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Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Nolan Duck



Laura Marek, Senior Director of Development

Soles 4 Souls

Laura Marek is the Senior Director of Development at Soles 4 Souls. She has been working in non-profit fund-raising for 18 years and has been with Soles for Souls for just over two years.

Just prior to Soles 4 Souls she worked for the American Heart Association in the Triangle area of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, NC.

She is a native of Buffalo New York and is married and has two children.

Soles 4 Souls | Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

Relief Providing new shoes and clothing to people in crisis

When people experience economic hardship, either chronically or because of an emergency, meeting basic needs is a challenge. Together with 2,000+ partners around the world, we get new shoes and clothing to people in crisis, freeing up financial resources they can use toward other needs.

Opportunity: Entrepreneurship works.

In 2022, Opportunity entrepreneurs increased their household income by 233%, and either purchased a home or saved toward homeownership through

selling shoes. But the economics are just part of the story in low-income countries, it's difficult to escape poverty because long-term work is scarce. Soles 4 Souls works with like-valued partners in those countries to help people start and grow businesses that sell donated shoes and clothing. In 2022,

Opportunity entrepreneurs increased their household income by 233%, and 92% either purchased a home or saved toward homeownership through selling shoes. But the economics are just part of the story.

Every Kid: No Shirt. No Shoes. No Education.

Give kids in need a brighter fu-

ture by providing a new pair of shoes to children experiencing homelessness this back-to-school season. We believe every child deserves to experience the joy and confidence that comes with a new pair of shoes.

Why give shoes to kids without homes?

While many organizations are focused on the critical needs of food and shelter, school officials tell us shoes are essential for students to succeed in school.

A good pair of shoes can change a child's future. Kids who receive new shoes have more confidence, attend school more regularly, and are more physically active.

RCPC IN ACTION



- **Monday, Oct. 21** - Cook and serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter
- **Sat, Oct. 26, 9:00-11:30** am-North Texas Food Bank. Pack food to be distributed to the hungry. Qs? Ask Susan Glen.
- **All Oct.** Adult coats are needed for Austin Street Center. Put them in the box at lunch.
- **Fri, Nov 15** Club's Annual Mtg

Dentistry With A Heart Recap

from Dr. Michael Rainwater

"Dentistry with a Heart" celebrated its 12th year on October 5th, 2024, treating 26 patients from Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center and Agape Clinic, for basic dental services of extractions, fillings and cleanings. Salvation Army has been a partner with D.W.A.H. from our 1st year and not only helped identify patients but hosted our dental pre-screening on Sept. 30th.

This early screening improved time and patient flow and allowed patients to go directly to their dental chair. Thank you to Javance Johnson and Captain Cheryl Gibson with Salvation Army, Park Cities Rotarians; Fred Brown, Dr.

Michael Rainwater, Pam Carvey and Mary Bishop as the pre screening enabled a great start for the treatment day.

This was the 7th year working at Agape Clinic. This partnership of amazing Agape staff, private practice dentists, hygienists and assistants, along with Park Cities Rotary organizing the event each year, gave patients the dental treatment needed; health vitals were checked and each can return for future care at Agape for medical and dental needs.

Park Cities Rotary volunteers who guided us through the day; Chair - Fred Brown, Karen Farris, Chief Photographer (*cont. on pg 3*)

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Nolan Duck**
 Invocation/ Pledge: **Mary Bishop**
 MarketPlace Advertiser: **Shawn Foster**
 highlighting **Kyle Marmillion**
 Photographer: **Van Oliver**
 Speaker: **Former Mayors Tom Leppert and Mike Rawlins**
 Program: **"Eyes on November: How Did We Get Here and What's Coming?"**



President **Nolan Duck** called the meeting to order. **Mary Bishop** gave the invocation. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner"

President **Nolan** introduced our visitors and guests and then then asked for Happy Bucks. Many of the Happy Bucks focused on the predicted outcome of the Texas-OU game.

Shawn Foster introduced our Market-place Advertiser of the Week, **Kyle Marmillion**, Vice President, Business Insurance Advisor, Partner at McGriff.

PP **Greg Pape** reported that Rotary Clubs all over the southeastern U.S. are working to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. He then asked **Tom Swift** to join him at the podium. PP **Greg** described **Tom** as an incredibly committed Rotarian. Today PP **Greg** confirmed that **Tom** had made the eighth level Paul Harris Fellow.

Jason Graves and Mayor Mike Rawlins drew the raffle ticket. PDG **Richard Gilman** had the winning ticket, but did not win the money. The raffle is currently at \$506.

President **Nolan** introduced our speakers today, former Dallas Mayors **Tom Leppert** and **Mike Rawlins**.



Tom Leppert started by saying that they have a lot in common. **Mike Rawlins** continued by saying that he was a Democrat and "center left," but that **Tom** was a Republican and "center right." As they saw the world, they realized that they had more in common with each other than their own parties. They have been working on a project called "No Labels." No Labels is a bipartisan organization trying to get Demo-

Please remember

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

crats and Republicans to pass common sense agenda items in Congress. It started getting dialed up when the presidential campaign came. They realized that the most likely candidates would be Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Seventy percent of Americans wanted another choice. They started looking for another candidate to bring in if those were the candidates. The polls showed there was a very good chance of a third candidate winning. In the long run, they didn't continue because they didn't want to bring in anyone who didn't have a clear chance to win, and they didn't want to be a spoiler. They said it was fun to work on and to put together a common sense agenda. They realized they agreed on about ninety percent of it, like energy policy, immigration, etc. Those are solvable issues. When you step back and look at the presidential race, one individual participated in no debates and probably has the highest negative rating in the last thirty years. On the other side the candidate got no delegate votes and is probably the least vetted presidential candidate we have had in 150 years. When you ask how we got here, you can never predict history. One of the reasons such a wide division is starting to take place is because of what is happening in the state legislatures. If you are a young person who wants to go into public service, you really have to decide if you want to be a Republican or a Democrat. Less than twenty percent of people vote in the primaries and usually it is the most partisan voters who vote. Then the partisanship gets dialed up on social media. Then the divisions start to take place. This works well for the Republican and Democrat National Committees because they can raise money on the divisions. In Congress today there are only about thirty to fifty competitive seats. There are only six states which have a Republican and a Democrat representing the state in the Senate. A lot of the partisanship is driven by the political parties. George Washington was very concerned about the parties. The big issue influencing elections is who will be the change agent because people are not happy.

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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October						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6	M Pr	M	M	M	Mtg	
13	M	M	BD	M	Mtg	
20	M Mc	M	M	M	Mtg	NTFB
27	M	M	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 Alhilali.
- SP=**Strategic Planning Mtg
- SpE=**Special Service Event
- VA=**Veterna Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Oct. 25 Panel Discussion with HPISD PTOs
Panel Members: Rachel Reed, Bradfield; Tara Cosgrove, Boone; Melinda Smith, UP; Ann Higginbottom, Hyer; Kate Boatright, Armstrong



Nov 1 Cristina Murzin
A family's mission to bridge the gap between tech and law enforcement



Nov 8 TBA
Veterans Day Program



Nov 15 John Ragosta, Historian from Monticello
For the People, For the Country

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

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

THOUGHTS ON . . .

Shoes

I never put on a pair of shoes until I've worn them at least five years.

~ Samuel Goldwyn

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

~ Mark Twain

Every day brings a chance for you to draw in a breath, kick off your shoes, and dance.

~ Oprah Winfrey

The fact is, sometimes it's hard to walk in a single woman's shoes. That's why we need really special ones now and then to make the walk a little more fun.

~ Jenny Bicks

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

You're on your own.

And you know what you know.

And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...

~ Dr. Seuss

Don't throw away your old shoes until you have got new ones.

~ Dutch Proverb

It's no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking.

~ Irish Proverb

RCPC IN ACTION (continued)

Dentistry With A Heart, *continued from first page*

Phillip Bankhead, Paul Hoffmann, Executive Director of Agape Clinic, Ley Waggoner, Richard Stanford, Pam Carvey, Barbara Jeffries, Barbara Marcum, Walt Marcum, Holly Hollenbeck, Jodie Ray, Kacey Lambert, Patsy Watson, Mary Bishop and Michael Rainwater.

Our dentist volunteers were Drs.:

Karl Veasey, Todd Ayars, Martin Kahn, eighth year participating Patrick Wharry, Sarah Kong and Michael Rainwater.

Thank you to our amazing Hygienists: Melissa Gruenwald, Wendi Gray. As always, nothing happens without assistants, Thank you Diana Rodriguez, Kiara Ransom, Beatriz Mata, Nataly Archundia, Maheen Rahman, D.M.D. and Petra van Beveren. Big Thanks to Dora Gonzales coordinating Agape's medical team.

Working with Agape Clinic is always such a blessing and they have a truly a great Team!

\$ 35,690.00 of dentistry accom-

plished improving the lives of our patients and provided an opportunity for all volunteers to make a difference.

Great way to spend a Saturday!!

Book Vending Machine

from Emily Davis, Dallas ISD via Phillip Bankhead

I'm excited to share the video recapping the book vending machine unveiling at Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary! We are so thankful to the Rotary Club of Park Cities and Atmos Energy for bringing this innovative initiative to our students

The links to the video are in the eBulletin. It is a very nice video. Watch it!

Happy Birthday*

Ruth Alhilali	10.18
Tammy Cowser	10.18
Fred Brown	10.20
Scurry Johnson	10.20

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