



# THE HUB

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Ron Clinton*



## Cal Jillson A Political Update

Cal Jillson received his B.S. in Political Science from Oregon State University in 1971 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1976 and 1979. He taught at Louisiana State University (1980-87) and the University of Colorado (1987-95) before joining the faculty of Southern Methodist University (1995-present).

His recent books include Pursuing the American Dream: Opportunity and Exclusion Over Four Centuries (2004) and Lone Star Tarnished: A Critical Look at Texas Politics and Public Policy (2012).

Professor Jillson teaches and writes about American political ideals and institutions. Several books, Congressional Dynamics (Stanford University Press, 1994), New Perspectives on American Politics (CQ Press, 1994), and The Dynamics of American Politics (Westview Press, 1994), deal with the origins of American legislatures and with the health and performance of contemporary American politics and political institutions. Pathways to Democracy (Routledge, 2000) deals with the transition to democracy and the prospects for democratic

consolidation in the major regions of the world. Professor Jillson is the author of two major textbooks, American Government: Historical Development and Institutional Change (published in 1999, currently in its 7th edition) and Texas Politics: Governing the Lone Star State (published in 2007, currently in its 3rd edition).

Professor Jillson chaired the Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado, Boulder, from 1989 to 1993, and served as founding director of the Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment from 1993 to 1995. From 1995 to 2001 he chaired the SMU Political Science Department and directed its John Tower Center for Political Studies. He is a frequent commentator on domestic and international political events for local, national, and international media.

#### The John G. Tower Center

The Tower Center manages inter-related research and teaching programs on the foundational themes of public policy and international affairs with particular focus on National Security; International Political Economy; Japan and East Asia; and U.S. Economy & Politics.

### 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.

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** -->

### 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)

If you need a new shirt or hat for the Parade, send your size to **Kathleen Klaviver**

- **Callers** to HPISD sports moms for current email addresses
- **Google Sheets Guru** to help update data-base informa-

### Club 250

The current cohort of the Legacy of Leadership has created Club 250. You can join by donating \$250 **thru RCPC** to the North Texas Food Bank/ The first 300 donors will receive a commemorative coin recognizing both Rotary and America's 250th birthday.



If you can work on the day of the **Parade**, please sign up **ASAP**. HP and UP are concerned about security and want our names soon.

### District 5810

**Wed, June 26**, 6:00pm at Prestonwood Country Club, Join us for an evening of fellowship and inspiration as Rotary District 5810 officially installs District Governor Mike Callahan, District Officers, and Club Presidents for the upcoming Rotary year. **Installation of District Officers.** \$75 pp thru Junw 1; \$80 after.

### It's Time for the Emerald City Awards Gala!

**Fri, August 21** at the Drury Plaza Hotel Dallas in Richardson. Tickets for the banquet will be available in July. Let's come together to celebrate the remarkable work being done throughout District 5810!

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: **Barbara Marcum**  
 Advertiser of the Week: **Sarah Oliai** and  
 Oliai Law Firm, PLLC  
 Photographer: **John Brown**  
 Speaker: Col. **John Antal**, US Army (Ret.)  
 Program: **"America 250: 7 Leadership  
 Lessons of the American  
 Revolution"**



President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order at Central Commons **Barbara Marcum** gave the



nvocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner." President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks and then asked for any visitors and guests be introduced.

**Mark Neace** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the Week, President **Sarah Oliai** and her law firm, Oliai Law Firm, PLLC. She is board certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law.



Monty Montero gave an update on the Fourth of July Parade. She also reminded us to join Club 250. This is the project created by the latest cohort of the Legacy pf Leadership. To recognize the 250th birthday if the country, they created Club 250 for members who donate \$250 to the North Texas Food Bank using their link. The first three hundred donors will receive a commemorative coin.

President Sarah reminded everyone to sign up to work on the day of rthe Parade.as soon as possible. Because of the extra security concerns, HP and UP have asked for the names of everyone who will be working that day. So please sign up now! She also asked anyone who needs a new shirt or hat to wear for the Parade to please send their sizes to **Kathleen Klaviter**.

**Ron Clinton** introduced our speaker today Colonel John Antal, U.S. Army (Ret) to speak as a part of our America 250 series. *Due to the location of this meeting it could not be recorded. The following is from a talk on the same subject given by Col. Antal and available on YouTube,*



Col. Abtal started by saying that he was

*Please remember and keep these families in your prayers.*

**Services for PP Rod Pirtle will be Thurs, June 4, 2026, at 1:00pm at Highland Park United Methodist Church in the sanctuary 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205 Fellow Rotarian **Walt Marcum** will be the presiding minister. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall**

**John Morelock's funeral will be Monday June 8th at 4:00pm at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, 8011 Douglas Avenue, Dallas, TX 75225..**

*Please let us know your concerns.*

talking about leaders in the American Revolution, but that really he was talking about all leadership. He said his hero was George Washington and that his values were loyalty, duty, repect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage, He wrote his book on leadership anout the American Revolution because he thought we needed to go back to our roots. We need to go baxk and think about how we were started as a nation and how we are able to survive despite being very close to losing our liberty over and over.

His first example was Sam Adams because **a leader chooses courage**. Fear is a reaction; courage is a decision. Sam Adams chose courage. He stood up to the Governor and talked about the Stamp Act and the sugar tax and the coercive acts, and forced the British to try to give Americans our liberty back When that couldn't happen, he became the father of the Revolution. He organized the Sons of Liberty and started people talking about why we should have liberty and why we were different and should not be part of the British Empire any longer.

His next example was Henry Knox. His father died when ge was twelve years old, and he was apprenticed to a printer. He became a master printer and he read every book in the printing shop. He read everything he could on the military. At the age of twenty he had his own coffee and tea shop and bookstore in Boston. He was in many of the battles. After Lexington and Concord, the British were concentrated in Boston, surrounded by the Americans. Washington could not take the (cont. 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  
 FOSTER lives of service above self

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May						
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24	M	M	M	M	Mtg	

- A=Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD= Brd 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



**June 5 Grand Marshal Luncheon**  
Current and Past Grand Marshals



**June 12 Lynn McBee**  
TBA - It will be interesting!



**June 19 Trey Gullede and Abby Lautin**  
Envision



**June 26 Installation Dinner**

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



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**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 . . .

### Elections

That's the trouble with a politician's life- somebody is always interrupting it with an election. ~ **Will Rogers**

The idea of an election is much more interesting to me than the election itself...The act of voting is in itself the defining moment. ~ **Jeff Melvoin**

If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

~ **Barak Obama** in his election night speech

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman of the next generation.

~ **James Clarke**

I know nothing grander, better exercise, better digestion, more positive proof of the past, the triumphant result of faith in human kind, than a well-contested American national election. ~ **Walt Whitman**

Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody.

~ **Franklin P. Adams**

If God had wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. ~ **Jay Leno**

## MEETING NOTES (continued)

town because he had no cannons. Knox offered to get the cannons from Fort Ticonderoga, There were no direct roads to the Fort but he brought the canons back anyway, He exemplifies the fact that **a leader must learn to follow to be a good leader.** You have to be the kind of leader you want to have as a follower. With the cannons in place rhe British left the colonies which enabled the Declaration of Independence.

After the Declaration of Independence the British came back and were angry. The British had everything and the Americans had nothing; some barely had shoes. George Washington retreats his army all the way back to Pennsylvania with the British following them, It is December and several catastrophes hit, the blinding snow storm and fog, Congress disbands and they have few supplies. Washington was unreasonable for liberty, He decides to attack, **A leader must be determined to succeed.** Despite impossible odds, Washington continues to succeed. Despite his leading troops into battle Washington is not injured. Much can only be attributed to miracles.

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Benjamin Franklin exemplified that a leader must teach, coach and mentor. Much of the Declaration of Independence is due to his teaching, coaching and mentoring.

Daniel Morgan was a frontiersman but fought in the Revolution. He knew his army. **He knew how and when to delegate authority.** By doing so his forces won a victory when they were vastly outnumbered.

Washington also knew that **a leader pulls, bosses push.** He never pushed.

Washington knew that **a leader doesn't shine; he reflects.** If it is all about you, it is not leadership It is always about your team.

Col. Antal concluded by saying his definition of leadership is "Leadership is a sacred trust and the art of influence. It is the ability to motivate, inspire and impel people to accomplish a mission."



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