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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Nate Weymouth



Dr. Christa Slejko, President, North Lake Campus Dallas College: Expanding Programs, Growing Current and Future Educational and Business Partnerships Club Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Dr. Christa Slejko has served as President of Dallas College North Lake since September of 2011 including three years as interim prior to her permanent appointment. For ten years, she served as Vice President of Business Services responsible for the budget, facilities, and other operations of the college. She helped create the sustainability identity of which North Lake College is so proud. Christa began her career at Dallas College at the Mountain View campus in Information Technology, and served as an adjunct instructor in Computer Science and Human Development.

Christa received her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech. She has a Master's Degree in Human Development and Business from Amber University, and a

Bachelors of Business Information Systems from the University of North Texas. Christa recently completed a Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University. Last but certainly not least, she is a proud community college graduate.

Christa is a board member of the Coppell Chamber of Commerce along with the Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the International Trade Development/Sister Cities committee and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. She also serves on the Development Committee of the Irving Schools Foundation, and the Dallas Regional Chamber Executive Women's Roundtable. Other professional interests include leadership development and equity/inclusion.

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RCPC IN ACTION



**It's the
Busiest Time
of the Year!**

- **Fri, Nov 22** Club's Annual Meeting at the regular noon meeting
- **Sat, Nov 23**, packing popcorn at Scottish Rite Hospital 8:30am- light breakfast, 9:00-11:30 am-Pack popcorn. Sign up at <https://parkcitiesrotary.org/event/cornpacking-event/Qs?> Ask Jeff McNaughton
- **Sun, Dec. 1**, 2:00-7:00pm Tree Lighting in Centennial (Goar) Park. Volunteers needed. Sign up on the RCPC website. Varied tasks, times
- **Fri, Dec. 6** - Chili Day at Salvation Army Enjoy chili

and an interesting program at the Salvation Army. Pay a minimum donation of the price of lunch at Maggiano's, but more is welcome!

- **Fri, Dec. 13**, Regular meeting will be at Dallas Institute, Box lunches will be served
- **Sat, Dec. 14**, 11:30 am-1:00 pm **Angel Tree Distribution** Day Q? Ask Eric Heitkamp.
- **Mon, Dec. 16** - Cook and serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Sign up on the web site Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter
- **Fri, Dec. 20**. RCPC's **Holiday Party** at Tom and Suzy Rhode's home. More details coming soon.
- **Fri, Dec. 27**. **No meeting. Happy Holidays**

RCPC Coat Drive Benefits Austin Street Center

RCPC collected 70 heavy winter coats for our fall coat drive benefiting the Austin Street Center. As winter approaches, it is crucial for Austin Street to have these coats ready to support individuals in need

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed, and a special thanks to Atmos Energy and Susan Harris for their generous donation of new coats. Your support makes a difference in our community!



ROTARY INT.

Rotary Zones 33 and 34, aid Shelter Box in North Carolina -excerpted from a *Shelter Box Report, Nov. 1, 2024*

As families recover from the devastation left by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, they face urgent needs amid freezing temperatures, power outages, and widespread loss.

ShelterBox USA, an offshoot of Rotary, is actively responding, providing critical supplies and support to the hardest-hit areas. Together with Rotary Zones 33 & 34, they are delivering critical aid to the most affected communities in western North Carolina, helping families endure these difficult days and start the journey to recovery.

The aid provided includes
• 600 Solar lights (cont. pg. 3)

Be a Vibrant and Visionary Model of Service Above Self

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Nolan Duck**
 Invocation/Pledge: **Eric Heitkamp**
 MarketPlace Advertiser: **Herb Ziev**
 highlighting **Mark Neace**

Speaker: **John Ragosta**, Historian from Monticello

Program: **"For The People, For the Country"**



President Nolan Duck called the meeting to order. **Eric Heitkamp** gave the invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Nolan** asked for Happy Bucks. One piece of happy news was that **C.C. Colie** was with us today. He is 101 years old and a veteran of World War II. PP **Rosemary Domecki** and her son were also visiting today. It was great to see all of them.

President **Nolan** introduced our visitors and guests, which included several possible future members. **Herb Ziev** introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, **Mark Neace**, who brought his own video to illustrate what he does for clients.

Charlotte Hudgin said that she was leaving the club to move to Reno, Nevada where her brother and sister-in-law live. She said she had been in the club for twenty years, and had had some great opportunities, including a trip to India the first year she was in the club. She recommended going on trips to meet people from other cultures. She said she would be looking at Rotary Clubs in Reno, but she would be comparing them all to this one!

PP **Cleve Clinton** introduced our newest member **Clement George**, a commercial banker at Frost Bank. He has an MBA from SMU and an MA from UT. He grew up in the Park Cities.



Eric Harrison announced a shoe drive during November and December. Please bring gently-used shoes. They will be shipped overseas by Soles for Souls to provide opportunities for women in developing nations to start small businesses. In 2022 entrepreneurs increased their household incomes by 223%. Eighty-seven percent improved the education for their children; 92% improved their nutrition

Please remember

No new concerns today.

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

Nate Weymouth introduced our speaker today, John Ragosta, a historian and author. His most recent book, *For the People, For the Country*, about Patrick Henry, Nate's great-grandfather. John Ragosta began by saying that he thinks the story about Patrick Henry is one that more people need to know about. It is a story of hyper-partisanship in the 1790s that almost destroyed the nation. The story starts at Mt. Vernon. George Washington was in retirement. On January 15, 1799, Washington wrote to Patrick Henry. Although they had not communicated for many years, he wrote that there was a crisis and that some people were putting their personal ambitions above the country. He wrote that measures were being pursued that ultimately would dissolve the union, that there was threat of civil war. Washington asked Patrick Henry to come out of retirement and run for office. He had also been retired for many years, and had told Washington he would only come out of retirement if the country faced anarchy. It was Thomas Jefferson and James Madison who were being viewed as a threat due to their states' rights agenda. Patrick Henry comes out of retirement, runs for office and wins his election, but dies before he can take office. Had Patrick Henry lived, Thomas Jefferson almost certainly would not have become president. Why was Patrick Henry, the intellectual godfather of states' rights, opposing states' rights? If Jefferson would not have been elected president, does this tell us something important about Jefferson? Why is this story not a bigger part of history? These questions are what started his research. It starts in 1789 when the country starts under the Constitution and Washington is elected President. The country is immediately in a foreign policy crisis because of the French Revolution. For almost twenty-five years, England and France would be at war. Both wanted the U.S. to be an ally. Washington realized that the country was too new to get involved and in 1793 issued a neutrality proclamation. *(More of this story on RCPC YouTube Channel or the whole story in his book)*



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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December						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1 SpE	M	M	M	M	Mtg@ SalvArmy	
8	M	M	M	M	Mtg@ Dal Inst	SpE
15	Mc	M	M	BD	Party	
22	M	M	M	M	No Mtg	
29	M	M				

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 Alhaili.

SP=Strategic Planning Mtg

SpE=Special Service Event

VA=Veterans Support

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



- Nov 29 **NO Meeting**
Thanksgiving Holiday!
- Dec. 6 **Chili Day at the Salvation Army**
Program to be announced
- Dec. 13 **at Dallas Institute with box lunch**
Tour - Speaker TBA
- Dec. 20 **NO Meeting**
Go to the Holiday Party

ROTARY CONNECTED

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- <http://bit.ly/RPCTwitter>
- <http://bit.ly/RPCYouTube>
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- <http://bit.ly/RPCYouTube>
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/>

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

- #PeopleOfAction
- #parkcitiesrotary
- #district5810proud
- #goodthingshappeneonfridays

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 . . .

Ideas

I had a monumental idea this morning, but I didn't like it. ~ **Samuel Goldwyn**

The human mind treats a new idea the same way the body treats a strange protein; it rejects it. ~ **P. B. Medawar**

When ideas fail, words come in very handy. ~ **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones. ~ **John Cage**

Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. ~ **Oliver Wendell Holmes**

Platitude: an idea (a) that is admitted to be true by everyone, and (b) that is not true. ~ **H. L. Mencken**

Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle. ~ **Ken Hakuta**

No one has ever had an idea in a dress suit. ~ **Sir Frederick G. Banting**

The best ideas come as jokes. Make your thinking as funny as possible. ~ **David M. Ogilvy**

The most powerful factors in the world are clear ideas in the minds of energetic men of good will. ~ **J. Arthur Thomson**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (continued)

'North Carolina' continued
and batteries to provide light and power to charge electronics.

- 250 Zero-degree thermal sleeping bags and 800 warm comforters for warmth in freezing temperatures.
- 600 Water filters and 110 portable cook stoves for clean water and warm meals.

Seven pallets of ShelterBox midi-tents have arrived at the warehouse in North Carolina. These tents offer flexible shelter options, such as the "Shelter within a Shelter" approach, which provides privacy with-

in larger communal spaces—a solution they first implemented during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Families can also use these tents to create protected areas inside damaged homes while making crucial repairs.

These aren't just supplies; they are vital sources of security in a time of chaos, helping families feel seen, supported, and cared for.

Late in October Rotarians met in Greensboro, NC to help pack kits to prepare emergency aid items for immediate distribution.

To further support long-term recovery efforts, ShelterBox committed a \$100,000 matching gift grant to the Rotary Zone 33/34 Disaster Relief Fund, amplifying every dollar.

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS

At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

In a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Proposed New Members

David Waiyaki

Type of Membership: Individual
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Proposed by **Susan Glen**

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