



# THE HUB

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*Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948*

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

*Program Chair of the Day: Jack Carpenter*



## Tom Washington

### America 250: The Washington Family

Thomas R. Washington is a 11-generation direct descendant of John Washington, "the Immigrant", who was the first Washington to travel to the New World arriving 1657 on the Potomac River in the "Seahorse of London". George Washington, the Father of Our Country, is Tom's 8th great granduncle. Tom is married to Vivian Washington since 1982 and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Tom and Vivian arrived in Texas in 1982 from Wisconsin.

Tom is a retired Certified Public Accountant and current Texas Real Estate Broker specializing in Commercial Real Estate. Tom has worked with two Big Eight public Accounting Firms, a locally based International Airline Carrier, and in the Real Estate Industry with local development companies. Tom was also a partner in five different businesses in Telecommunications, Property Management, the Travel Industry, Engineering Software Distribution and Rapid Prototype Equipment Distribution. These companies all had successful exits over a 17-year period. The Telecommunications company won a Top Ten Dallas 100, a Pacesetters 25, and

a Fast Tech 50 award in 1997/

Tom is a registered member of the following Genealogical Societies:

- The National Society of Washington Family Descendants, Inc.
- Order of the Crown of Charlamagne
- Jamestowne Society
- The Order of The Founders and Patriots of America
- Sons of the American Revolution
- General Society of Colonial Wars

John Washington was George Washington's great grandfather through his eldest son, Lawrence Washington. Lawrence Washington married Mildred Warner in 1689 at Warner Hall in Virginia. Their son, Augustine Washington (George Washington's father) who was born in 1694 at Bridges Creek, married Mary Ball as his 2nd wife in 1731.

Augustine and Mary Ball had George, their first child, in 1732. Their fourth child was John Augustine Washington, who is Gerge's full brother and Tom's 8th great grandfather.

#### *It's 2026!*

Six volunteers needed for **Meals on Wheels**. Ask **Jim Weichel** about details and times available.

Sat., Jan. 31: **Strategic Planning Session** in the morning (8:30-Noon) at the Meeting Place, 13612 Midway Rd #601, Dallas, TX 75244 (at Alpha and Midway)

Thurs, Feb. 12, 6:00-7:30 pm, **Wine and Chocolate Tasting** at Total Wine and More, 9350 N Central Exp, Dallas, 75231

Beginning in January the cost for lunch will be \$22.00 and for non-eaters will be \$7.00

#### *District 5810\*

Tues, Feb. 10, 2026, 5:00pm – 7:30pm. **Rotary Means Business** Social Networking Event at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75287. Network Like Only A Rotarian Can!

Thurs, Feb. 12. Join us for the 2026 **Foundation Gala**. at Prestonwood Country Club  
- There will be a silent auction with many items you will want.  
- The Richardson Symphony String Quartet will be our evening's musical entertainment.  
- Your **\$125 ticket price** includes a \$50 personal donation to the Rotary Foundation, in your name.  
**For registration details**, see the eBulletin.

#### **The Fourth of July is Just Around the Corner** *from Jill Jordan*

**Please email your best idea to Jill Jordan by Fri, Jan. 30**

It's now 2026 and time to kick off the preparations for the 2026 4th of July parade. Our first task is to select a theme for this year's parade. So, put on your thinking caps and get creative as to what the theme should be!

Submitted ideas will be shortlisted to get to the best of the best ideas. Once a shortlist is made, club members will vote at a meeting on which theme will be the winner to become this year's theme.

To help you think through ideas, recent parade themes have been:

2019 Let Freedom Ring!

2020 Stars, Stripes, and Service

2021 United We Stand

2022 Together We Serve 2023 Freedom to Serve

2024 Red, White and You 2025 America the Beautiful

Remember, too, that this year will be our country's 250th birthday.

Alan and I are also looking for volunteers to help with pre-parade planning activities. All club members are supposed to help with the parade, so if you know that you will be out of town for July 4th, volunteering for the parade planning tasks is a great way to help out. If you are interested in helping, contact either Alan or myself. Jill=jajh214@gmail.com, Alan=awinn@awinnlaw.com

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## LAST WEEK

Presiding: President **Sarah Oliai**  
 Invocation and Pledge: **Paul Pirk**  
 Advertiser of the Week: None this week  
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**  
 Speaker: **Kevin Randles**, Executive Director  
 Program: **"Camp John Marc"**

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President **Sarah Oliai** called the meeting to order. PP **Paul Pirok** gave the Invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. President Sarah introduced our visitors and guests.

PE **Mark Kashar** introduced **Bud Naifeh** and Josephine Bryan, facilitator of the grant to the Philippines 3D Printer Project.



The grant will help provide 3D printers and related machinery for Makerspace labs in six Dumaguete City public senior high schools which will support a new Empowerment Technology course at these schools. The initiative is being spearheaded by the Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the Department of Education – Dumaguete, as well as the University of the Philippines. The University of the Philippines trained 25 teachers in the practical application of 3D printers and how to integrate the course into the schools' curriculum. The project hopes to equip lower income Filipino high school students with a leading-edge technical skill which will allow them the opportunity to get high paying jobs.

President **Sarah** reminded everyone to submit their best ideas for the theme for the Fourth of July Parade by next Friday, Jan 30. She also announced that the Farmers Branch

*Please remember and keep them in your prayers.*

*Please let us know your concerns.*

Rotary Club has disbanded. She encouraged RCPC members to invite the members of the disbanded club to join our c;ub.

*Unfortunately, there is no video of today's program so there is no detailed recap of the meeting, but the following information was excerpted from the website for Camp John Marc.*



Our speaker today was Kevin Randles, Executive Director of Camp John Marc.

The mission of Camp John Marc is to "inspire confidence for life through high-quality camping programs for children, teens, and families. Year round programming and specialized camp facilities are uniquely designed in partnership with Dallas-Fort Worth area pediatric hospitals, community volunteers, and health organizations who are dedicated to serving campers living with chronic medical and physical challenges. The dignity of each camper is nurtured at Camp John Marc as well as in the community through its outreach programs.

Camp John Marc is committed to making the camp experience a safe experience. All staff and volunteers are carefully screened, selected and trained. The camp medical team is the same medical team that cares for the camper year-round at their home hospital or doctor's office. Risk management principles are strictly followed, and emergency procedures are regularly reviewed and practiced.

They also believe every camper should feel safe while they are at camp. At the beginning of each week-long camp, they have an age-appropriate safety conversation in which they share our policies and procedures and empower campers to speak up if something feels unsafe or not right.

Risk Management plays an important role in maintaining a safe camp environment. Every Camp John Marc staff member commits to following a set of Risk Management Principles that include responsibilities such as knowing exactly who is coming to an activity and inspecting all equipment before each use. Reviewing each camper's medical notes is also an important part of CJM Risk Management.

## 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  
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## UNITE FOR GOOD

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February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
8	M	M	FF Dist	M	M F Dist	Mtg
15	M	Mc	M	M	BD	Mtg
22	M	M	M	M	Mtg	

- A=Agape Health Serv Day**
- BD= Bld 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**
- FC= Foot Care Clinic**
- FB=NTFB Event-Susan Glen I**
- CM=Cafe Momentum**
- LL=Legacy of Leadership**
- M= Meals On Wheels- Jim Weichel various days and times**
- Mn= Mentoring at Hillcrest HS various days and times**
- Mc=RonaldMcDonaldHouse 1 x/mo-Kathleen Klaviter**
- NM=New Member Event**
- Pr= Program CommitteeMtg**
- RL=Readers2Leaders-various days, times- Rob Levy**
- Rct=Rotaract- Ruth Alhilali.**
- SP=Strategic Planning Mtg**
- SpE=Special Service Event**
- VA=Veterans Support-**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Feb 6 Yolanda Walker  
The Vision for Texas A&M Ft Worth



Feb 13 Dave Tanner  
TBA



Feb 20 Glenna Hecht  
How Old Are You Today?



Feb 27 Glynis Worthington, EdD  
Pickleball

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



#PeopleOfAction



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#goodthingshappeneonfridays

## THOUGHTS ON . . .

### The Words of George Washington

It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one, in a letter to his niece Harriet Washington, October 30, 1791

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

There is no restraining men's tongues or pens when charged with a little vanity.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

Our cause is noble; it is the cause of mankind!

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### Life-saving training in Rajshahi

By Md. Hemayatul Islam Arif, past president of the Rotary Club of Rajshahi Central, Bangladesh

Excerpted from Rotary 360., Jan.27, 2026

I've always believed that the best Rotary projects are the ones that meet a community's most urgent needs head-on. The Rotary Club of Rajshahi Central, in collaboration with the Rajshahi Mohila Technical Training Centre (TTC), hosted a vocational training workshop to train 50 women on snake identification, rescue, and bite treatment.

Lately, our region has faced a new threat. Floods have been carrying a particularly dangerous snake, the Russell's Viper, from the Farakka Dam region into local communities. The risk of encounters has skyrocketed, and fear and misinformation can be as dangerous as the snakes themselves.

Members of the Rotary club decided to empower people with knowledge. The energy at the Mohila TTC campus was incredible. You could see the determination on the trainees' faces. They were there to learn skills that could literally save a life — perhaps their own or a neighbor's.

### HE WHO LAUGHS LASTS

I was wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger, then it hit me !.

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Md. Abu Saeed, a snake specialist from Dhaka, gave practical, easy-to-understand advice. He taught them how to:

- Identify common snakes, distinguishing between venomous and non-venomous types.
- Safely rescue a snake without harming it or themselves.
- Apply crucial first-aid steps for a snake bite before professional medical help can be reached.

This project is a perfect example of Rotary's core mission. It was a collaborative effort that addressed a public health crisis.

*Happy Birthday\**

	Richard Jodry 1.30
	Nolan Duck 2.01

\*You are our RCPC Foundation Funders for this month

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