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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Janie Loveless



Paul Reed, Vietnam Veteran Tiny Diary Unites, Heals Enemy Soldiers

Born in Dallas, Paul Reed attended Hillcrest High School. Upon graduating he joined the US military to become an Infantry Paratrooper. He served the nation between the ages of 18 through 21, leaving the armed services a proud-to-have-served Sergeant E-5 with an Honorable Discharge.

His challenges with post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD, as its known, began during the Vietnam war and eventually led to his unemployment and homelessness. Paul has since published two books and associate produced two PBS documentaries, one earning an Emmy award, a Gold Camera award, and a Gold Medal award. He has traveled internationally, telling his story of forgiveness and reconciliation with his former Vietnamese enemy.

His books include *Kontum Diary: Captured Writings Bring Peace to a Vietnam Veteran*, published in 1996. His recent book, *The Healing Box: When Flowers Bloom Again in the Killing Fields* came out in paperback in 2021.

Paul showed his forgiveness film (now on YouTube) to a Jerusalem audience of Arabs, Jews and Christians. His story has been featured on The Today Show, on Dan Rather's 48 Hours, in People Magazine and in countless media coverage.

His military honors include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantry-man's Badge or CIB, and, among others, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Parachute Badge, a Jump Master's qualification and the foreign unit award, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

As a civilian, Reed's most cherished civilian tributes are the "Hero of Forgiveness" award from the Worldwide Forgiveness Alliance, and the "Legion of Honor Award" from the Chapel of Four Chaplains. He was presented with the Congressional Veterans Commendation Award by former (now deceased) Vietnam POW and United States Congressman Sam Johnson for exceptional service to the country and community, both past and present.

Paul has made at least ten trips to visit his former battlefield enemy, demonstrating their lasting friendship. Here at home, he founded a 501(c)(3) organization that provides trips to other Vietnam veterans to meet some of their former enemies and begin a healing process of their own.

RCPC IN ACTION



- Monday, **May 20**. Ronald McDonald House. Serve dinner to families of children in Dallas to receive medical treatment. See eBulletin .
- PCR Connect - Coming Soon! Be there or be square! Watch for details! Enjoy an adult beverage, a snack and engaging conversation.
- May 10 Friday meeting will be back at Maggiano's. No reservation is needed.
- *Save the Date!* Installation and Awards Luncheon, **June 28th** at Ozona Grill.

RCPC Award Nominations

from Karen Farris

It is hard to believe but our 2023-2024 Rotary Year is almost over. What a great year we have had.

For the benefit of our new members, each year at our installation banquet, we recognize members of our club with these special awards named after some of our club legends.

Two attachments are available in the eBulletin. The first is the Award Nomination Ballot and the second is the description of each award and a list of the past winners. We do not have to declare a winner of each award should we determine that no one is deserving for this year. It is nice to present eight awards but not mandatory.

Typically the award is not given to the same individual twice and these awards are for club members other than current officers and members of the selection committee. The selection committee is made up of the executive committee, Fred Brown and Karen Farris. Please email your nominations to Fred or Karen at the email address shown below - **no later than May 22**.

Thank you and don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Installation and Awards Luncheon on June 28th at Ozona Grill**.

Karen Farris, kfarris7238@gmail.com
Fred Brown, fred.brown.tx@gmail.com

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Jeff Shehan**
 Invocation/ Pledge: **John Glancy**
 Marketplace Advertiser: **Herb Ziev**
 highlighting **David Goodson** and **RLG Consulting Engineers**
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**
 Chair of the Day: **Richard Stanford**
 Speaker: **Paul Hoffmann, MSSW, MBA,**
 Executive Director
 Program: **Agape Clinic** onsite with a tour



President **Jeff Sheehan** called the meeting to order at Grace United Methodist Church across the street from Agape Clinic. Grace UMC also provides an

array of services, including a legal clinic, a preschool and refugee services. PP **John Glancy** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Star-Spangled Banner. President **Jeff** introduced visitors and guests, and asked for Happy Bucks.



Sgt-at-Arms **Van Oliver** recognized members with May birthdays. **Herb Ziev** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the Week, **David Goodson** and **RLG Consulting Engineers**.

President **Jeff** announced that RCPC dues for 2024-25 are due. Please pay online or send a check to the RCPC office.

PP **Richard Stanford** introduced our speaker today, RCPC member and Executive Director, **Paul Hoffman**, to give an update on Agape Clinic.

Agape Clinic opened in 1983 in the basement of Grace UMC to treat and provide free healthcare on Saturdays. By 2000, partnerships had grown with Dallas County Health, Labcorp, AmeriCare, Direct Relief and Baylor Community Care. The Clinic expanded to four days a week. In 2015 Agape launched a capital campaign and purchased its 10,000 square foot building across the street from Grace UMC. This provided the

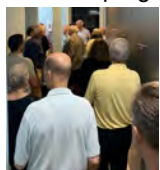


Please remember

Marshall Weaver whose mother has passed away.

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

clinic with thirteen medical exam rooms, seven complete dental suites, and a multipurpose medical space. The clinic expanded their healthcare services to six days a week. In 2017 a refugee clinic was added; the clinic was open seven days a week. In 2021 comprehensive, family-centered healthcare services began, including Women's Wellness and Pediatrics. In 2022 Agape Clinic was the Crystal Charity Ball Award winner, Beginning in the summer of 2024, comprehensive dental services will be available due to a grant from an anonymous family foundation. Due to partnerships, most medicines and labs are free to Agape patients. Agape is the only charity clinic that provides integrated healthcare services, including medical, pediatrics, behavioral health and dental without ANY restrictions as to zip code, income, insurance, sliding fee scale, etc. To ensure that financial constraints do not prevent anyone from accessing services, Agape asks for a patient donation to help pay for services. Services are always provided regardless of a patient's ability to pay or make a donation. Agape patients donate 30% of the clinic's overall operating budget. Agape is able to provide comprehensive healthcare within the medically underserved community by bridging the financial gap (70%) through generous donations from foundations, organizations and private donors. Due to this funding, Agape provided over \$8.6 million in healthcare to those most vulnerable in 2023. Agape patients are less than 200% below the federal poverty level; 95% are minority, and 100% have co-morbidities. The program ended in a tour.



It was great to see the new dental suite, the modern equipment and the light, bright spaces.

May						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			M	M	Mtg	
5	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
12	M	M	F	BD	Mtg	
19	M	Mc	M	M	Cn	Mtg
26	M	M	M	M	Mtg	

A=Agape Health Serv Day
 BD= Brd of Dirs Mtg, 8am
 BF=Bonton Farm
 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
 FT=NTFB Truck.

FB=NTFB Evt- Susan Glen
 In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes.

LL=Legacy of Leadership
 M= Meals on Wheels, Jim Weichel various days and times
M = Mentoring at Hillcrest H.S.
 v various days, times
 Mc=Ronald McDonald House 1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter

NM=New Member Event
 Pr= Program Committee Mtg
 RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy
 Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.
 SP=Strategic Planning Mtg
 SpE=Special Service Event
 VA=Veterans Support-

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May 17 Lesley McCaslin
Life on the Sidelines with the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks - A Reporter's Perspective]



May 24 Daniel Bradley, Commanding Officer Naval Air Station
Memorial Day Program



May 31 Lisa New
The Dallas Zoo



June 7 Grand Marshal Luncheon

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 Van Oliver.

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...

Forgiveness

If you haven't forgiven yourself something, how can you forgive others?

~ Dolores Huerta

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.

~ Peter Ustinov

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget. ~ Thomas Szasz

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity. ~ Francis Maitland Balfour

Holding on to anger, resentment and hurt only gives you tense muscles, a headache and a sore jaw from clenching your teeth. Forgiveness gives you back the laughter and the lightness in your life.

~ Joan Lunden

Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

~ Norman Cousins

DISTRICT 5810

Donate to the Camp RYLA Service Project

from Pam Blankenzee

In alignment with Rotary International's mission of "Service Above Self," Camp RYLA 5810 will offer students the chance to engage in hands-on community service this year at camp!

Camp RYLA 5810 is spearheading, with the support of Rotary, two community service initiatives. One is to gather hygiene products for the Metrocrest Services Pantry and create family hygiene kits.

The second is to provide non-perishable food items for RYLA participants to

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

A passenger train is creeping along.. Finally it creaks to a halt. A passenger sees a conductor walking by outside. "What's going on?" she yells out the window. "Cow on the track!" replies the conductor. The train resumes its slow pace. Within five minutes, however, it stops again. The woman sees the same conductor again. She leans out the window and yells, "What happened? Did we catch up with the cow again?"

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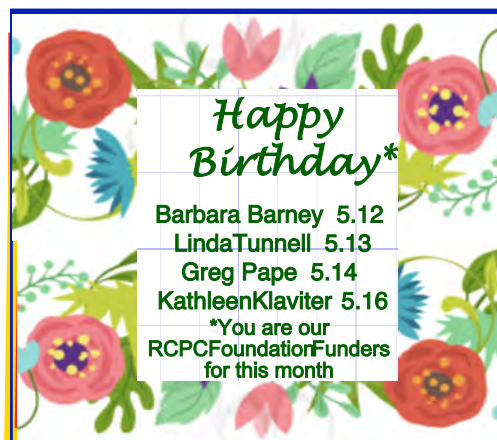


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nonfridays

assemble 500 sack lunches to support the Veterans Resource Center (VRC).

On May 30th, campers will sort and pack these items during our program on community and the importance of giving back.

We invite all clubs, and individuals, to make monetary donations to support these projects. All donations collected will be tax deductible through the RYLA 5810 Foundation 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Any surplus funds will be donated directly to Metrocrest Services and the Veterans Resource Center (VRC).



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