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[Livestreaming on YouTube 12:00 New Link! https://youtu.be/2fxP5LRiyd8](https://youtu.be/2fxP5LRiyd8)

TODAY'S PROGRAM

*with thanks to Jeff Sheehan, Mark Neace and
SyncLab Media*



David Blewett, City Council, District 14 City of Dallas

David Blewett was elected to the Dallas City Council in June, 2019 to represent District 14. Councilman Blewett serves on five City Council Committees, Vice-Chairman of Economic Development, Environment and Sustainability, Public Safety, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination.

He is a 35-year resident of the District and has lived in a variety of our neighborhoods, The Village Apartments, Knox-Henderson, the M-Streets, and now Lakewood Heights in East Dallas. He has lived through the remarkable changes that have occurred in Dallas and understands our history as we plan our future.

David attended Southern Methodist University on a Football scholarship graduating with Business and Philosophy degrees in 1989. He was transferred to Detroit, Michigan to work for Tenneco, and while there pursued an MBA in Finance at Wayne State University in 1993. In 1994 he returned to Dallas to work for a National Mortgage Bank where he trained real estate professionals on the Community Reinvestment Act and other government programs. In 1998, he started his own Real Estate finance company

He and his wife, Kristin Blewett, have seven children who have all attended Dallas ISD schools. They have been active volunteers in their neighborhood associations as well as various groups dedicated to improving public schools. He is a former Crime Watch Chair for Lakewood Heights and a former Crime Watch Board Member for Greenland Hills. He was appointed by the Dallas City Council to represent the M-Streets during the development and management of the permitting process for the St. Patrick's Day events on Greenville Avenue. He helped enact the Conservation District for the M-Streets to better preserve our historic homes. He is a SBDM Committee Member for Stonewall Jackson Elementary, and was named to the mandated Renaming Committee to rename Stonewall Jackson Elementary, now known as Mockingbird Elementary School.

Councilman Blewett is honored to represent District 14, the community that he, Kristin, and their children call home.

During these unusual times and in deference to the members and speakers, RCPC will be operating from Mark Neace's studio, with limited persons present.

RCPC IN ACTION

4th of July Celebration!
(Parade Is Cancelled, but
Not the Fun!) from Sarah Oliai

In a joint decision, RCPC, the Town of Highland Park, and the City of University Park have decided to cancel the Fourth of July Parade and Goar Park Festivities. Our club is still planning a patriotic community celebration. We are planning on hosting the following community patriotic events.

Patriotic Yard Competition:

- Decorate Your Yard! Patriotic!
- Incorporate this year's theme, "Stars, Stripes and Service."
- Two ways to win! RCPC Judging **or** Online Community Vote.

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Update on Agape Bonton Clinic Project

The Dallas Morning News published an article on Bonton Farms on Thurs, May 14. The reporter spent several hours with CEO, Daron Babcock, as they completed deliveries. During that time they discussed how the program is working to help the under-served people in the area as well as the strain the COVID-19 pandemic is putting on all non-profits, including Bonton Farms. Daron's conversation mentioned the need for all nonprofits during these uncertain times.

Thankfully, Bonton Farms receives great support from partners and continues to effectively manage operations (cont. on pg 2)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

It's a Tailgate Party!

Our **Friday, May 29th** meeting will be a socially distanced tailgate at Biblical Arts Center parking lot from **12:00 to 1:00**. Bring your masks, a lawn chair, and a sack lunch. **Details to follow!**

President **Richard** and PE **Barb Jeffries** will speak on the state of the club. (This event will be canceled in event of rain.)

Third Thursday RCPC Online Happy Hour! Thurs, May 21, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Share jokes, Rotary ideas, how you and your family are doing! BYO drinks or snacks!

Join our meeting by computer, tablet or smart-phone. [https:// global.gotomeeting.com/join/326287373](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/326287373). You can also dial in using your phone. USA (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679, or USA: +1 (646) 749-3117. Access Code: 368-963-461. There is no audio pin. Press # when asked for an audio pin. **Join us!!**



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

RCPC IN ACTION Opportunities for Service



The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is faced with a cash shortfall due to the closure of the Family Stores, while the demand increases. To help go to their PayPal account at www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2288789



NTX Food Bank

from Sarah Oliari

The NTFB needs our

help today! Please consider supporting the 2020 **Fourth of July Parade** beneficiary, The NTX Food Bank. The NTFB has been a beacon of support for our greater community during the COVID-19 crisis. Here is the link so your donation will count towards the parade fund raising. <https://rcpcjulyfourth.causevox.com/>

We need you, your contacts and your ideas

to continue the Club's proud tradition of outstanding weekly programs! The Program committee is looking for speakers for our Friday meetings. If you have a suggestion with contact information, contact **Jeff Sheehan** at jsheehan@selectiongroup.co



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
– A supporting member of Rotary International

Miss a Meeting?
Want a replay?
The Videos remain on Facebook!

Getting Back To "Normal"

We look forward to meeting at **Maggiano's** again. but it may not be until July. Stay tuned for updates! Meanwhile, remember our friends at **Maggiano's**, NorthPark for your To Go order or gift card

Please consider continuing to give to the RI and our RCPC Foundations. You can do this online on our website www.parkcitiesrotary.org or mail your checks to Laurie at the office.
***Note** - donations made to the RCPC Foundation will go to the **Agape Bonton Clinic** fund unless otherwise designated. See more about contributing to this fund on pg. 3.

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Agape Bonton Clinic Project (cont.)

while cutting costs wherever possible.

According to Daron, Bonton Farms is currently stable.

While the farm revenue is down due to the pandemic, they have the financial backing to continue their mission and to build the clinic. Currently our Rotary has raised \$ 91,850 toward our goal of \$150,000 to finish out the clinic and for the 1st year of operating costs.

We encourage you to join other Rotarians and make a donation to the Agape Bonton Clinic. **See the box on page 3 for ways to contribute.**

New Link! for the Friday Meeting!
<https://youtu.be/2fxP5LRiyd8>

We're moving to YouTube!



4th of July continued

Community Spirit Award:

will be awarded to the block that shows the most festive and patriotic decorations throughout the block.

Flag Art Competition:

- Patriotic Art
- Creative, incorporates the theme of "Stars, Stripes and Service."
- First, second, and third place winners in these age groups:
 - 6 years and under
 - 7 to 12 years old
 - 13 to 18 years old

Spirit of Service Award:

- For Highland Park H.S. Teams
- Service project for the benefit of our 4th of July beneficiary, The NTX Food Bank
- Trophy to winning team

All of these are in the planning stages. The Parade Planning Committee will meet next week to shift into implementing our new plans.

EVENTS CALENDAR

May						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					Virtual Mtg	
3	M	M	M	Virtual Cn	Virtual Mtg	
10	M	M	M	M	Virtual Mtg	
17	M	M	M	Virtual Cn	Virtual Mtg	
24	M	M	M	M	Tailgate Mtg	

Get Involved!

A=Agape Health Service Days
BD = Board of Dirs. Mtg, 7am
LaMadeleine, 75 & Mockingbird
Cn = PCR Connect Event.
CP = ChildsPlay Work Mtg
CC = Core Clubs Event
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. See Doug M
In-Interact Special Project

In- Interact at Hillcrest H.S, 8 am. See Tracy Gomes
LL- Legacy of Leadership
M = Meals on Wheels (Different teams on each day)
See Jim Weichel
Mn-Mentoring at Hillcrest HS
Mc = Ronald McDonald House-See Jina McDaniel
NM = New Member Event
FT=NTFB Truck-Stan Wright
FB-NTFB Event
Pr = Program Committee Mtg
RU = Rotary University
SpE = Special Service Event

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS Programs are subject to change!



May 29 Tailgate Party! Richard Stanford, Barb Jeffries
State of the Union – Club Update



June 5 Chad Kaufman
Junior Achievement



June 12 Scholarship Recipients and
New Member Speeches



June 19 Tracy Walder
The Unexpected Spy

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS Sign up at www.parkcitiesrotary.org

PCR Connect, Third Thursday, 5:00-7:00pm, on GoToMeeting, hosted by Happy Franklin. See more details on page 1.

Wed, May 27, 7:00-8:00pm, Second installment Dist 5810 Conference

RI Foundation: \$100 (or more) Every Rotarian Every Year! See Greg Pape.

RCPC Foundation: \$100 (or more). See Birthdays below, then Cindy Cummings.

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.

Like Us! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Park-Cities/115439238516325>

The **Directory** is on line: Log in > Click on left side under My ClubRunner > View Club Directory or View Club Photo Directory. Other archives are at Club Documents

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Hunkerin' Down?



Stuck at Home?



Just Plain Bored?



Our Speaker on March 20 recommended a variety of books on Leadership. Read one!

- *Call Sign Chaos* by Marine General (Retired) Jim Mattis
- *Leadership Strategy and Tactics: Field Manual* by Jocko Willink
- *Eleven Rings* by the great basketball coach Phil Jackson
- *Creativity Inc.* by Ed Catmull, a great book on creativity
- *Wolfpack* by Abby Wambach,
- *Extreme Ownership*, the earlier book by Jocko Willink
- *The Black Swan* by Nassim Nicholas Taleb
- *The Culture Code* by Daniel Coyle, a great book on team building
- *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni, a classic
- *Get There Early* by Bob Johnson of the Institute for the Future
- *Drive* by Daniel Pink, on motivation
- *Mastering the Rockefeller Habits* by Verne Harnish, about scaling up

The Installment Plan for 2020 District Conference for 5810

Instead of canceling our Conference, we'll just re-invent it for Corona conditions Reasons you should attend:

- First **Free** District Conference ever (May be the last!)
 - Great speakers • No dressing up!
 - Only 1 hour at a time • No Cash Bar! BYO!
- Please join us on Zoom as we hear timely and relevant speakers at three Plenary Sessions.

Installment 2:

Wednesday May 27, 7:00 p.m.

WASH Focus: 5810's Chuck Eismann has worked on the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene task force. He will share what they are doing, especially as sanitation and hygiene take even more importance with Covid-19 implications.

Darren Collins, DeSoto RC member who lives in Kenya, has produced a commercial to teach proper hand washing. He will share with us the latest exciting things he is doing there in Kenya.

Installment 3:

Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Exciting final session of our District Conference. Final plans are underway.

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RCPC has its own channel.

Miss a Meeting? Watch it on Facebook!

Connect with Rotary International and District 5810!



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



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



RI: www.facebook.com/rotary

Dist. 5810: www.facebook.com/Rotary-District5810.



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.

Contribute: Agape Bonton Clinic

• **Donate Online Using a Credit or Debit Card** Go to our Giving Page: <https://portal.cftexas.org/AgapeBontonClinic>. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation you can use for tax purposes.

• Make out a check to **The Communities Foundation of Texas** with this in the notes section **RCPC Agape Bonton Clinic Fund #06272**

• give it to **Cindy Cummings, Ley Waggoner or Pam Carvey, OR.**
• Mail the check

• to the Rotary Club of Park 6704 Snider Plaza, Dallas, TX 75205, or

• to the Communities Foundation of Texas, 5500 Caruth Haven Lane, Dallas, 75225

HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Lynn Surls 5.23

Stan Wright 5.23

Rick Barrett-Cuetara 5.27

Janifer Hammond 5.27

Roy Washburn 5.27

Dennis Harrison 5.28

Janie Loveless 5.28

Brad Rejebian 5.28

* You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this week

THOUGHTS ON . . .

Cities and Towns

If you would be known, and not know, vegetate in a village; If you would know, and not be known, live in a city. ~ **Charles Caleb Colton**

A great city is that which has the greatest men and women.

~ **Walt Whitman**

Civilization is the art of living in towns of such size the everyone does not know everyone else.

~ **Julian Jaynes**

People who want to understand democracy should spend less time in the library with Aristotle and more time on the buses and in the subway

~ **Simeon Strunsky**

To say the least, a town life makes one more tolerant and liberal in one's judgement of others.

~ **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

Ye are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid.

~ **The Bible**

I'd rather wake up in the middle of nowhere than in any city on earth.

~ **Steve McQueen**

New York is the only city in the world where you can get deliberately run down on the sidewalk by a pedestrian.

~ **Russell Baker**

Don't live in a town where there are no doctors.

~ **Jewish Proverb**

Men of sense often learn from their enemies. It is from their foes, not their friends, that cities learn the lesson of building high walls and ships of war . . . ~ **Aristophanes**

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS



If you have a better way to help me keep my hands off my face until the pandemic ends, I'm all ears.


Meetings now on YouTube! **New Link**
<https://youtu.be/2fxP5LRiyd8>

District 5810 Asks You To Donate Blood

Check the Red Cross website, www.redcross.org for the current schedule and locations to donate.




Do You

• Need a Hand? 

 • Need a Ride? Need an Errand?

Can You

• Lend a Hand? 

 • Give a Ride? Run an Errand?

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Richard Stanford**

Invocation: **Richard Stanford**

Pledge: **By video**

Announcements: **Richard Stanford**

Streaming: **Mark Neace**

Speaker: **John DeFillipo, Director**

Program: **Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife at the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center**

President **Richard Stanford** welcomed members and guest viewers to this ninth "virtual" meeting. He was joined by VP **Happy Franklin**. President **Richard** gave the invocation. Then "The Star Spangled Banner" played. President **Richard** reminded us that giving is important during these times. He mentioned what RCPC is doing to help its collaborative partners. He also reminded us to remember the Rotary International Foundation. We have a lot of our members who are Paul Harris Fellows. He remarked that Bon-ton Farms is having a hard time. They are selling produce and will deliver, so consider ordering from there.

Happy Franklin introduced our speaker today, John DeFillipo, Director of the John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center. He started by saying that he wished he could be speaking at Maggianos in person and enjoying a great Italian meal because he is Italian. He said he was really glad to be coming into our homes since it is hard to get out to enjoy nature. Maybe once we are able to go out, you will go to the wetlands center for hiking and exploring nature. There are all types of wildlife. There is a family of American bald eagles that live on the property. This young pair of eagles built their nests near an electric transmission line, but you can't have eagles and electricity in the same location. so we built them their own tower and relocated their nest. Our Nature Center has programs to learn about wildlife, but we're also learning about water conservation. The actual name of our project is the East Fork Water Conservation Project. The wetlands center sits right in the

RCPC members have been calling and checking on other club members during the past few weeks of the shelter at home mandate. **Rotarians caring for Rotarians!**

Contact **Fred Brown** at fred.brown.tx@gmail.com or call/text him at 214-908-7407

No member is too young or too old to receive phone calls. If you are "home bound" for health or transportation issues, let us hear from you. Please provide your name, number, address, what you need, or how you can help.

Please remember ...

Email your prayer requests to **Richard Stanford** so they can be shared in the Friday virtual meeting.

Please let us know your joys and concerns

very center of the two thousand acre site that was created to recycle and treat wastewater. This partnership for conservation was done with the North Texas Municipal Water District which serves over 1.8 million people in the North Texas region. Some of our fastest growing cities like Frisco, Allen, and McKinney depend on the NTMWD to bring water to their homes and businesses. This property is down stream of about five wastewater treatment plants. They partnered with the Rosewood Corporation. some of you will recognize as Caroline Rose Hunt's company. It was their family's farm. It was the perfect place to create a system to increase the water supply in North Texas, and also focus on wetlands habitat and water conservation for the future. A little background is that it is a unique engineering project, and it is interesting how this works. Part of the ranch is being used by the NTMWD to clean and process water drawn from the adjacent East Fork of the Trinity River. The water is diverted into the wetland and eventually pumped to Lake Lavon, supplying water for 1.6 million residents in North Texas. Improving water quality is the major purpose for the East Fork Wetland Project, but it also provides other benefits. The project was begun in 2004 with a nursery to grow and propagate aquatic plants. The nursery provided selected emergent wetland species of plants. The full-scale wetland was completed in 2009. The wetland was planted with more than twenty species of plants to achieve the treatment required and to provide clean water. The constructed wetland treatment process includes sedimentation basins to remove the suspended solids that are in the water. The constructed wetland cells serve to remove numerous constituents for the water that is achieved by the aquatic plants, bacteria, and physical removal processes.