



# THE HUB

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Richaard Stanford*



## Thomas Meurer The Wild Wild East

Tom Meurer is a retired senior officer and board director of Hunt Consolidated Inc. HCI is a large international private company controlled by Ray L Hunt that includes oil and gas exploration and production, refining, LNG, Real Estate Development, Electrical Power, Private Equity investments and over 500,000 acres of cattle ranches in Arizona, Utah, Wyoming Montana and Texas. Meurer spent 40 years with Hunt, retiring in 2015.

Additionally Meurer spent 7.5 years working for EDS and specifically Ross Perot and further as a corporate board member or trustee for the Perot family interests from 1989 to 2022. He also, since 1985, worked as a trustee for the Hunt Family trusts.

Also he was a trustee for the Perot Museum and a former board member of the Institute for Mideast Studies in Washington DC.

Today, in addition to his fiduciary work for both families, Tom is a board member for the Insitute for Earth and Man at SMU and some other non business boards. He spends his time with his wife Sharon, traveling, writing, reading, wildlife management farming on their farm east of Dallas, fishing in their place in Maznanita, Oregon and fishing in their place on south Padre Island. His hobbies are fishing , farm chores with proper equipment ,and exercise.

### RCPC IN ACTION



• **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, 8:00am-3:00pm. Qs? Ask Michael Rainwater or Fred Brown. See pg 3.

• **Mon, Oct. 14, 6:00pm.** RCPC Program Team Meeting at Moody YMCA, Bring your ideas for GREAT programs.

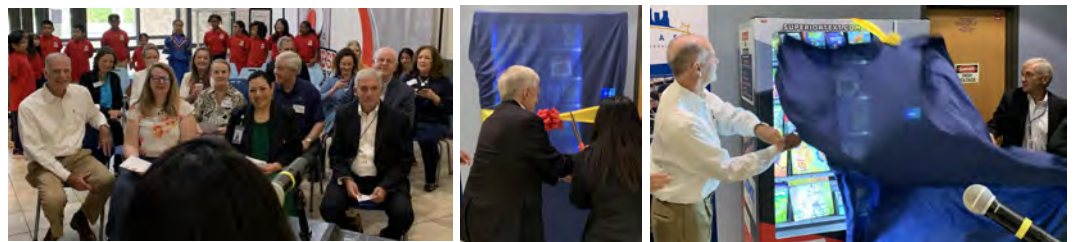
• **Monday, Oct. 21** - Cook and serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter

• **Sat, Oct. 26** - North Texas Food Bank. Pack food to be distributed to the hungry. Qs? Ask Susan Glen. See page 3!

### **Legacy of Leadership Capstone Project, A Book Vending Machine at Jack Lowe, Sr. Elementary School**

*from Phillip Bankhead*

The latest Legacy of Leadership cohort chose as their Capstone Project to place a Bool Vending Machine in Jack Lowe, Sr. Elem. School. They partnered with Atmos Energy (Thank you, Susan Harris), Dallas Education Foundation, the North Texas Food Bank (books on hunger and educational material on nutrition), and United To Learn. Dan Micciche, Trustee, Dallas ISD District 3, was among the speakers and helped cut the ribbon. The students will earn tokens to get books.



The Book Vending Machine! Wow!

Some Sponsors: RCPC, Atmos, NTFB

"We Love To Read"

Jack Lowe, Sr. Owls + STEM



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

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: PE **Sara Oliai**  
 Invocation/ Pledge: **Cub Amos**  
 MarketPlace Advertiser: **Mary Bishop**  
 highlighting **Pat Martin**  
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**  
 Speaker: **Mike Rosa**,  
 Program: **Dallas Regional Chamber**



PE **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. She asked all the new members to stand and then asked the members to greet each other.

**Cub Amos** gave the invocation. Joys today were that PP **Rod Pirtle** and **Rob Levy** were back with us today. PP **Rod** quipped that he was ninety years old, but still younger than **C.C. Collie**. **Cub** then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner."

PE **Sarah** introduced our visitors and guests and then then asked for Happy Bucks. **Mary Bishop** introduced our MarketPlace Advertiser of the Week, **Pat Martin** and *People Newspapers*.

PP **Phillip Bankhead** said that on Tuesday they had had the unveiling of the Book Vending Machine at Jack Lowe Sr. Elem. School. This is the most recent Legacy of Leadership Cohort's Capstone Project. He said the school had a nice ceremony. He thanked the NTFB who contributed books and inserts on nutrition. He thanked **Susan Harris** for the collaboration with Atmos Energy. He also thanked the RCPC Foundation for their funding and encouraged members to keep donating to our Foundation. he said the principal is very dynamic and will be hoping to involve RCPC in other ways in the future.



**Kacey Lambert** gave a Membership Minute. She said that each of joined because someone introduced us to this network of service and fellowship. Her uncle introduced her. She said she is from a long line of Rotarians, She encouraged everyone to invite someone to Rotary. Every new member brings new ideas, energy and commitment.



PP **Richard Stanford** ticket was drawn in the raffle, but he did not win the money. The total is up to \$317.00.

PE **Sarah** announced that the RCPC Foundation had met in August and had approved a

### Please remember

**Susan Glen** has been diagnosed with early stage breast cancer.

*Please let us know your joys and concerns.*

\$2000 grant to Austin Street Center to help fund the Foot Care Clinic, a \$2500 grant to Agape Clinic to help fund Dentistry With a Heart, a \$5000 grant to Ronald McDonald House to help buy the food for the meals RCPC serves once a month, and \$7,500 to the NTFB which will held for matching funds. She emphasized that it is the donations of our members that funds these grants.

**Jeff Brady** introduced our speaker today, **Mike Rosa**, the Senior Vice President for Economic Development for the Dallas Regional Chamber. He started by saying he began with the Chamber in 1988. The DFW Greater Region is the fourth largest metropolitan area. The growth has been consistent for forty or fifty years. The driving forces to the growth have been the water supply, DFW Airport, talent and availability of workers, infrastructure and land. If we drove around Dallas-Ft Worth, it is about 300 miles. There are thirty-eight states that do not have as many people as DFW. There are twenty-two states that do not have a city as big as Arlington. Ft .Worth would be the largest city in forty-two states. In the last five years DFW has gained over 500,000 jobs, the most in the country. The headquarters of twenty-two Fortune 500 companies are in DFW. He said if the economy stays as it is, people want to be here. The economy of DFW mimics the country's economy. The cities of Dallas and Fort Worth are still doing well. Of the 372 corporate announcements, eighty-five of them went to Dallas. DFW has many strengths, a diverse corporate base, a large talent base including tech, universities, and it is a desirable and affordable place to live. Thirty years from now the companies in DFW will be different; the technology will be different. An economy should not be based only on things that will not grow into the future. Talent and electricity are among the factors that insure growth into the future. DFW, Houston, Austin and San Antonio form the \$1.8 Trillion "Texas Triangle." DFW has 33% of Texas tech and 31% of Texas manufacturing jobs.



### 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  
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October						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		M	M	M	Mtg	DWAH
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 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 Alhilali.**
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**
- SpE=Special Service Event**
- VA=Veterans Support**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Sep. 27 **Brian Lusk and Oswaldo Alvarenga DISD Career Institutes**



Oct. 4 **Mike Rawlings and Tom Leppert TBA**



Oct. 11 **Laura Marek, Senior Director, Soles 4 Souls Turning Shoes and Clothing into Opportunities**



Oct. 18 **Panel Discussion with HPISD PTOs**  
**Panel Members:** Rachel Reed, Bradfield; Tara Cosgrove, Boone; Melinda Smith, UP; Ann Higginbottom, Hyer; Kate Boatright, Armstrong

## 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...

### Adventure

An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered. ~ **G. K. Chesterton**

Adventure is just bad planning. ~ **Roald Amundsen**

We owe something to extravagance, for thrift and adventure seldom go hand in hand. ~ **Jennie Jerome Churchill**

Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature.... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. ~ **Helen Keller**

You must pray that the way be long, full of adventures and experiences. ~ **Constantine Peter Cavafy**

I am not an adventurer by choice but by fate. ~ **Vincent van Gogh**

The most beautiful adventures are not those we go to seek. ~ **Robert Louis Stevenson**

It is only in adventure that some people succeed in knowing themselves - in finding themselves. ~ **Andre Gide**

Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly. ~ **Voltaire**

## RCPC IN ACTION (continued)

### Dentistry With A Heart

**Saturday, October 5th, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Agape Clinic.** 4104 Junius St, Dallas 75246

The Rotary Club of Park Cities is very proud to sponsor the 12th Dentistry With A Heart event. Dr. Michael Rainwater will coordinate the efforts of several dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and dental students to provide the actual dental services. **We need your help with set up, registration and patient coordination and movement.** We will be providing free dental care to more than 40 patients in East Dallas.

### HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

#### Proposed New Members

**Tom Bright**

Type of Membership: Individual  
Classification: Manufacturing  
Proposed by **Kathy Wall**

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### North Texas Food Bank RCPC Volunteer Packing Day!

**Saturday, October 26, 9:00 to 11:30 am**

Join us to "Fight Hunger" in our community! We are sorting and packing, produce and non-perishable food, for distribution at local Food Pantries! Sign up on RCPC website.



### Happy Birthday\*

Jill Jordan 9.22

Laurie Aldredge 10.3

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