



THE HUB

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Serving to Make a Difference Since 1948

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Barb Jeffries

Howard Fitch* New Member Speech Day



New Members Introduce Themselves Experienced Members Speak About Engagement

**Howard Fitch was a member for only about three and a half years before his sudden and untimely death in September, 2012. Always friendly and joking, he is most remembered for "shepherding" the new members through to their Blue Badges. He coined the phrase "Living Obituaries" for these new member speeches.*



New Member
Tim Keenan

Classification: Advertising
Proposed by **Happy Franklin**



Experienced Member
Shawn Foster

Classification: Financial Services
Member since 2012



Experienced Member
PE Tracy Gomes

Classification: Economist
Member since 2005

Steps To A Blue Badge

- Edit Club roster profile page
- Join two service committees
- Sign up to work July 4th Parade
- Read *ABC's of Rotary & Rotary Foundation Guide* books
- Read *History of RCPC* online
- Attend New Member Orientation
- Serve as a greeter at 4 meetings
- Attend a Board meeting
- Attend a PCR Connect
- Complete web-lite online training
- Give New Member Speech

COMMITTEE TIME



RCPC Restaurant Week Dinner at The Capital Grille in the Crescent Court

Tuesday, August 11th,
6:30pm – 8:30pm

500 Crescent Court. Dallas TX 75201

Bring Friends and Family

Parking: Free two hour self-parking with a validated parking ticket
Complimentary valet also available

Menu: Order off the regular menu or the special Restaurant Week Menu

RSVP: Happy Franklin at happy.franklin@att.net or on the home page of the website

Have **you** signed up to serve on **three or more** committees for the 2015-16 Rotary year?

Your talents and gifts are needed!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

NEW! Global Rewards and Member Benefits

Rotary International has kicked off a new program of Global Rewards and Member Benefits for Rotary Members! These benefits include discounts on hotel rooms, car rentals, and more! Great deals are being added each week. To find out what offers are available to you as a Rotarian, you must have a My Rotary account. To set up a My Rotary account, visit www.rotary.com and click My Rotary, follow the prompts, and click Submit.

For questions related to a specific offer, please contact the company directly using the contact information in the offer. If you're unable to resolve the issue with the company, please tell Rotary through MyRotary.org.

Erin Mudie is District's 5810 Global Rewards and Benefit Information Officer. If you have questions on how to use your Global Rewards and Benefits, please email her at erinmudie@gmail.com.

She will also be alerting District 5810 members to new offers as they are added.

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Karen Farris**
 Invocation: **Nolan Duck**
 Pledge: **Karl Von Bieberstein**
 Introductions: **Andy Carothers**
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**
 Chair of the Day: **Cleve Clinton**
 Speaker: **Kevin Brooks**, Felony Trial Bureau Chief in Dallas County DA's Office
 Program: **Inside Look in the Dallas County DA's Office**



President **Karen Farris** called the meeting to order. **Nolan Duck** gave the invocation, noting that there were no members in need of special prayers today.

Karl Von Bieberstein led the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner." **Andy Carothers**, assisted by **Daniel Drabinski** with the mike, introduced our visitors and guests, which included a visiting Rotarian from Keller and University Park's Citizen of the Year for 2015, **Byron Egan**. **Shawn Foster** announced the Marketplace advertiser of the week.

New Sergeant-at-Arms **Jim Weichel** explained that the RCPC Foundation is our local foundation. It was founded in the 1960s as a legal entity for members donations. Each week five members are called on to make a voluntary contribution of \$50 dollars or more. He also reminded us that there has been a call to action – to support the North Texas Food Bank. Donations for the first half of the year will go to the Mobile Food Pantry project. He asked that members do not wait for his email to contribute, but to get their donations in



early. He also said that there has been a new fund set up specifically for the project. He

Please remember ...

Please let us know your Joys or Concerns at- announcements@parkcitiesrotary.org

thanked PP **Doug Means** for being the first contributor to this project.

President **Karen** reminded those who have not yet paid your dues for the 2015-16 Rotary year to please do so. **Happy Franklin** introduced new member **Tim Keenan**.

PP **Cleve Clinton** introduced our speaker today, **Kevin Brooks**, Chief of the Felony Trial Bureau of the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, who was replacing DA **Susan Hawk**, who was ill



Mr. Brooks began his speech by remarking that he had come into the office this morning to find out that he had been asked to speak, so he had not had a chance to prepare. He said he would try to provide some insight into the DA's Office, and that he and DA **Susan Hawk** shared many of the same ideas for the office. He said that over the past twenty years there has not been a shift in crime, but there has been a shift in the system. In the 90s there was a "lock 'em up and throw away the key" attitude, but there was nothing done on the front end to help them when they got out to avoid going back into crime. He said drugs, alcohol or male-female relationships account for about seventy percent of criminal acts. There is a new program in the DA's Office for young offenders who have never been in trouble before and who have done something stupid; it allows the charges to be dropped if they take classes, pass drug tests, and stay out of trouble for a set period of time.

There are also programs providing counseling and drug rehab to help young offenders get back on track. DA **Hawk** also had a mental health program in her court when she was a judge, and she is continuing a similar program. He believes that it is the responsibility of the DA's office to enforce the law, but also help the community

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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EVENTS CALENDAR

August						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	M	M	M	M	M	Mtg
9	M	M	M	M	M	Mtg
16	M	M	M	M	M	Mtg
23	M	M	M	M	M	Mtg
30	M					

Get Involved!

AED = Defibrillator Training
 BI = Blood Drive
 BD = Board of Dirs. Mtg, 7am
 LaMadeleine, 75 & Mockingbird
 Cn = PCR Connect Event.
 CP = ChildsPlay Work Mtg
 D = District 5810 Event
 DH = Dentistry with a Heart
 FR = Family of Rotary Event
 F = Fellowship Event
 FF = RCPC Foundation Fund Mtg. See Cleve Clinton

In- Interact at Hillcrest H.S., 8 am. See Tracy Gomes-
 In-Interact Special Project
 M = Meals on Wheels (Different teams on each day)
 See Patsy Watson
 Mentoring at Hillcrest H.S.
 Mc = Ronald McDonald House-See Jina McDaniel
 NM = New Member Event
 Pr = Program Committee Mtg
 RU = Rotary University
 SpE = Special Service Event
 Web-lite = on your computer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Aug. 7 Doug Box (former RCPC member)
Growing Up On Southfork Ranch



Aug 14 State Rep. Morgan Meyer
Legislative Update



Aug 21 Karissa Condoianis
State Fair of Texas



Aug. 28 Larry Webb, District 5810 Governor
Be A Gift To The World

ROTARY CONNECTED

Linked In RI: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557&trk=hb_side_g **RCPC**: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1248747&trk=hb_side_g
Interesting New Thread: What are some proven methods of attracting the 35 years old and under demographic to joining Rotary Int'?

Tweet of the week:
Nigeria's milestone in the #polio fight, and #Rotary's role, are making headlines. Read a collection of news stories <http://flip.it/w0Rqq>

Facebook RI: www.facebook.com/rotary
Dist. 5810: www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5810

Interesting New Thread: Why did you join Rotary and why did you stay? Was it for the community involvement, the international service, to make new friends?

Vimeo RCPC has its own channel: <http://vimeo.com/channels/rotaryclubofparkcities/>

Miss a Meeting? Watch it Online!

YouTube RI has its own channel on YouTube offering a growing collection of videos and psas.

flickr Check out or add to RI's Flickr group often, www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/

Pinterest <http://pinterest.com/rotary/>
RI has Pinboards on major projects.

Instagram www.statigr.am/rotaryinternational
See RI's latest pictures via Instagram.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sign up at www.parkcitiesrotary.org*

Dues for 2015-16 are due! Full payment of \$335.00 due by 6/30/15-OR-two payments of \$185.00 due by 6/30/15 & 2nd payment of \$185.00 due by 12/15/15. A late fee of \$25.00 will be added to any single payment received after 7/1/15 and late fees for the two payment option will be applied on 7/1/15 and 12/16/15

Traveling this Summer? Don't forget – Make up wherever you are! Then record your Make-Ups by using the link on the RCPC website.

RI Foundation: \$100 (or more) Every Rotarian Every Year!

RCPC Foundation: \$50 (or more) every year when your name appears in the box below – or early to support the North TX Food Bank Project!

Like Us! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Park-Cities/115439238516325>

The **Directory** is on line: Log in > Click on left side under My ClubRunner > View Club Directory *or* View Club Photo Directory. Other archives are at Club Documents

THOUGHTS ON ... ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Why I am a Rotarian*

Presented with the opportunity to help others in society less fortunate than I, it was not very difficult to accept such membership. I am fully aware that, like many others, my contribution will only be a drop in the ocean. However, as Mother Teresa said, 'Without that drop, the ocean will never be full.' That is why I am a Rotarian.

~ **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer,**
RI President, 2005-06

Rotary can be explained from different cultural and philosophical backgrounds. and you will always come to the conclusion that thanks to Rotary, this is a better world and Rotarians are better off for being in our ranks. Yes, as I look back, joining Rotary was the turning point of my life... For a better life."

~ **Frank J. Devlyn,**
RI President, 2000-01

*...a service of Rotary Global History. "We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn from the past." More can be found at www.rotaryfirst100.org/why.

Adult literacy project produces ripple effect

The inability to read or write traps millions of adults and their families in poverty, as they struggle to earn a living. In Detroit, MI, almost half of all residents over the age of sixteen are functionally illiterate. Detroit-area Rotary members are seeing ongoing benefits from a project that trains tutors and provides free reading materials to agencies tackling adult illiteracy.

The Rotary members partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to raise money to recruit and train more tutors. Also, members have collected 261,000 books and 587 computers to donate to literacy agencies throughout the city.

Through the efforts of the volunteer tutors, more than 500 adults raised their reading levels by three grades. The project has produced benefits even beyond initial expectations. Not only do they look at reading, but also building the skills the individual will need for employment. What happened was that, through the Rotary network, these adults had access to people who knew other people who were willing to give them an opportunity. "When you teach somebody to read, ... it ripples through the community, one by one. That was our goal."

HE PROFITS MOST WHO LAUGHS BEST

A bus filled with politicians on the campaign trail was driving through the countryside one day. The bus driver, caught up in the beautiful scenery, lost control and crashed into the ditch. A farmer living nearby heard the horrible crash and rushed out to discover the wreckage.

Finding the politicians, he buried them.

The next day, the police come to the farm to question the man. "So you buried all the politicians?" asked the police officer. "Were they all dead?"

The farmer answered, "Some said they weren't, but you know how politicians lie."

RCPC FOUNDATION

Our Funders for Next Week are

Kendall Laughlin Jonny Lawrence
Frank Leonard Don Linnen
Janie Loveless

Happy Birthday

No Birthdays this week

