
 F=Fellowship Event
 FF=RCPC Foundation Fund Mtg. See Ed Fjordbak
 FH=Fisher House.-Doug Means
 FT=NTFB Truck. Stan Wright
 FB=NTFB Event
 In=Interact Special Project
 In=Interact at Hillcrest H.S. 8 am. See Tracy Gomes
 LL=Legacy of Leadership
 M=Meals on Wheels See Jim Weichel
 Mn=Mentoring at HillcrestH
 Mc=Ronald McDonald House-See Jina McDaniel
 NM=New Member Event
 Pr= Program Committee Mtg
 RL=Readers2Leaders-various times. See Ruth Alhilali
 RU=Rotary University
 SP=Strategic Planning Mtg
 SpE=Special Service Event

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

-  Mar. 12 **Bill Hutchinson, CEO - Dunhill Partners**
Design District Redevelopment
-  Mar. 19 **Dan Henry, Fox 4 Meteorologist**
North Texas Weather
-  Mar. 26 **Lori Crider**
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
-  April 2 **NO Meeting**
Good Friday

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sign up at www.parkcitiesrotary.org*

Have a Great Idea for a Speaker? Your ideas are needed! Send your ideas with the details to Jeff Sheehan.

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 Kyle Marmillion.

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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 RI: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557&trk=hb_side_g

 RI: <http://twitter.com/#!/rotary>

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 RI has its own channel on YouTube offering a growing collection of videos and psas.

 Check out or add to RI's Flickr group often. www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/

 <http://pinterest.com/rotary/>
RI has Pinboards on major projects.

 www.statigr.am/rotaryinternational
See RI's latest pictures via Instagram.

THOUGHTS ON . . .

Enterprise

Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes. ~ **Henry David Thoreau**

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

~ **Demosthenes**

That some should be rich, shows that others may become rich, and, hence, is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic growth in the United States. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise.

~ **Marcus Claudius Tacitus**

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for .success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good. ~ **Vaclav Havel**

In actual life every great enterprise begins with and takes its first forward step in faith. ~ **Friedrich Von Schlegel**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (continued)

impact. They are working hard, learning English, opening businesses, purchasing houses, giving back to their community, and becoming U.S. citizens. They're helping to rebuild Southport's economy, which has been hobbled by the loss of manufacturing jobs. The Chin are breathing life and color into the south side.

One of the first things the liaison to the Chins did was to create a Chin Support Committee. It was decided a couple of years ago that starting a Satellite Club of Chins and non-Chins would help them assimilate into the greater Indianapolis community.

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The satellite club meets at The Chin Center, which is the heart and soul of the Chin community. It took some time but in the fall of 2020, they had 22 members and applied to receive a charter to be their own Rotary club. The president of this new club, Southport International, is a Chin. The Chin club members take pride in telling people they are Rotarians.

After Trisha Cunningham mentioned last week the added need for food resulting from the cold and snow, President Barb and PP Ley Waggoner sent an email that the club meet a goal of donating \$1000.00 to the NTX Food Bank. As of Noon on Thurs, Mar.5, RCPC had donated a total of **\$5,865.00 !!** There was a triple match, so it **equals 52,785 meals! WOW!**

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

A woman was driving down the street and got stopped by a police officer. "May I see your driver's license?" he said. She looked at him with disgust. "What's the matter with you guys? I wish you'd make up your mind You took my license from me yesterday."

We gratefully acknowledge
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Happy Birthday*

Lisa Amsberry 03.06
Cindy Cummings 03.08
John Glancy 03.08
Scott Sower 03.08

*You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this week

The Market Place page is being updated.

Please send a **digital color** or black and white **version** of your business card to bedawson@swbell.net, such as an email or web version, a printer's proof or a high resolution scan.

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