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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Herb Hammond



Darin Klemchuk Carry the Load

Darin Klemchuk serves on the management committee for Carry the Load.

Carry The Load is a non-profit organization that exists to preserve the sanctity of Memorial Day through community gatherings and storytelling to unite Americans in appreciation for the sacrifices made by a few who carried the load for all. What started in 2011 as a grassroots effort by two veteran U.S. Navy SEALs has now grown into a nationwide movement with people honoring and remembering our nation's heroes throughout the year.

Shortly after the Gulf War, Darin served as an infantry soldier in the 161st Infantry Regiment in the Seattle area between 1991-1994 attaining the rank of Sergeant (E5). Darin began participating in Carry The Load in 2012 and currently leads the Overwatch Committee, which oversees security for the annual May March event with attendance reaching 10,000 people.

Darin, is also the founder of Klemchuk PLLC (www. klemchuk.com), a Dallas-based intellectual property law firm, and is also co-founder of Engage Workspace for Lawyers (lawofficespace.com), which is an executive suite built exclusively for lawyers by lawyers.

About Carry The Load (from their website)

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Our Mission: To provide active ways to honor and remember our nation's heroes by connecting Americans to the sacrifices made by our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Our Vision: Our vision is for all Americans to unite in honoring the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes.

Our Goals

- To increase awareness and educate Americans of the daily sacrifices made by those who protect our freedom and liberties.
- To provide opportunities for Americans to actively honor those in the military and first responder community.
- To raise funds that provide healing to the mind, body, and soul of our nation's service members and their families.

EVENTS.

Friday, Nov, 1 – Soles for Souls. Start collecting gently used pairs of shoes to bring to Meetings. Qs? Ask Eric Harrison

Sunday, Nov. 9, 3;00 to 5:00 pm. RCPC VIP Guided Tour of the National Medal of Honor Museum Adult (18+) \$51/ticket Senior (65+) \$46.75/ticket Qs? Ask Happy Franklin

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 to 11:00 am **Popcorn Packing** at Scottish Rite Hospital. More details soon!

Sunday, Nov. 30, 3:00-7:00pm, Snider Plaza Tree Lighting! More details soon!

North Texas Food Bank Volunteer Packing Day, October 25, 2025













Saturday morning, Oct. 25, thirty volunteers from RCPC packed 39,622 pounds of food, which equaled 32,935 meals. The demand is as great as during COVID.

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LAST WEEK

Presiding: President Sarah Oliai Invocation

and Pledge: Mary Bishop

Advertiser of the Week: Mark Kashar highlighting Nolan Duck and DBG

Advisors

Photographer: Ley Waggoner Speaker: **DG Mary Bedosky** Program: "District 5810"



Dressed as "Judge Judy" for Halloween, President Sarah Oliai called the meeting to order. Mary Bishop gave the Invocation, noting

gratitude for all of the positive things Rotary is doing around the world and her gratitude to be a part of it. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The National Anthem."

President Sarah called for Happy Bucks. Clement George and his wife have had a third baby daughter. Congratulations! PP Eric Heitkamp's son has been accepted to Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne's Youth Advisory Council. Congratulations to him too!

President Sarah then asked for visitors and guests to be introduced. One of our visitors was DGE Mike Callahan.

She then called for the raffle. The total is up to \$740. PP Richard



Stanford held the winning ticket and pulled the Ace of Spades!! He won the raffle!! He has donated his share of the winnings back to the club. A new raffle begins next week.

Mark Kashar introduced our Market Place Advertiser for this week, PP Nolan Duck and his business, DBG Advisors.

President Sarah said that thirty members volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank this past Saturday and packed 32,935 meals through their sorting. Trisha Cunningham told them the NTFB is currently serving as many people as they did during the pandemic. You just don't see the long lines because they are working better with their distribution partners.

President Sarah introduced DG Marv Bedosky, who came dressed as royalty for Halloween, to speak on District 5810; Pres-

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Please remember and keep them in your prayers.

Cindy Cummings remains at C.C. Young. lease let us know your concerns.

PDG C.C. Collie passed away Sunday. October 19 at the age of 102. His memorial service will be at Highland Park United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary, Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 1:00pm (Veteran's Day how fitting) If you want to write Mrs. Collie (Sue) a note, her address:is Mrs. C.C. Collie and Family, 8610 Turtle Creek Blvd., #203, Dallas, TX 75225

ident Sarah gave DG Mary one of two of her gifts, s check to the charity o her choice. Challenge Air. She began by saying she feels it is a major honor to serve as District Governor. She said her job is solely to support the clubs to be successful. It is not to tell the clubs how to run their clubs. She said she feels like she is in a roomful of greatness. RCPC is pretty amazing. The club is super organized. You have a phenomenal strategic plan. You know where you're headed. You know what you want to do, and you know where you're going. That causes success. Congratulations to all of you!.

She said she was from Madison, WI.. She told about her family, many of whom still live in Wisconsin. She then introduced her three assistants, saying one was not enough. She then talked about Challenge Air. It was started by a Rotarian in Prestonwood RC. She encouraged everyone to come out to the next event, Mar 21

She said on June 8, just thefore the Convention, the President of RI had to resign. He had challenges in his business and in his country. Brazil. Hee could no longer travel. So the Board of RI had to select a replacement guickly. They selected Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Ragusa, Italy RCchose from the 2023 applications and He is very experienced internationally and as a leader. The person who was to succeed him was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and resigned, so he had to be replaced from the 2024 applicants. The RI President-Elect is now Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Trans Amadi, Nigeria RC, He suggested that you don't invite (cont. on pg. 3)



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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 A high ethical standards

WAXWAR lives of service above self A supporting member of Rotary International

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Nov. 14 Larry Webb, District Foundation Chair The Rotary Foundation



Larry Walnsley Nov. 21

Tough Streets, Rough Skies, and Sunday Sidelines



Nov. 28 NO Meeting

Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Dec. 5

Chili Day Salvation Army

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.

HelpWanted!AtANYRCPCEventorProject 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, makeups may now be completed within a year. RI is no longer tracking attendance.

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THOUGHTS ON . . .

Heroes

The real hero is always a hero by mistake; he dreams of being an honest coward like everybody else.

~ Umberto Eco

Everyone's a hero in their own way, in their own not that heroic way.

~ Joss Whedon, Zack Whedon, Maurissa Tancharoen, Jed Whedon

Heroing is one of the shortest-lived professions there is. ~Will Rogers

There are new words now that excuse everybody. Give me the good old days of heroes and villains. the people you can bravo or hiss. There was a truth to them that all the slick credulity of today cannot touch.

~ Bette Davis

Nurture your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic makes heroes. ~ Benjamin Disraeli

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

~ Bob Dylan

I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles. ~ Christopher Reeve 'Meeting Notes' continued

potential new membets to a meeting; invite them to a service project. We want them to be service oriented like we are. Our representative on the RI Foundation Board is RIPP Jennifer Jones from Ontario, Canada.

District 5810 has sixty clubs in it. Visiting all the clubs, she said she has learned about hundreds of new projects and new initiatives. especially those with youth. Interact and Rotaract. One of the accomplishments of the District last year was that \$1,169 was raised for the RI Foundation. A challenge was that only \$51,000 was donated to eradicate polio. She has set her goal this year for \$200.000. The Gates Foundation will match funds, but we have to raise them first. There are eight counties in District 5810. The District is also part of Zone 25B. Seven Districts in Texas make up Zone 25B. District 5840 is Kerrville, and they have raised about \$500,000 for the flooding victims. Zone 5870 around Geotgetown also has flood victims, but did not get the publicity, so has only raised \$70,000. We need to help these Districts if we can.

Proposed New Member

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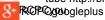
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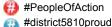
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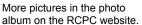
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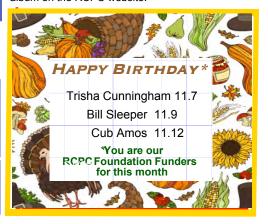




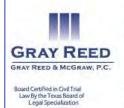








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