

# THE HUB The Rotary Club of Park Cities

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*Leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.*

Service  
Above  
Self

June 17, 2011

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: John Gilchrist



## Gary Thomas Dallas Area Rapid Transit

**G**ary C. Thomas is president/executive director of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). DART's Board of Directors named him to that position August 3, 2001. As president/executive director, Thomas is responsible for a 13-city multi-modal transit system over a 700-square mile area. He directs the agency's top managers and 3,400 employees, emphasizing a strong customer focus to ensure that transit riders and taxpayers receive the best transit service available. He works closely with member city governments and the public in developing short- and long-term transportation and mobility goals.

He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Bachelor of Architecture, both from Texas Tech University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He is a member of the following Boards:  
Rail-Volution  
American Public Transportation Association  
McKinney Avenue Transit Authority  
North Texas Commission  
TxDOT 2030 Committee  
Dallas Regional Mobility Commission  
Collin County Regional Airport Strategic Planning Board  
Regional Rail Right-of-Way Company  
TCRP Oversight and Project Selection (TOPS) Committee

<http://dart.org>

## COMMITTEE TIME

*\* Last day to Register!*

### And the Winner Is ...

The Grand Marshall selection committee for RCPC 4th of July Parade is pleased to announce that Dr. R. Gerald Turner, President of Southern Methodist University, has been selected as the 2011 Grand Marshall of the RCPC Fourth of July Parade!

On April 15, 2011, SMU celebrated its 100th anniversary. As the president of SMU since 1995, R. Gerald Turner is leading an era of unprecedented progress as the University moves into its second century, approaching the centennial of its founding in 2011 and of its opening in 2015.

Under his leadership, The Second Century Campaign raised \$460 million toward a goal of \$750 million in additional endowment for student scholarships, academic positions and programs, and the campus experience.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers given by the club during the loss of my sister, Julie.

I appreciate the thoughtful card and all the words of comfort during this difficult time.

With loving gratitude,  
Lisa Amsberry

*Sign up for 2011-12  
Committees online!  
Choose several!*

### *Awards and Installation Dinner*

*In Elegant Evening of Fellowship*

**Friday, June 24, 2011**

**Park City Club  
5956 Sherry Lane, Dallas, TX 75225**

**\$35 per person**

6:00pm - Reception (cash bar)

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45pm-9:00pm - Program

**Dress: Business/Black Tie Optional**

**Sign up on the Rotary Website**

**Please reserve by Friday, June 17, 2011 \***

Choice of NY Strip Steak w/ Cabernet Sauvignon Sauce or  
Grilled Salmon with Rosemary Sauce

**Chartered in 1948**

## LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Rick Amsberry**  
 Invocation: **Nolan Duck**  
 Pledge/Song Leader: **Hoyt Neal**  
 Introductions: **Mark Kashar**  
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**  
 Chair of the Day: **Howard Fitch**  
 Speaker: **New Members**  
 Program: **Speeches**



President **Rick Amsberry** called the meeting to order on this forty-fourth meeting of the forty-six meetings in the Rotary year.

**Nolan Duck** gave the invocation and noted that **Big Jon Harris** is in the hospital. **Hoyt Neal** brought all the new members speaking today up to



the podium to join him in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and "God Bless America." **Mark**

**Kashar** introduced our visitors and guests. **Dax Seale** introduced The Hub and web advertisers. He also said that it would soon be time to renew ads in The Hub for next year.

**Jim Mills** introduced three new Frank Monroe Fellows, **Pam Carvey**, **Tom Stutz**, and **Jim Mills**. PE **Jim** then called



on **Orville Salmon** and his guest who is the Director of the facility which hosts our Chili Day. **Jim**

awarded a \$1750 grant to the Salvation Army to replace their wireless microphone and speakers. VP **Fred Brown** commended everybody who had already signed



up for their committees for next year, but observed that there were still plenty of places left for those still to volunteer. **Cleve Clinton** reminded everyone to sign up for the Fourth of July Parade and to stay for the picnic at Curtis Park.



President **Rick** recognized PP **Jerry Washam** as an Unsung Hero for providing office space in Snider Plaza at no charge to the club.

**Howard Fitch** introduced our speakers today. He reported that we currently have about fourteen new members working their way through the process.



First to speak today was **Steve Brown** whose father-in-law was a Rotarian in Longview. He grew up in Wisconsin and attended the U. of Wisconsin, but came to Dallas to attend SMU Law School. He worked at the Federal Reserve and several banks before joining the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. He is married, with one daughter and five grandchildren.

Second was **Dean Chance**. He grew up in Springfield, IL, but came to Dallas to attend SMU. He returned to Illinois and was in heating and cooling contracting, but returned to Dallas and worked at Merrill Lynch. He has a son who lives in California. His father was a founding member and president of his Rotary Club.



Next was **Scurry Johnson** who was introduced to Rotary through the Mentoring Program at Hillcrest H.S. He grew up in Dallas and attended St. Marks, but went to college at Stanford and to graduate business school at MIT.



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*President Rick's quotes from Paul Harris:  
 "You will profit from Rotary in proportion to what you put into your efforts."*

## THE HUB

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 Betty Dawson, *Editor*

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			M <sub>VV</sub>	M	Mtg	
5	M	M	M	M	Mtg	
12	M	M <sub>Cn</sub>	M <sub>BD</sub>	M	Mtg	
19	M <sub>Mc</sub>	M	M	M	Dinner	
26	M	M				

- AED = Defibrillator Training
- BI = Blood Drive
- BD = Board of Dirs. Mtg, 7 am LaMadeleine, 75 & Mockingbird
- CM = Circles of Success Mentoring See T. Gomes
- 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 Jim Mills

### Get involved!

- In- Interact at Hillcrest H.S., 8 am. See Tracy Gomes
- M = Meals on Wheels (Different teams on each day) See Charles Delphenis
- Mc = Ronald McDonald House-See Jina McDaniel
- NM = New Member Event
- Pr = Program Committee Mtg
- Reading and Radio Resources See Hal Copeland
- SpE = Special Service Event
- VV = Vet to Vet - See Bob Dill
- Web-lite = after noon mtg
- Blue = Activities on own schedule

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**June 24 NO Noon Meeting**  
Installation and Awards Dinner



**July 8 John Williams**  
Lee Park / Arlington Hall



**July 1 NO Meeting**  
See you at the **Parade and Picnic**



**July 15 The new Dallas Mayor**  
Plans for the Future of Dallas

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at  
[www.parkcitiesrotary.org](http://www.parkcitiesrotary.org)

**Dues for 2011-12 are Due** by July 1! Pay in full or first half by credit card on the website or by check to Laurie. Avoid a Late Fee!

**Meals On Wheels** needs volunteers on the **third Monday** of each month. Contact Charles Delphenis for details

**Do You Love a Parade? Fourth of July Parade, Mon, July 4.** Jobs for all. Sign up soon for your favorite. See Cleve, John G, Jon P. The **Parade Hotline** is up and running - **972-980-1014**

**Going to the Parade and Picnic? You need an RCPC YELLOW shirt!** Order online before it's too late!

**Review** your information and photo on the website > Correct > Save!

## ROTARY CONNECTED

**LinkedIn** Interesting new thread: Not all Rotarians attended the RI Convention. Share what you learned at the convention workshops.

**Tweet of the Week:** See how Rotarians made a lasting difference through The Rotary Foundation. <http://cot.ag/9eX1TQ> <http://cot.ag/fS06fl>

**f** Interesting new thread: A young woman set out to help impoverished women weavers and their families. Jhoole Promo [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com)

**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/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/)

## THOUGHTS ON . . .

### Traffic

*Life is too short for traffic.*

~ Dan Bellack

*Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.*

~ Dan Rather

*Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for - in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car, and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it.*

~ Ellen Goodman

*Natives who beat drums to drive off evil spirits are objects of scorn to smart Americans who blow horns to break up traffic jams.*

~ Mary Ellen Kelly

*There are no traffic jams when you go the extra mile.*

~ Anon.

## LAST WEEK (continued)

He is in venture capital in the energy area. He is married with three children.



Then was **Jeff Owens**. He grew up in Richardson and received a BA and MBA in accounting. He worked for KPMG, before taking an international assignment in Sidney, Australia for two years. He returned to Dallas and joined the firm of Nicholas & Montgomery. He is married with a young daughter.

Next to last today was **Paul Pirok**. He grew up in Chicago, but attended SMU. He has been in ban-



king for forty-seven years, consisting of seven banks, only one of which still exists. He is married with two sons. He is the Scout Master for Troop 35.



Last but not least today was **Shirley Hsia**. She illustrated her talk with pictures. She is married and has two children. She has a BA and two MAs and has worked in communications, but has taken early retirement. She has become the Marketing Director for the Shen Yun Performing Arts Troop which preserves the Chinese culture and takes it to all parts of the world.

## THEY PROFIT MOST WHO LAUGH BEST

### Golf Stories For Father's Day

A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?" The

young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray. The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but when we pray in my church, we keep our head down."

## FOUNDATION FUNDERS

Our Funders for Next Week are

**Mike Kelley**  
**Bill Kelly**  
**Kennis Ketchum**  
**Ruth Knost**

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## Happy Birthday

Richard Stanford 6.17      Jodie Ray 6.22  
Bill Kelly 6.18              Bill Hervey 6.23

