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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Karen Farris*



### Stephanie Bohan Hope Cottage

Stephanie Bohan is a proven nonprofit leader with more than 24 years of senior management and fundraising experience, Stephanie Bohan's decades of service reflect her commitment to the transformative power of community in areas of healthcare, social-services, and social justice.

Stephanie serves as the CEO of Hope Cottage, one of North Texas' most established family services agencies. In her time at Hope Cottage, Stephanie has spearheaded CeCe's Place, Hope Cottage's Maternal Medical Clinic that integrates social services and healthcare for underserved women in North Texas; exponentially expanded Hope Cottage's Parenting Support Program, including weekly Flourishing Fridays prenatal education classes; and successfully fundraised six figure surpluses.

In 2024, Ms. Bohan was honored with DCEO's Leadership

Excellence Award for Midsized Nonprofits, a testament to her legacy in establishing Hope Cottage as a hub of strategic partnership for community organizations across DFW.

Stephanie's belief in faithful service is inspired, in part, through her membership of the Park Cities Rotary Club in Dallas, from which she received the Club's Cleve Clinton Community Collaborator Award in 2018, as well as her Master's in Ministry from Perkins School of Theology. Stephanie lives Hope Cottage's tagline that "loving families grow here" at home and at work, and she lives with her husband, Michael McGinnis, and their four cats and one dog.

[www.hopecottage.org](http://www.hopecottage.org)

The Hope Cottage Mission: To transform lives with the love of family through adoption, foster care, education, and parenting support.



### Change the Date! North Texas Food Bank Volunteer Packing Day

**Saturday, October 25th, 9:00am-11:30am** at North Texas Food Bank, The sign up form will be available in September. Qs? Ask Susan Glen.



**Monday, Sept. 15, 4:00-6:45 pm** Prepare and serve dinner for the parents of ill children staying at **Ronald McDonald House, 4707 Bengal St., Dallas, 75235** Qs? Ask Kathleen Klaviter

**Friday, Sept. 26.** We will pack the foot care and misc. care packets at the regular RCPC lunch meeting.--> -->

### Save the Date!

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30 to 11:30am Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless at Austin Street Center, 1717 Jefferies St., Dallas** Qs? Ask Holly McKasson

### Save the Date

**Saturday, October 18 Dentistry With a Heart** Volunteers needed to assist with clients. More details coming soon. Qs? Ask PP Fred Brown

### Items Needed for Footcare Clinic at Austin Street

*from Holly McKasson*

### Please sign up to Volunteer for the Clinic!

Foot care clinic for the homeless at the Austin Street Center on Sat., Sept. 27, 9:30 to 11:30am, 1717 Jefferies St., Dallas.

### Please bring to Rotary meetings to donate to the care kits:

- over-the-counter cold medicines
- non-drowsy allergy medicine
- Tylenol
- sandwich bags
- travel-size laundry detergent
- travel-size toiletries\*
- razors,
- bars of soap\*
- shower shoes
- new pairs of socks

\* \*Unopened miniature toiletries from hotels can be included.

**Bring items to the RCPC Noon Meeting on Friday, Sept. 26.** We will be packing the foot care and miscellaneous care packets at the regular Rotary lunch meeting. There will be time for lunch, and there will be a speaker from Austin Street Center. We will pack the packets during the speaker.

A new **Legacy of Leadership** class will be starting soon. If you have not taken part, consider signing up. They will meet for eight morning sessions. The goal is to learn about team building and team leadership within the club and community. Qs? Ask PP Cleve Clinton

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

## SOEIT WEEK

President **Sarah Oliai**  
**Phillip Bankhead**  
**Mark Neace**  
**Scott McLaughlin** and  
**Vista Bank**  
 Photographer: **Susan Glen**  
**Mark Rawlings**  
**The Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells"**

President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. **Phillip Bankhead** gave the invocation. He reported that former RCPC member **Hank Gaines** has passed away, [See the box at the top of the right column.] He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner".

President **Sarah** asked for Happy Bucks. **PP Doug Means** reported that his great granddaughter who was born three months premature is now home and doing well. Great news!

Among our guests today was the Assistant District Governot for our club, Gary Kindley and soon-to-be member **Renee Santana**.

**Mark Neace** introduced our Maeket Place advertiser of the Week, Vista Bank, represented by **Scott McLaughlin**. A short video was shown, emphasizing Vista Bank's long history supporting Texas's entrepreneurs

President **Sarah** called for the Raffle. The raffle is now worth \$223.00. The holder of the winning ticket did not win the raffle.

President **Sarah** reminded us to start collecting items for the Footcare Clinic for the Homeless. [See Front Page for needed items.] The miniature toiletries from hotels can be included. She explained that the meeting on Friday, Sept. 26 would be a service meeting; we would come and have lunch as usual, and a speaker from Austin Street Center would give an informal presentation. Meanwhile, members would fill care packets for the Footcare Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 27. Members are encouraged to volunteer to take part in handing out the packets, socks and shoes on Saturday, as well.

President **Sarah** introduced our speaker today, Mark Rawlings, who is spearheading the constructive restoration of the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells. He started by saying he became involved with the Baker in 2008 to see if it could be restored or not. He and a

### Please remember and keep them in your prayers.

The funeral for **Hank Gaines** will be held on Wednesday, September 10th, at Highland Park UMC in the Cox chapel at 1:00pm  
**PDG C.C. Collie** is on hospice care. Hospice care can last up to six months or more. He would welcome phone calls.  
**Cindy Cummings** remains at C.C. Young.  
 Please let us know your concerns.

partner decided to undertake the restoration, but getting the funding for it was the worst part of the puzzle. They got the funding together in 2019, and they bought the hotel. Then COVID hit, and the banks backed out. The banks saw that hotels were closing. They kept working using their own money and friends' private equity. Now the banks have approved their loans. They keep making progress, but are waiting for the money from the loans to contract for the air conditioning, electrical and plumbing. He said you have to tear things down to get rid of the uglies before you can put the pretties back up again. The hotel was abandoned in 1972. The people who abandoned it just left the debris there. The day they bought it, they brought sledge hammers to start the cleaning process. Nine hundred and seventy-two rolloffs later, they had a clean hotel. They have found a lot of artifacts and historic "treasures" as they have cleaned out the building. People have also donated artifacts back to them. They have cataloged them, with all their parts all and stored them in special rooms. They are working with the Texas Historic Commission and will have displays in the lobby when the hotel is finished. Much of it will be reused in the future. They have especially found a lot of light fixtures. They have found deposit boxes out of the spa and a valet door. The guest doors had a cabinet door on either side. You put your dirty clothes in at night and someone picked up from the hall side of the door and brought it back clean and pressed by morning. They wouldn't meet fire code now. They found a lot of the plasterwork from the ceilings. They found a ticket booth that they will repurpose to use as the cash transaction booth in the museum and gift shop. They have 848 doors, cataloged by size and way they swing,

(continued on next page.)

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 INSPIRE tomorrow's leaders with a high ethical standards  
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 TM Meals On Wheels- various days and times  
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Sept. 12 **Brad Schwall, CEO - The Center**  
"Caring Conversations - how communities can heal and thrive, one conversation at a time"



Sept. 19 **Jeff Karcher**  
The Texas Stock Exchange



Sept. 26 **Club Service Day**  
Packets for the Foot Care Clinic



Oct. 3 **Sue Gover Lee - Dallas Genealogical Society**  
"Finding YOUR Roots"

## 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...

### Babies

The more people have studied different methods of bringing up children the more they have come to the conclusion that what good mothers and fathers instinctively feel like doing for their babies is the best after all.

~ Benjamin Spock

Some things I never learned to like. I didn't like to kiss babies, though I didn't mind kissing their mothers.

~ Pierre Trudeau

Anyone who uses the phrase 'easy as taking candy from a baby' has never tried taking candy from a baby.

~ Unknown

That's the miracle of babies, their ability to lay bare the tender, beating hearts of raging assholes.

~ Heather Armstrong

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer.

~ Will Rogers

People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.

~ Leo J. Burke

## MEETING NOTES *continued*

"Baker Hotel" *continued*

which they will repurpose. The original grand piano has been donated back to them. It was in forty pieces, has been restored and went into private hands. Eighty-eight of the original sinks will be used in public areas and some of the historic guest rooms. They found an industrial potato peeler and a very large desktop printer. They have pulled all the wire out of the conduit and replaced it with strings with labels on each end to tell where it goes and where it ends. They have redesigned the electrical system to use the existing conduit so they won't need to have conduit on the outside of the walls, which would interfere with the pretties. When the hotel was built, the town did not have a power grid, so the hotel had to generate their own electricity. In the basement are the steam boiler, the generator and the refrigeration pump. They had their own wells and burned their own trash. The cypress wood washing machine and the centrifugal spinners which were separate. There will be retail, a restaurant, a salon and the museum on the ground floor. On the lobby level is the ball room with balconies

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that overlook it. It will be great for weddings. The ballroom can accommodate seven hundred people. On the mezzanine level will be a lounge area where you can work on your laptop in the daytime and sit and listen to music while you have drinks and snacks in the evening. There will be a fully functional spa on the whole second floor. He has doubled the size of the rooms by combining two rooms into one, and has combined two bathrooms to make one nice sized bathroom. There was a gym on the tenth floor, but he is converting that to a smaller ballroom that will hold about seventy-five. He is also creating some smaller conference rooms. He wants to restore the hotel to its original beauty. He anticipates it will open in about three years.



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