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TODAY'S PROGRAM



Erika Huddleston

The Dilbeck Foundation

Program Chair of the Day: Paul Pirok

Erika Huddleston lives in Dallas and is a Texas artist who works onsite in "urban wilderness" public greenspaces. She has restored two historic houses—one of which is a Dilbeck!

She paints in oil and over the past twelve years has painted and exhibited major bodies of work recording public parks along Waco Creek in Waco, Texas, Shoal Creek in Austin, Texas, the Trinity River in Dallas, Texas, Jemison Park in Birmingham, Alabama, the Ramble in Central Park in New York City and recently in Deepdene Park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in Atlanta, Georgia.

She attended Vanderbilt University for her BA in Fine Arts, the University of Texas at Austin for a MLA [Masters in Landscape Architecture] and received a Certificate in Interior Decoration at Parsons School of Design in NYC. In 2013-2014,

She was an artist with the NEA-funded ten-month community engagement and public art initiative led by Dallas' bcWORKSHOP—"Activating Vacancy"—in the Tenth Street Historic District Freedman's Town in Dallas. Her work is in the collection of UT Southwestern Medical Center, Fidelity Bank, the Four Seasons in Austin, and in other private and public collections. She has completed residencies at the Vermont Studio Center and the 100W Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency. She has served on the boards of Dallas Heritage Village, Preservation Dallas, and the Charles Stevens Dilbeck Architecture Conservancy.

The Dilbeck Foundation from their website *What is a "Dilbeck"?*

Quirky. Eclectic. Whimsical. Delightful. All of these words have been used to describe the man and the work of Charles Stevens Dilbeck who designed some of the region's most interesting and important homes from the mid 1920s until the late 1960s. When you see a home that makes you smile, makes you stop, wonder and want to go inside, chances are good it's a Dilbeck!

It is almost impossible to offer a standard "recipe" for typical Dilbeck houses and other buildings due to the wide range of their architectural styles (primarily French Norman and Ranch, but also Colonial Revival and Moderne) as well as their size (ranging from small, compact cottages to the most elaborate, sprawling estates)

<https://www.dilbeckconservancy.org>

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.

Fri, May 8, 11:00am-4:00pm, Blood Drive at Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Pkwy, Dallas, 75225.

Look for the Carter Bloodcare Bus. *Bring friends or family, Their donations count toward the RCPC total, too!*

NO Meeting on May 22!

Fri, May 8, Deadline for nominations for club **Awards**. A link to the Ballot for nominations and a brief history of each award and who has won them in the past are on PP **Karen's** email dated April 26 or on the eBulletin. Send nominations to- PP **Fred Brown** at fred.brown.tx@gmail.com or PP **Karen Farris** at kfarris7238@gmail.com

Sat, May 9, Club Leadership E - change. 9:00-10:00am-Breakfast and Networking, 10:00-Noon-Program: **"Are You Just Talking or Connecting"** with Stu Schlackman, The Relationship Selling Expert

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

- **Greeters** for dignitaries attending the Grand Marshal Luncheon at Maggianos on **June 5th**
- **Table hosts** for GM Luncheon at Maggianos on **June 5**
- **Callers** to HPISD sports moms for current email addresses
- **Google Sheets Guru** to help update data-base information

District 5810

at Dallas College Richland Campus, Sabine Hall, SH118 12800 Abrams Rd. Dallas 75243. ZOOM option available. **Most important CLE of the year.** Don't Miss It!

RCPC Dues for Rotary Year 26-27 Are Due This Month

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)

Tues, May 12, 5:00-7:30pm. Rotary Means Business Networking Social at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, 75287. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/t2v419kizEDa1RG8>

LAST WEEK

Presiding: PTrsident **Sarah Oliai**
 Invocation and Pledge: PP **John Glancy**
 Advertiser of the Week: **Mark Neace** and

Serve To Lead Media

Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**
 Speaker: **Robbie Corder**, U.P. City Manager & **Tobin Maples**, H.P. Town Administrator

Program: **"Discussion: How DART Affects Available Funds of the City and Town Respectively"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. PP **John Glancy** gave the invocation, noting there were no new concerns. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner.". PP **Tracy Gomes** asked members to "check in" on Facebook or Linked In. President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. She said she was happy about RCPC's relationship with **Pat Martin** and People Newspapers, She said that the event to recognize Twenty Under Forty was a very nice event and she was proud to have been there.

She asked for visitors and guests to be introduced. One visitor was back for a second visit. **Laurie Aldredge** introduced her husband Mark, who is completing a six-year term on the University Park City Council. A representative of Carter Blood-care was present to remind everyone to sign up to donate blood. **Monty Montero** introduced a guest who had called to have her company be a part of the Parade. She expressed an interest in Rotary and came to visit.

PE **Eric Harrison** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the Week, **Mark Neace** and Serve to Lead Media, guiding brands and leaders with clarity, story and purpose driven content that grows business value.

Jill Jordan announced that **Monty Montero** would be taking her place as co-chair of the Parade next year. (See page 1 on ways you can help.



Sgt-at-Arms Jack Carpenter explained a little of MayDay's history, including being the halfway point between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice. He thanked the fifty-three members who have contributed to the RCPC Foundation, for a total of \$15,578.

Please remember and keep them in your prayers.

Please let us know your concerns.

The raffle total is \$395. PP **Richard Stanford** held the winning ticket and pulled the winning card! *Congratulations!!*



through the history, structure and financial realities of UP's and HP's participation in the Dallas Area Rapid Transit System.

PP **Cleve Clinton** introduced our speakers today, Robbie Corder, U.P. City Manager and Tobin Maples, H.P. Town Administrator to walk us



Robbie Corder began by thanking RCPC for their presence in the community. He said they were not there to tell residents how to vote, but just to be sure to vote!

The history of DART began in August, 1983 when a referendum was held in twenty-one cities in Dallas County whether or not to form a transit authority for the region. Of those, fourteen approved. It was the largest turnout in Dallas County history. Both UP and HP overwhelmingly approved it. While the population of Dallas County is growing the population of the Park Cities remains unchanged. Today the Park Cities are served by a fixed route that runs down Preston; they also have paratransit for persons with disabilities and an on-demand service called Go Link. There are a couple of ancillary services, the Northwest Hwy route and the one that runs down Lemmon, as well as proximity to the stations on Greenville. The Park Cities have seen a decline in bus routes, largely due to the presence of DART DART has the largest light rail system in the U.S, about ninety-two miles.

DART was authorized by the Transportation Code in 1979 and was recodified in 1995. The make-up of the Board has been a topic among the thirteen member cities. The DART Board is made up of fifteen members. Eight of them are from Dallas. HP and UP share a representative with Addison and Richardson. DART receives seventy percent of its funding from a one percent sales tax allocation.

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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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- A Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD** Brd 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 Committee Mtg
- R** Readers2 eaders-various days, times- Rob evy
- Rct** Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.
- SP** Strategic Planning Mtg
- SpE** Special Service Event
- VA** Veterans Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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May 15 John Antal, Col - America 250 Seriesz7 Leadership Lessons of the American Revolution: The Founding Fathers, Liberty and the Struggle
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May 22 **NO Meeting**
Memorial Day Weekend
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May 29 Cal Jillson
A Political Update
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June 5 Grand Marshal Luncheon
Current and Past Grand Marshals

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

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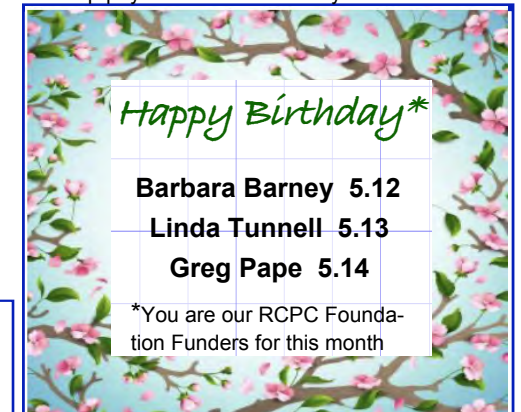
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Make a post about or while at Rotary and use these hashtags

-  #PeopleOfAction
-  #parkcitiesrotary
-  #district5810proud
-  #goodthingshappeningnonfridays

Over three years ago the discussion started with six cities saying they were not getting the value of what they put in. There has been a lot of discussion behind the scenes with many agencies working together. DART recognized that and gave some money back because HP and UP did not have regional services; they were allowed to put that into sidewalks, road ways, etc. That will be going away, and instead of a few cities getting money back, all cities will be receiving money. HP will be putting money in, but getting less money back. If the voters vote against remaining, the Cities have plans to start an on-demand ride service. There is also a debt that must be paid if they leave DART. There are 169 cities in the DFW Metroplex but only thirteen pay for DART. More need to join and help pay for the services they receive.



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 ...

Architecture

Writing about music is like dancing about architecture. ~ **Elvis Costello**

Noble life demands a noble architecture for noble uses of noble men. Lack of culture means what it has always meant: ignoble civilization and therefore imminent downfall. ~ **Frank Lloyd Wright**

The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his client to plant vines - so they should go as far as possible from home to build their first buildings. ~ **Frank Lloyd Wright**

The architect should strive continually to simplify; the ensemble of the rooms should then be carefully considered that comfort and utility may go hand in hand with beauty. ~ **Frank Lloyd Wright**

He who has not first laid his foundations may be able with great ability to lay them afterwards, but they will be laid with trouble to the architect and danger to the building. ~ **Niccolo Machiavelli**

Architecture is one part science, one part craft and two parts art. ~ **David Rutten**

It is easier to build a grand opera or a city center than to build a personal house ~ **Alvar Aalto**

Meeting Notes *(continued from page 2)*

In 2019 the Legislature limited property taxes to three and a half percent. This was a game changer for HP and UP who relied on property tax revenue. The decrease has made them more reliant on sales taxes. The portion of tax revenue that goes to DART equates to about one quarter to a third of what is collected in property tax, which is a very important source of revenue. There has been discussion about why DART has not been able to expand beyond the original thirteen cities. The Legislature has changed the allocation dedicated to rapid transit so that it also can be used for economic improvement. Many cities have done this and have reduced the amount going to DART which has slowed expansion. So the Cities' Councils decided the discussion needed to be put to a vote. Looking to the future it is hard to see how all the Cities' services will be funded. Three years ago DART was asked to do a value study for the respective members. At that time HP and UP were each contributing \$6 to 7 million to DART, but were receiving only \$1.8 or 1.9 million in services

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