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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Cub Amos*



## Gene Pugh, US Marine Corps (Ret). Special Operations in Vietnam

SSGT Pugh was a member of one of the U.S. Army's most elite and secretive units during the war in Vietnam. SSGT Pugh enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana in 1966. He graduated from Airborne School and reported to Fort Bragg for Special Forces training as a radio operator. He cross-trained in intelligence and as an assistant medic.

SSGT Pugh was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. He was further assigned to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observation Group (MACVSOG). SOG consisted of personnel from U.S. Army Special Forces, SEALs, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance, and CIA personnel.

Special operations were conducted in North Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam. Missions evolved over time, and included strategic reconnaissance, direct action, sabotage, personnel recovery, PSYOPS, counter-intelligence, and bomb damage. These missions included monitoring enemy troops move-

ments, locating fueling stations and command centers. and capturing enemy personnel. SSGT Pugh was assigned to a reconnaissance team consisting of three Americans and eight former North Vietnamese (NVA) soldiers.

These American-led reconnaissance teams were a 'thorn in the side' of North Vietnamese operations along the Ho Chi Minh trail. These teams diverted 50,000 to 70,000 NV A troops who were assigned to capture the teams. These SOG Recon Teams had a 158 to 1 kill ratio against the NV A. The U.S. military kept tight security over knowledge of the recon teams' existence and operations for several decades.

Thirteen MACVSOG personnel earned the Medal of Honor. Another 22 members of the unit received the Distinguished Service Cross, our nation's second highest award for valor.

SSGT Pugh is a distinguished speaker and author. His published books include *Surrender Not An Option* and *The Reunion Mission*.

### RCPC IN ACTION

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'L



**Holiday Service Activities Volunteer!**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29, Popcorn Packing at Scottish Rite Hospital**  
5:30 pm-a light meal will be provided  
6:00 to 8:30 pm - popcorn packing!  
30 Volunteers needed - Sign up on the website or through the eBulletin

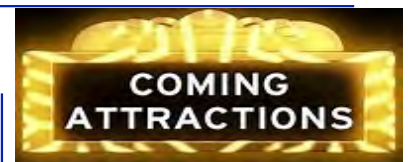
**Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00 to 7:00 pm Snider Plaza Tree Lighting! Volunteers Needed!**  
City of UP's Tree Lighting at Snider Plaza benefitting the North Texas Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Presented by RCPC and the City of UP. Free parking in Hilltop parking garage at the south end of the plaza

**Uniting for hope: Interactors provide flood relief in Bangladesh** via Rotary Voices, 10-31-2023 (exerpt)  
by *Tahsin Miti, past District 3281 (Bangladesh) Interact representative; past president, Interact Club of Dhaka Paramount*

"The monsoon season had wreaked havoc in Sylhet City, Bangladesh, leaving behind a trail of destruction and despair. The once-quaint villages were submerged under the relentless downpour, and the lives of thousands hung in the balance. As my Rotary district's Interact representative, I found myself at the center of a whirlwind of emotions and challenges with a deep-seated desire to make a difference.

"Our mission was clear – to extend a helping hand to the flood-affected families in the region. With a group of passionate Interactors, in July of 2022, we embarked on a journey that would leave an indelible mark on our hearts and reaffirm the power of collective action. . . ."

"The first hurdle was sourcing the necessary funds to execute our plan. We organized fundraising events from my Interact Club of Dhaka Paramount, reached out to local businesses, and even started an online campaign. The response was overwhelming. (cont on pg 3)



**Saturday, Nov. 11, District Roundtable. 9:30 am Socializing, 10:00-Noon Meeting.** In person at Scottish Rite Hospital in Frisco, 5700 Dallas Pkwy, Frisco 75034. Also on Zoom. Join via District website.

Rotary Means Business Social  
**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:00 – 7:30 pm** at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse 18010 Dallas Pkwy, 75287  
Dress: Business Casual A Cash Bar will be available to take orders.

**Friday, Nov. 24, NO MEETING**  
Happy Thanksgiving and Weekend

**Friday, Dec. 1, 12:00 Noon** at the Regular Meeting. **RCPC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board Members for 24-25. This meeting is at the Salvation Army!**

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

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Jeff Sheehan**  
 Invocation/ Pledge: **Dan Drabinski**  
 Marketplace Advertiser: **Mark Neace**  
 highlighting **Sarah Oliai**  
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**  
 Chair of the Day: **Jack Carpenter**  
 Speaker: **Marc Liebman**  
 Program: **U.S. - China Relation**



President **Jeff Sheehan** called the meeting to order. **Dan Drabinski** gave the Invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner." President **Jeff** asked for Happy Bucks, several of which were for the Rangers' win. He then introduced our visitors and guests.

Sgt-at-Arms **Van Oliver** remarked that fifteen members had birthdays in November. He also noted that PP **Greg Pape** celebrates forty years as a member of RCPC. He reminded our members with birthdays that it was time to make their voluntary contributions to the RCPC Foundation. He said that **Susan Glen** who had won the Raffle several weeks ago, donated her winnings back to the Foundation.

**Mark Neace** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the week, **Sarah Oliai**, Attorney at Law, specializing in Estate Planning and Probate Law.

President **Jeff** announced the Snider Plaza Tree Lighting, one of RCPC's key events, which will be on December 3. **Tania Boughton** has already sent an email asking for volunteers and providing a link. Treasurer **Mark Kashar** will be sending out statements to members who pay their dues in two payments.

**Valerie Pelan** introduced our newest member, Melinda Mitchell who was sponsored by **Mary Bishop**.

Her classification is Medical Sales. She went to Texas Tech. She was in Junior League. Her father was a Rotarian and a Lion, and she was the Lion Club Queen. PP **Richard Stanford** the Legacy of Leadership Alumni Social on November 27, at



### Please remember

**Janie Loveless's** husband who has been diagnosed with cancer

*Please let us know your joys and concerns.*

Lounge 31 in Highland Park Village. The cost is \$25 per person. This event is only for alumni and current participants of Legacy of Leadership.



**Jack Carpenter** introduced our speaker today, **Marc Liebman**, to speak on U.S. China Relations. He began



by saying that the leaders of the People's Republic of China view foreign policy like a giant game of Go, A Chinese board game of strategy. The idea is to place stones on the board to surround your adversary without having to fight them. He said he puts the threat to the U.S. and the world has four dimensions. The Peoples' Republic and the Chinese Communists have drawn a line in the South China Sea, saying that all this is our turf, The fact that the Vietnamese, the Indonesians, the Filipinos, the Malaysians and the Singaporeans all have claimed to that land does not bother them a bit. it is "lawfare," or I am going to claim this and you have to prove them wrong. Meanwhile, the South China Sea is an area of constant concern. Dimension number one is disrupting our economy which started thirty years ago. In the last thirty years they have stolen our intellectual property. They have done this through theft and also by requiring companies who want to do business in China must share their intellectual property. They also send their students to our top engineering and science schools who then take that knowledge back to China. They also set up front organizations to influence leaders and communities. Dimension 2 is attacking our culture and our political system, by influencing elections and by contributing to politicians and providing the media talking points. The People's Republic has the largest military, while we have been drawing down our military. If you look at Chinese planes and ships, they look a lot like ours did ten years ago. They also lend money to small countries, and then ask for favors.

### 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

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| November |      |   |      |     |        |   |
|----------|------|---|------|-----|--------|---|
| S        | M    | T | W    | Th  | F      | S |
|          |      |   | M    | M   | Mtg    |   |
| 5        | M Pr | M | M    | M F | Mtg    |   |
| 12       | M    | M | M BD | M   | Mtg    |   |
| 19       | M Mc | M | M    | M   | NO Mtg |   |
| 26       | M    | M | M    | M   |        |   |

- A=Agape Health Serv Day
- BD= Bnd 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 Evtnt- Susan Glen
- In=Interact Special Project 8 am - Tracy Gomes.
- LL=Legacy of Leadership
- M=Meals on Wheels, Jim Weichel
- M= Mentoring at Hillcrest H.S. 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- Evan Altemus

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

-  Nov. 17 **Simon Mak; SMU Cox School of Business Space Entrepreneurship: The Final Frontier**
-  Nov. 24 **NO Meeting**  
**Happy Thanksgiving**
-  Dec. 1 **Mark Schortman**  
**Meeting at the Salvation Army and**  
**Club Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**
-  Dec. 8 **The meeting will NOT be at Maggianos**  
**Program to be announced**

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-  #parkcitiesrotary
-  #PeopleOfAction
-  #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.

**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

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## THOUGHTS ON . . .

### Peace

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it. ~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known. ~ **George C. Marshall**

Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace. ~ **Amelia Earhart**

You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. ~ **Malcolm X**

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. ~ **Moshe Dayan**

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake. ~ **Victor Hugo**

Let him who desires peace prepare for war. ~ **Flavius Vegetius Renatus**

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (cont.)

*'Interactors' continued from Front Page.*

A total of 63 Interact clubs participated in fundraising. The community rallied behind us, demonstrating that, in times of crisis, compassion and unity shine the brightest. The Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchid and Rotary Club of Dhaka also supported us in this initiative.

With the funds secured, the next challenge was planning the logistics of the relief mission. We collaborated with

### HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

I am writing a horror screenplay. It starts off with a ringing phone. The person answers, and it's their Mom saying "I have a computer question."

Rotaract clubs, local organizations, and Rotary clubs to ensure that our efforts were well-coordinated. The enthusiasm of the Interactors and Rotaractors was palpable as they took on various roles, from liaising with authorities to organizing food packaging and transportation. . . ."

"Distribution day was met with both excitement and anxiety. We had worked tirelessly, and now it was time to see the fruits of our labor. We were accompanied by members of the Interact clubs of Dhaka, Tongi, and Sylhet Premier. As we entered the flood-affected villages, our hearts ached at the sight of inundated homes and the hardship etched into the faces of the villagers.

"Our efforts were rewarded with smiles and gratitude from the recipients. It was a humbling experience to see the transformation of sorrow into hope."

### Proposed New Members

#### Marshall Weaver

(former RCPC member, 1993-2014)

Type of Membership: Individual

Proposed Classification: Construction (ret)

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**Ley Waggoner 11.05**

**Jim Wolfe 11.05**

**John Morelock 11.06**




**Trisha Cunningham 11.07**

**Bill Sleeper 11.09**

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for this month



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