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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Farshad Marzban



Michael E. Etcheson

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

Michael Etcheson is an entrepreneur, community advocate, and Executive Relations Manager with the Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP), where he works to build relationships and create opportunities that support second chances and successful reentry.

Michael's journey is one of transformation and purpose. After spending five years incarcerated, he returned home determined to build a different future, not only for himself, but for his children, grandchildren, and the communities he serves. Since his release, Michael has earned an associate's degree in business, built a successful entrepreneurial career, and dedicated himself to helping others recognize that their past does not have to define their future.

Michael is also the Founder of C.R.E.A.M. Luxury Coffee, a premium coffee company built around the belief that business can be a vehicle

for positive change. Through C.R.E.A.M. he combines entrepreneurship with community impact and uses his own story to encourage others to pursue purpose, ownership, and opportunity.

Michael's commitment to serving others has also been recognized through three community impact awards for his work and contributions to the community.

A father of five and grandfather of four, Michael is passionate about leaving a legacy of purpose and showing others what is possible when someone is given an opportunity to make a fresh start.

His personal philosophy is simple: "To be somebody to somebody." Through his work, speaking, and entrepreneurship, Michael strives to live that out by creating opportunities, building relationships, and helping others see what their next chapter can look like.

from PEP.org

The goal is not to produce as many entrepreneurs as possible. The goal is transformation.

PEP utilizes the instruction of entrepreneurship as a vehicle for transformation, whether a person becomes one or not.

You might say entrepreneurship is not a noun so much as it is a verb - a way of thinking - in work and in life.

PEP's model is not a collection of standalone services but a single, connected journey.

RCPC IN ACTION

Reminder! Bring to the 9/28 Noon meeting travel size toiletries, OTC cold/allergy/pain meds, bars of soap, shower shoes, sandwich bags

Saturday, Sept. 26. 9:00-11:30 am. **Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless** at Austin Street Center 1717 Jeffries St. Dallas, 75226 **Volunteers are needed** for various tasks. Sign up on RCPC website. Qs? Ask Holly McKasson

Monday, Oct. 19, 4:00pm. Make dinner for families at **Ronald McDonald House**, 4707 Bengal St Dallas, 75235..Sign up on the RCPC website to book online. Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter

Save The Date! NTFB Volunteer Packing Day! Saturday. Oct 17, 9:00-11:30 am For information contact: Susan Glen

Thursday, Oct 22 5:30pm-7:30pm **Pints for Polio.** Joint meeting with Dallas RC at the White Rock Boat Club, 340 East Lawther, Dallas 75218. Pizza, Pints and Raffle s to raise funds toward our fight against Polio. Tickets are \$35/person. **If you have items to add to the Raffle, let Rene Santana know and she will be sure they are added.** Qs? Ask Rene

Remember: Lunch price change!

\$25 for Lunch

\$13 Not to eat

Don't forget to buy your Raffle Tickets! (still the same price!)



District 5810

Sat, Oct. 24, 10:00am. World's Largest Polio Walk to End Polio Now at Brookhaven Main Campus Registration \$25 on District website

Rotary Youth Exchange Information Meeting, this Sat, Sept. 26 at 11:00 am at the Art-Centre of Plano, 902 E 16th St, Plano, TX 75074. We'll be sharing information about Rotary's Long-Term Youth Exchange and Summer Short-Term Exchange programs, including how the programs work, costs, the application process, destinations, and what students and families can expect. Open to students, parents, Rotarians, non-Rotarians, prospective -->

Remember! You Can Still Donate to the NTFB Peanut Butter Drive! Use this QR Code so RCPC gets credit for the donation. \$1 = 1 jar.



host families, or anyone curious about Rotary Youth Exchange. You do not need to be a Rotary member or have a child applying to attend.

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

LAST WEEK (August 28)

Presiding: President **Mark Kashar**
 Invocation and Pledge: **Marshall Weaver**
 Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Pres. **Mark**
 Advertiser of the Week: PP **Nolan Duck** and DBG
 Advisors
 Photographer: PP **Ley Waggoner**
 Speakers: **Bruce LeVine**
 Program: "The Dallas Stars"



President **Mark Kashar** called the meeting to order - back at Maggano's! **Marshall Weaver** gave the invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner."

President **Mark** asked for Happy Bucks. He then introduced our visitors and guests, including some possibly new members of RCPC.

Mark Neace introduced our MarketPlace Advertiser of the Week, PP **Nolan Duck**, CEO of DBG Advisers.

PP **Greg Pape** remarked on the goals of the Rotary International Foundation. To date through the contributions from members of local Rotary clubs, the RI Foundation has funded \$4 Billion in sustainable, life-saving projects around the world. RCPC has thirty-four members who donate \$100 or more every year.



Of these twenty-five donate \$1000 every year. He then called **Dean Chance**, **Herb Hammond**, and Pres. **Mark Kashar** to award them their third-level Paul Harris Fellow pins.



PP **Richard Stanford** introduced new member **Tim Pugliese**. He noted that for the last five years Tim has been a photographer at the Fourth of July Parade. He is a member of the Highland Park Methodist Church and works in advertising and marketing.

Pres. **Mark** made several announcements about upcoming events, including that he had tickets to give away for the SMU-Boston College football game on October 5 and that the club's Annual Meeting would be at the Regular Lunch Meeting on November 20. At that time the vote will be taken on the slate of officers for 2027-28.

He then called for the raffle. Currently, it is worth \$825, **Ruth Alhilali** held the winning ticket

Please remember

Let us know your concerns.

but did not win the raffle.

President **Mark** introduced our speaker today, **Bruce LeVine**, to speak on "The Dallas Stars." He said he wanted to start with something not hockey-related. Winning a championship is not really the most important thing. It is not going to happen for 95% of students. To win a championship a team must have skill, talent and luck! Do you enjoy being a fan? That is the joy. Only one team wins the Stanley Cup at the end. When was the last time your college team won a championship? Having been in the business, he knows you should enjoy the wins, but then move on. The Dallas Stars should win another Stanley Cup. It is not easy to keep a winning hockey team. Sometimes the pieces don't all fit together. They have never been better in the last four years than now. This a good, talented team. They finished third in the last season. Talking about luck; the players must stay healthy. Last year seven players were injured. Then the Olympics happened. The Stars had nine players in the Olympics, and some got injured in the Olympics. They have some good players coming back, but you can't predict if they will stay healthy. This is a tight knit team. Last year the team scored 115 points. That is good. It is an exciting time to be Stars fan. Come check the team out. We hope they stay healthy. The goal is to win the Stanley Cup. Remember to enjoy the ride. No matter what the team does, enjoy the ride. He said the road to the Stanley Cup is full of twists and turns more than any other sport. It is very grueling. It is partly about wearing the other team down. It helps to have been in the play-offs before. The Stars are committed to five more years in Dallas. The Stars and the Mavericks might move in 2031. What will Dallas look like in 2041? Where will there be a fan base? It's the long term success of where the market will be. All Teams have to look to the future. He was asked what players to watch. He said Wyatt Johnson is a young player to watch. He will do whatever it takes. He might make score 20 to 25 goals. However, the Stars don't want to just make goals; they believe they have to play defense to win.



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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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		M	M	M	NO Mtg	
6	M	M	M	M	Mtg NTFB	Dist
13	F	M	M	BD	Mtg	
20	M	M	M	M	Mtg	Foot Care
27	M	M	M			

A=Agape Health Serv Day

F=Bonton Farm

BD = Brd of Dirs Mtg, 8am

CC=Crossroads Com.

PC =PCR Connect Event.

CP=Childs Play Work Mtg-

D=ctric 5810 Event

DH=Dentistry with a Heart-

FF=Fellowship Event

FF=RCPC Foundation

Fund Mtg- Ed Fjordbak

FC= Foot Care Clinic

FB=NTFB Event-Susan Glen I

CM=Cafe Momentum

LL=Legacy of Leadership

M=Meals On Wheels-JimWeichel

various days and times

Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS

various days and times

Mc=RonaldMcDonaldHouse

1x/mo-KathleenKlaviter

NM=NewMemberEvent

Pr=ProgramCommittedMtg

RL=Readers2Leaders-vatus

days, times- Rob Levy

Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.

SP=Strategic Planning Mtg

SpE=Special Service Event

VA=Veterans Support-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Oct. 9 Lauren Mariel
Live Love Pop



Oct. 16 Bart Slowik
The State of AI in DFW: What's Real,
What's Hype, What's Next



Oct. 23 Timothy Hise
United to Learn



Oct. 03 DG Mike Callahan
District Governor Official Visit

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



#PeopleOfAction



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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 Jack Carpenter.

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...

Hope

I hope that while so many people are out smelling the flowers, someone is taking the time to plant some.

~ Herbert Rappaport

Nothing is as simple as we hope it will be.

~ Jim Horning

Hope is tomorrow's veneer over today's disappointment.

~ Evan Esar

Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better. ~ King Whitney Jr.

Whoever does not love his work cannot hope that it will please others.

~ Unknown

What we hope ever to do with ease we may learn first to do with diligence.

~ Samuel Johnson

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

~ Robert H. Goddard

A sailor without a destination cannot hope for a favorable wind.

~ Leon Tec

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Thank You from Envision Dallas Foundation

August 28, 2026

Rotary Club of Park Cities

Attn: Eric Harrison

Dear Eric:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Park Cities for your donation of \$5,000 and your continued support of our mission. Your contribution fuels our work and allows us to make a positive difference in the lives of the 150,000 people in North Texas who are blind or visually impaired.

Because of your support, Envision has provided tools and resources to people who are blind or visually impaired (BVI) so that they can not only adapt to a world with vision loss, but thrive in it.

Thanks to supporters like you, Envision can press forward with out commitment to

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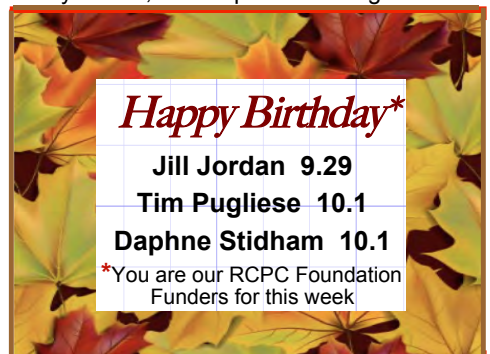
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Thank you again for walking alongside us as we build our mission services in North Texas. We are deeply grateful for your trust and generosity. Together we are making a profound difference.

Warmly,

Abby Lautin, Development Manager



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