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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Sarah Oliai*



### Christina Murzin

## A family's mission to bridge the gap between tech and law enforcement

Christina Murzin is a native of Dallas and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where she earned a BBA. She married Chris Murzin in 1993 and worked in the pharmaceutical sales industry before deciding to stay home to raise their three children, Jack, Caroline and Dutch.

Christina volunteered extensively in her children's schools and served in leadership roles, including as Accessibility and Inclusion Chair and Co-President for SEPAC and as Treasurer and President for Connecting Point of Park Cities.

Tragically, Chris lost his life in a road rage incident in 2021, and the perpetrator responsible for his death remains at large, prompting Christina's determination to seek justice for her husband and others affected by similar tragedies. Through this determination, The Chris Murzin Foundation, also known as Collaborative Homicide Research and Investigative Solutions or C.H.R.I.S., was formed. C.H.R.I.S., a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to supporting law enforcement in solving unsolved homicide cases, providing hope and advocacy for victims and their families, and protecting communities affected by such crimes. By partnering with the private sector, C.H.R.I.S. aims to leverage innovative techniques and technology to enhance law enforcement efforts and bring closure to families who have lost loved ones to unsolved murders.

C.H.R.I.S. (Collaborative Homicide Research and Investigative Solutions) 501(c)(3) is a remarkable initiative born from a tragic event. It is an organization dedicated to supporting law enforcement in solving unsolved homicide cases, providing hope and advocacy for victims and their families, and protecting communities affected by such crimes. By partnering with the private sector, C.H.R.I.S. aims to leverage innovative techniques and technology to enhance law enforcement efforts and bring closure to families who have lost loved ones to unsolved murders.

On February 11, 2021, Chris Murzin was killed in a senseless act of violence, leaving his wife, Christina, their children, and family without answers. Chris' zest for life and love of family, community, work, and God did not come to an end with his untimely death. Rather than succumbing to grief and despair, Christina chose to take action, seeking justice for her husband and others who face similar circumstances. Her determination led her to put up billboards, hand out fliers, increase the reward through crime stoppers hire private investigators, and seek legal assistance.

While they haven't yet captured Chris's killer, these efforts have not been in vain. They have shed light on the challenges faced by families of homicide victims and the need for additional support and resources in solving unsolved cases. The experience gained from their own investigation has fueled the establishment of C.H.R.I.S., which goes beyond seeking justice for Chris. Every unsolved homicide represents a shattered life, a grieving family, and a community left in fear and uncertainty.

*Read the rest of this story in the eBulletin.*

## RCPC IN ACTION



- **Mon, Nov. 11th** Legacy of Leadership Happy Hour. Open to LOL Alumni and anyone interested in Rotary Leadership.
- **Fri, Nov 15** Club's Annual Meeting at the regular noon meeting.
- **Mon, Nov. 18** - Cook and serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter
- **Fri, Nov. 28** - **NO Meeting!** Thanksgiving Holiday!

### Volunteer Packing Day at the North Trxas Food Bank



10/26  
Cans  
sorted:  
10,945  
pounds,  
9,120  
meals

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

### LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Nolan Duck**  
 Invocation/Pledge: **Scott McLaughlin**  
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Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**  
 Speakers: **Kate Boatright**, Armstrong

**Tara Cosgrove**, Boone  
**Rachel Reed**, Bradfield  
**Ann Higginbottom**, Hyer  
**Melinda Smith**, University Park

Program: "Panel Discussion with  
**HPISD's Elementary School**  
**PTA Presidents"**



President **Nolan Duck** called the meeting to order. **John Brown** came to the podium and told us that his wife had died on Monday evening. He said they were eating in a restaurant when his wife aspirated food, and by the time the paramedics arrived, she had no heart beat. He said that she had fought the good fight. The funeral will be Sat, Nov 9 at 10:00 at HPUMC in the Sanctuary.

**Scott McLaughlin** gave the invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Star Spangled Banner. "President **Nolan** asked for Happy Bucks. **Eric Heitkamp** said that last week he had asked for funding for Thanksgiving Dinner for the men at the Adult Rehabilitation Center at the Salvation Army. He was happy because he got more than he asked for.

**Mark Neace** announced that there are spots for more advertisers. The prices are prorated. The ad will appear on the back of The Hub every week. They are working on giving advertisers more recognition on the website and on social media. He also said for a \$350 add-on he would create a 60-second video to advertise their business. Anyone who would like to purchase an ad should see **Mark Neace**.

**Sean Johnson**, RCPC member and Parks Director of the City of University Park, explained that Snider Plaza is still under construction, so there is not enough room for the Tree Lighting. Instead, the Tree Lighting will be held in Centennial (Goar) Park. He will be more specific information about volunteer opportunities. The merchants in Snider Plaza will be participating. He turned the mike over to Kaylon

### Please remember

**John Brown's** wife has passed away. The funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:00 am at Highland Park UMC in the Sanctuary  
 Please let us know your joys and concerns.

Jackson, Special Events/Parks Reservations Coordinator. She said they will have a quick dedication ceremony at 3:30 before the Tree Lighting. They will have an ice rink like last year, and will also have a snow slide with real snow and plenty of other activities. It will be Sunday, Dec. 1, 3:00 to 7:00.

**Scott McLaughlin** had the winning raffle ticket, but did not win the money. The raffle now has \$572 in it.



PE **Sarah Oliai** introduced our speakers today, the Presidents of the PTAs of the five HPISD elementary schools. They were asked how old their schools were and how many students attended. Boone is only five years old and has had a PTO for five years; they have 464 students. Hyer has had a PTA for 75 years and have 480 students. UP has had a PTA for 96 years and have 462 students. Bradfield has had a PTA for 99 years, and has 560 students. They were asked the purpose of the PTAs. It is to build community and relationships between families and school staff and also to raise money for events and to give back to the school. They were asked about the 70% of school tax dollars that go back to the state which results in a \$7 to 8 million shortfall every year. The goal is to raise at least \$600,000, but usually raise more. The money goes to support teachers' salaries, to fund technology and to fund the school cafeteria. There are four employed staff in the cafeterias, but all of the servers and cashiers are parent volunteers. They were asked what they had learned that they hadn't known. One was the amount of work that went on behind the scenes. About 60% of the funds raised comes from events, and 40% comes from donations from families and corporations.



November						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					Mtg	
3	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
10	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
17	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
24	M	M	M	M	No 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 Event- Susan Glen**

**In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes.**

**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

**RL=Readers2Leaders-various**

**days, times- Rob Levy**

**Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhili.**

**SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**

**SpE=Special Service Event**

**VA=Veterans Support-**

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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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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

-  Nov 8 TBA  
Veterans Day Program
-  Nov 15 John Ragosta, Historian from Monticello  
For the People, For the Country
-  Nov 22 Christa Slejko  
Dallas College  
Club Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
-  Nov 29 NO Meeting  
Thanksgiving Holiday!

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-  #PeopleOfAction  #parkcitiesrotary
-  #district5810proud  #goodthingshappeneonfridays

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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 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 . . .

### Technology

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

~ Arthur C. Clarke

For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for Nature cannot be fooled.

~ Richard Feynman

Humanity is acquiring all the right technology for all the wrong reasons.

~ R. Buckminster Fuller

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.

~ Carl Sagan

This is why I loved technology: if you used it right, it could give you power and privacy.

~ Cory Doctorow

Things that don't quite make sense can be our most valuable tools.

~ David Wilson

Concern for man himself and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavor. Never forget this in the midst of your diagrams and equations.

~ Albert Einstein

Technology: No Place for Wimps!

~ Scott Adams

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

### Report of the RCPC Nominating Committee

President Elect (2025-26): **Mark Kashar**

Vice President (2025-26): **Eric Harrison**

Secretary (2024-25): **Patti Schaub**

Treasurer (2025-26): Vacant

Director 1 (2nd yr of term): **Susan Harris**

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Director 4 (2nd yr of term) **Van Oliver**

Director 5 (2025-26): **Herb Ziev**

Director 6 (2nd yr of term): **Siobhan Abraham**

Director 7 (4th year): **Mark Neace**

Immediate Past President: **Nolan Duck**

Sgt-at-Arms (2025-26): **Jack Carpenter**

Parliamentarian (2025-26): **Richard Gilman**

President (2025-26): PE Sarah Oliai shall succeed to the Presidency without further balloting after serving one year as President Elect.

Nominations will be received from the floor following the second reading of the nominations ting to be held at noon at our regular meeting on November 1, 2024.

The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on November 22, 2024.

## HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

It takes patience to listen.. it takes skill to pretend you're listening.

### Proposed New Members

**Clement George**

Type of Membership: Individual

Classification: Banking

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