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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Jeff Brady



Dean Robert Ahdieh

Texas A&M School of Law

Robert Ahdieh is the Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Endowed Dean's Chair; Vice President for Professional Schools & Programs, Texas A&M-Fort Worth Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M University

Robert B. Ahdieh has served as dean of the Texas A&M University School of Law since 2018, in addition to his more recent appointment as the university's Vice President for Professional Schools and Programs as well as Chief Operating Officer for Texas A&M Fort Worth. A graduate of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and Yale Law School, Dean Ahdieh clerked for Judge James R. Browning of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit prior to his selection for the Honors Program of the U.S. Department of Justice.

While still in law school, Dean Ahdieh published a seminal treatment of the constitutional transformation of post-Soviet Russia: *Russia's Constitutional Revolution—Legal Consciousness and the Transition to Democracy*. His work has also appeared in the *Boston University Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *NYU Law Review*, and *Southwestern California Law Review*, among other journals.

Prior to Texas A&M, Dean Ahdieh was the K.H. Gyr Professor of Law at Emory University. During his tenure at Emory, he also served as associate dean of faculty and vice dean. An elected member of the American Law Institute, he has served as a visiting professor at Columbia and Georgetown law schools as well as Princeton and the Institute for Advanced Study.

RCPC IN ACTION



Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon!

• **Sat, Sept. 28**, 9:00-12:00
Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless at Austin Street Center, 1717 Jeffries St, Dallas, 75226
Sign up on the RCIPC website
Qs? Ask Holly Hollenbeck

• **Sat, Oct. 5** - Dentistry With A Heart at Agape Clinic. Qs? Ask Michael Rainwater or Fred Brown

• **Fall Volunteer Day** at the North Texas Food Bank. Qs? Ask Susan Glen.

• **Every third Monday** evening-Cook and serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter

RCPC at Ronald McDonald House from Kathleen Klaviter



^ Here's your proof, if anyone asks, you can cook! We served 55 meals in total, with leftovers for later. Wonderful paprika chicken, roasted sweet potatoes and fresh vegetable pasta salad enjoyed by all. The RCPC volunteers earned a heart felt thanks!

ROTARY INTERNAT'L

Rotary's Impact on Communities through Basic Education and Literacy Projects

from Rotary Service, Sept. 2, 2024

Think about the impact education has on your life. It equips you with knowledge, skills, and the confidence to navigate the world. Now imagine a world where millions lack these basic tools. Education isn't just a privilege, it's a fundamental right. It unlocks opportunities, empowers individuals, and drives progress for entire communities.

Rotary members don't just talk about education, they take action. Their sustainable projects provide teacher training, vocational training teams, integration of technology into classroom curriculum, and adult literacy programs to communities. Their goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Here are just a few examples:

South Africa — Rotary clubs in South Africa and Canada are working together to upgrade and develop the capacity of all 47 Early Childhood Development Centres in the Phillippi Township of Cape Town, South Africa. (continued on page 3)

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

LAST WEEK (8-23-2024)

Presiding: **Nolan Duck**
 Invocation/ Pledge: **Richard Stanford**
 MarketPlace Advertiser: **Mark Neace**
 highlighting **Kathy Wall**
 Photographer: **John Brown**
 Speaker: **Regina Edwards**, DG 5810
 Program: **Plans for District 5810**



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

President **Nolan** asked for Happy Bucks, and then introduced our visitors and guests. Happy news is that PP **Karen Farris** is back following her surgery and that **Jack Carpenter** is back with us after working hard on a designation. Our Title Sponsors for the Parade, Megan and Damon Williamson, who own own a Real Estate group called The Agency. They contributed a lot to the Parade and Fiesta in the Park, and are now joining RCPC. Welcome! Megan explained that their children had always enjoyed the Parade and had many great memor-ies, so they were happy to find a way to give back. They have already committed to be a sponsor next year!

Mark Neace introduced our Market Place Advertiser of the Week, **Kathy Wall**. She brought a video, introducing the members of her agency. **Mark** also reminded advertisers who are renewing to get their renewal in for 2024-25. connection

President **Nolan** reminded everyone to sign up to volunteer for Teams for 2024-25.

DG Regina assisted in picking a ticket for the raffle. The total is up to \$130. **Herb Hammond's** ticket was chosen, but he did not win the money.

President **Nolan** introduced our speaker today, Regina Edwards, District Governor of District 5810. She began by saying that she and her boss always visited RCPC on Valentine's Day for the candy. She said she always enjoys visiting our big, vibrant club. She said that there is a rumor that RI may be discontinuing the annual "themes." This year's theme is "The Magic of Rotary." She showed a video of RI President Stephanie Urchick explaining her theme colors of orange and sky blue. She

Please remember

Laurie Aldredge's husband who is recovering from successful back surgery.

Please let us know your joys and concerns.

explained that orange is the color of change, but blue represents open communication. Together they represent our ability to move together to change ourselves and to change the world. DG Regina explained there are over sixty clubs in our District, with over 2400 Rotarians. It is one of the smallest districts in Rotary. She said that her children have grown up in Rotary, and have accompanied her on many service trips. She said her goal for this year is to form four new clubs and gain a hundred net new members. She said that if RCPC can accomplish starting a Rotaract Club at SMU and an Interact Club at Highland Park HS, that would be half of them. She said that she has some new ideas for gaining membership, including a raffle. She wants to bring increasing membership down to the club level. She said she is a Rotarian because somebody invited her. She believes that the more Rotarians there are, the more projects we can accomplish. She sees Rotary as three concentric circles. members, my community and the world. The four priorities are to increase our impact, by eradicating polio, focusing on programs, and improve our ability to achieve and measure impact. The second goal is to increase our impact, by growing and diversifying our membership, creating new channels into Rotary, increase Rotary's openness and appeal, and to build awareness of our brand and impact. She said we need to bring in younger members to keep our clubs young and fresh. The third goal is to enhance participant enhancement, by supporting clubs to better encourage your members, developing a participant-centered approach to deliver value, offering new opportunities for personal and professional connection, and providing leadership development and skills training. The fourth goal is to increase our ability to adapt, by building a culture of research, innovation and willingness to take risks, streamlining governance, structure and processes, and reviewing governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making. She said she advises clubs to let go of something that is no longer appropriate.

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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September						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
8	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
15	M	Mc	M	BD	Mtg	
22	M	M	M	M	Mtg	Foot Care
29	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 Evtnt- 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=**Veterna Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Sep. 13 **Robert Sullivan**
Dallas Area Rapid Transit



Sep. 20 **Mike Rosa**
Dallas Regional Chamber



Sep. 27 **Thomas Meurer**
The Wild Wild East



Oct. 20 **Brian Lusk and Oswaldo Alvarenga**
DISD Career Institutes

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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 . . .

Laws

The problem with any unwritten law is that you don't know where to go to erase it. ~ **Glaser and Way**

The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread.

~ **Anatole France**

The great can protect themselves, but the poor and humble require the arm and shield of the law.

~ **Andrew Jackson**

The most overlooked advantage to owning a computer is that if they foul up there's no law against wacking them around a little. ~ **Joe Martin**

When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken. ~ **Benjamin Disraeli**

So act that your principle of action might safely be made a law for the whole world. ~ **Immanuel Kant**

Let us consider the reason of the case. For nothing is law that is not reason. ~ **Sir John Powell**

I feel like a fugitive from the law of averages. ~ **William H. Mauldin**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (continued)

'Literacy' continued from page 1

Their goal is to provide children with quality care and support their learning and development. In addition to upgrading the school infrastructure, the project also focuses on improving the skills and qualifications of teachers and caregivers so that the centres become eligible for state support.

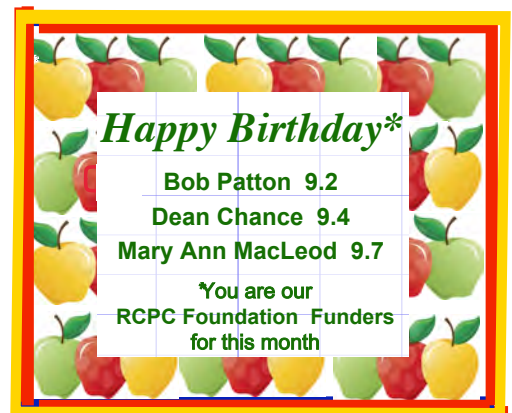
Honduras — Rotary clubs are working together to establish a 21st century school [EK1] on St. Helene in Honduras, in partnership with the Honduran Ministry of Education, the Roatan Intercultural Bilingual Cultural Program, the Municipality of Jose Santos Guardiola, the Helene Village Council, the St. Helene Schools, and administrators with a focus on improving basic education and literacy.

Taiwan — In many parts of rural Taiwan, local resources are not available to provide children with science education, limiting their opportunities for further study at the university level. To address this priority, Rotary clubs in Taiwan and Korea are working together to provide creative science education [EK2]. More than 500 children

have benefited from this project, and over 100 teachers have been trained.

Guatemala — The Guatemala Literacy Project, a partnership between Rotary clubs and the Cooperative for Education, serves more than 170 of the country's lowest-performing middle and secondary schools. It provides teacher training, a low-cost textbook rental program, literacy materials, and computer labs to children in low-income communities. The textbook program, together with intensive teacher training, has helped decrease the student dropout rate by almost half. And more than 80 percent of graduates use their computer skills to further their education or get higher-paying jobs.

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