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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Linda Tunnell



Dr. J. H. Cullum Clark, Bush Institute DFW Area and the Texas Triangle

Dr. J.H. Cullum Clark is the Bush Institute-SMU Economic Growth Initiative Fellow at the George W. Bush Presidential Center and an Adjunct Economics Professor at SMU. Cullum's work focuses on advancing the Bush Institute principle of private markets humanized by compassionate government and on creating prosperous, high-opportunity cities as a path to expanding economic opportunity in America. He co-authored the 2021 book *The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy*.

Cullum's work has appeared in *City Journal*, *Real Clear Policy*, and numerous other publications, plus the "Freakonomics Radio" podcast. He has published in-depth reports on the role of universities and academic medical centers in local and regional economies and on housing supply and affordability in U.S. cities.

Cullum worked in investments for 25 years, founding two firms. He serves on the Board of the Texas charter school network Uplift Education and on several foundation and endowment boards.

He earned a B.A. in History from Yale, a Master's Degree in Political Science from Harvard, and a Ph.D. in Economics from SMU.

He and his wife Nita have three daughters: Lili (21), Annabel (19), and Charlotte (15).

The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy from the Bush Center website

"An important new study examines the intricately linked phenomena of interwoven population growth, economic power, quality education, business leadership, and fiscal significance as exemplified in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston, and Austin-San Antonio.

"The Texas Triangle consists of three metropolitan complexes: Dallas-Fort Worth at the northern tip, Houston-Galveston at the southeastern point, and Austin-San Antonio at the southwestern edge. These metros will soon include four of the ten most populous cities in the United States, and together represent the fifteenth largest economy in the world. . . .

"As the Texas Triangle competes for talent, business, and political and cultural influence throughout the nation, we offer community leaders, elected officials, policy makers, and others a more nuanced understanding of an important moment in America's continuing urban development."

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.

Sat, April 11, 8:30-11:30 am NTFB Food Packing Day at 3672 Mapleshade Ln, Plano, 75077. Simplified sign in! **You MUST register by Mon, April 6. All volunteers** wear closed toed shoes for the shift, and RCPC Rotary shirt, if you are a Rotarian.

Sat, Apr 4, 7:30-10:00pm You are invited to the RCPC Social with live music by Bryan Dunklin's group, The Catdaddies at LoneStar Bar, 11277 E Northwest Hwy, #124, Dallas 75238

Thurs, April 23. 5:30-8:30 pm Dockside Social Bourbon tasting, and snacks with fellow Rotarians on the Dock at the White Rock Boat Club hosted by Downtown Dallas RC. \$30/ person

Sat, May 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m, RCPC Goes to the Dallas Zoo. 650 S. RL Thornton Fwy, Dallas, 75203. <https://www.dallaszoo.com/explore-the-zoo/>

Tues, April 28, 6:00pm. Program Meeting at PP Richard Stanford's home

Invitation

Thur, April 30, 6:00-8:30 pm. Please join Sarah Oliai as RCPC partners with People Newspapers in our **20 Under 40 program**. We will be honoring twenty outstanding young adults and two youth on the rise, from the Park Cities and Preston Hollow communities at the Communities Foundation of Texas, 5500 Caruth Haven Ln. As an RCPC Member you receive a discount of 20% off. When you register, use the code RotaryMember26. Register through Pat Martin's email dated March.17.

District 5810

Join the District's **Club Leadership Training Assembly** on **Sat, April 11, 8:30-12:15** at East Texas A&M, 8750 N. Central Expwy, 8th Floor. Cost is \$25 This is an essential event designed to equip you and your club for the upcoming Rotary year.



Remember! NO Meeting on April 3!

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**
 Invocation and Pledge: **Mary Bishop**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Kathy Wall** and
State Farm Insurance

Photographer: **John Brown**
 Speaker: **D'Juan Wilcher, Lt. Commander USNR**

Program: **"The George W. Bush Institute"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Mary Bishop** gave the Invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. President **Sarah** welcomed the first day of spring, noting the very warm temperature and the pollen in the air.

She asked for Happy Bucks. **Mark Neace** invited everyone to the ribbon cutting at the new studio at Willow Bend on Mon, Mar. 23. **PP Doug Means** said that he and **Bill Sleeper** had joined at the same time in 1981. Visitors and guests were introduced. **Stephanie Bohan** brought two guests from Hope Cottage

Mark Neace introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the week, **Kathy Wall** and State Farm Insurance.

The raffle total is \$50, since it was won last week. The person with the winning ticket apparently had "scooted." No card was pulled.

Cullen Quinn gave his new member speech. He grew up in Lubbock and attended Camp RYLA when he was in high school. He was also an Eagle Scout. He attended Baylor for one year before he transferred to the University of North Carolina where he graduated from a program in mergers and acquisitions. He went to work for a mergers and acquisitions firm. Then COVID hit, and he started a general contracting firm. He recently sold it after five years and is currently working with a firm of commercial real estate brokers. President **Sarah** remarked that he had already gotten involved in club activities



PP Karen Farris introduced our speaker today, D'Juan Wilcher to speak on The George W. Bush Institute. He started by saying that he was there to talk about what they do at the Bush Institute. It is guided by four principles: freedom, opportunity, accountability and compassion. These have been President and Mrs



Please remember and keep them in your prayers.

Please let us know your concerns.

Bush's guiding leadership principles for quite some time. Their mission statement is to advance policy solutions and public engagement to ensure opportunity for all, strengthen democracy and advance free societies. They combine ideas and actions to improve the lives of people at home and around the world. What distinguishes them from other think tanks and policy organizations is the platform. A former presidential office commands the authority, access and convening power that others don't have, and they leverage that to their benefit to bring the right people to the table across party lines and sectors in service to their rigorous right of center policy work. The portfolio spans two sectors, domestic excellence and global leadership. He will be focusing on the domestic piece. The CEO of the Bush Institute believes that a presidential center is not only a library or only an archive, but should embody what it means to be an active civic institution. He endeavors for us to be present in civic education, current debates and problems and to continue to build long term outcomes and solutions. One of his areas of focus is literacy, particularly among male youth. He frames the literacy gap not as an education policy issue but as a civic issue. Citizens who cannot read at a functional level are effectively excluded from full participation in democratic life. So from informed voting, to navigating benefits, to economic mobility through line runs from literacy, to civic engagement to a more pluralistic and functional democracy. That framing informs how the institute does the work that they do. Within the domestic portfolio they work on immigration growth, economic growth, immigration, education, and most centrally veteran and military families, which is where he spends his time. They invest in American democracy specifically by supporting pluralism, cultivating principled leaders/ They publish *The Pluralism Playbook* which provides a toolkit to help us engage across our differences. They have two primary leadership programs; one is the veteran's leadership program (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
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April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	†	M	M	M	Mtg	NTFB
12	M	M	M	BD	Mtg	
19	M	Mc	M	M	F	Mtg
26	M	M	Pr	M	SpEv	

- A=Agape Health Serv Day
- BD= Bnd of Dirs Mtg, 8am
- BF=Bonton Farm
- CC=Crossroads Com. Pabtry
- 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
- 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=RonaldMcDonaldHouse 1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter
- NM=New Member Event
- Pr= Program CommitteeMtg
- RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy
- Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg
- SpE=Special Service Event
- VA=Veterans Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Apr. 3 **NO Meeting**
Easter weekend



Apr. 10 **Jane Doclar - America 250 Series**
Martha Washington and Captain Molly Corbin



Apr. 17 **Monica Paul**
FIFA World Cup Dallas



Apr. 24 **TBA**
Ronald McDonald House

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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THOUGHTS ON ...

Prosperity

In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.

~ **John Churton Collins**

Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity.

~ **Socrates**

The trick is to make sure you don't die waiting for prosperity to come.

~ **Lee Iacocca**

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped.

~ **Calvin Coolidge**

Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.

~ **Publius Syrus**

I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.

~ **Rosa Parks**

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity a greater.

~ **William Hazlitt**

Prosperity is living easily and happily in the real world, whether you have money or not.

~ **Jerry Gellis**

In prosperity prepare for a change; in adversity hope for one. ~ **James Burgh**

MEETING NOTES (continued)

'Bush Institute' continued from page 2) and the other is the Presidential leadership scholars program. They have similar curriculums but different focuses. They also help citizens engage with institutions and with one another. A democracy functions to the extent that all of its citizens, including those who have served in uniform, have the tools and opportunities to participate fully in it. The veterans and families initiative is organized around one clear charge to help veterans and their families thrive in civilian life. This is a daunting task because about 200,000 service members transition to civilian life every year. Research shows that about half of them report emotionally traumatic experiences, that unemployment remains above national averages including student veterans, despite the fact that student veterans often earned higher grades than their non-veteran peers. They organize their work around three areas, health and well being, education and employment. One area where they lead is through "check in." It is a public-private partnership which has nine clinical providers and eleven peer connections.

tors across all fifty states to provide no-cost mental health support to veterans and their families. It is a coordinated system of care. On the employment side they focus on translating military experience into the civilian sector. Employers often lack the framework to assess veterans' capabilities. On health and well being their focus is on economic opportunity, social connections and mental health. These are interdependent. Their newest addition is called "reliable information!" Foreign adversaries are targeting the veteran community to undermine our democracy. They try to provide a framework that is not prescriptive as to what the truth is, but to provide a guide on how to deliver more accurate information.

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Happy Birthday*

Kyle Marmillion	3.28
Susan Harris	4.9
Daniel Voigt	4.9

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