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Service
Above
Self

June 22, 2012

Program Chair of the Day: Roger Diebel

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Amb. James C. Oberwetter The Middle East, It Can Get Worse, Unless...

James C. Oberwetter became president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Regional Chamber in February 2009. Since that time he has championed economic development and public policy matters relating to the growth of Dallas and the region. He has directed the focus of the DRC's public policy efforts from an Austin-centric approach to a larger focus on Washington, D.C.

Earlier, Mr. Oberwetter served as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Appointed by President George W. Bush, his tour of duty was at a critical time between January of 2004 and April of 2007. His work included protection of Americans in Saudi Arabia from the Al Qaeda threat as well as efforts to reposition the relationship between the US and Saudi Arabia which had suffered greatly post 9/11.

Prior to becoming Ambassador, Mr. Oberwetter served as Senior Vice President of Governmental and Political

Affairs for Hunt Consolidated, Inc., a Dallas based company he joined in 1974. Earlier, the Ambassador was Press Secretary for then-Houston Congressman George H.W. Bush. He also worked for the U.S. Government as special assistant to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

A native of Texas, he has been an active member of many community service organizations in his home state, as well as in professional associations. He was appointed Chairman of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse from 1996-2001 by then-Governor George W. Bush. Among other honors, Ambassador Oberwetter is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Parent-Teachers Association.

Ambassador Oberwetter was born in Cuero, Texas, and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor degree of Journalism.

COMMITTEE TIME

The Installation Banquet

Park City Club
5956 Sherry Lane
June 29
6:30 to 9:00 pm

Tickets are \$40.00 per person, payable by check or by credit card on the website.

Celebrate the end and the beginning of the Rotary Year with good food, good fellowship, good fun and a good program!

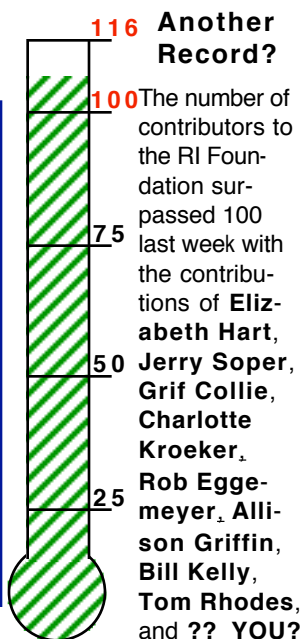


The Fourth of July Parade Needs YOU!

Service Above Self will be the theme of this years Parade.

There are jobs that need doing before the Parade and after the Parade, as well as jobs at the beginning of the Parade, during the Parade and at Goar Park when the Parade has ended. See **Paul Pirok** to see how You can help.

Then reward yourself for your job well done by attending the Picnic after the Parade! And bring some friends!



RCPC Virtual Food Drive

RCPC is supporting the North Texas Food Bank as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary year! To participate in our virtual food drive go www.parkcitiesrotary.org and *click the link*. Each \$1 will provide three meals for hungry North Texans. Our Virtual Food Drive ends on July 15th.

July 4th Parade

This year the Fourth of July Parade will benefit the North Texas Food Bank. RCPC will be collecting canned food on the day of the Parade. Collection boxes will be at Goar Park, Beverly at Preston, and University at Preston. Protein-rich products like peanut butter and tuna are always in high demand, but any non-perishable items are welcome.

Parade participants and spectators will also be encouraged to donate to the Food Bank online. Thank you for your help!



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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Jim Mills**
 Invocation: **John Glancy**
 Song Leader: **Karl Von Bieberstein**
 Introductions: **Nolan Duck**
 Photographer: **Phillip Bankhead**
 Four Way Test: **Caren McGratty**
 Chair of the Day: **Roger Diebel**
 Speakers: **Sen. Florence Shapiro**
 Program: **State of Education**



President **Jim Mills** called the meeting to order. PP **John Glancy** gave the invocation and noted that we had quite a list of people to remember in our prayers:

George Keeling's family, **Dwight Clasby's** wife for a serious medical condition, **Hugh Griffith** is still struggling with his illness, **David Baxter** who will be undergoing another round of chemotherapy, PP **Rod Pirtle** who has had recent surgery, **Beth Pirtle** who is also in the hospital, and **Sam Montgomery** who continues to battle his illness. Happier news was that **Hal Copeland** was back with us today. PP **Karl von Bieberstein** led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner." **Nolan Duck**



introduced our Visitors and Guests including future DG Bill Denby, and Dist. 5810 Youth Exchange Student Grace Guthrie, with her mother, Mary Guthrie, who has just

learned that she will be starting school in Mumbai in mid-July. **Tom Rhodes** asked for volunteers to work in the park and to help with parking after the 4th of July Parade, to help line up before the parade, and to decorate the float several days prior to the parade. There will be a big Rotary tent in the middle of the park with chairs and water and a tent next to it for our service partners. The north part of the park will be "kiddie land" with bounce houses and face painters. The south part of the park will be where the food will be, and on the west side will be the banks and other businesses. Monitors along the parade route are also needed.



PP **Greg Pape** announced that **Kathy Schatz** had been the ninety-ninth contributor to the Rotary Foundation, and asked for a hundredth. He received a great response to put the number well on the way to breaking the record at 116!

Michael Rainwater introduced special guests **Hal Copeland's** wife, Ann, and daughter, Elaine. Elaine thanked her dad for being such a good example and for sharing his Rotary principles. **Michael** presented **Hal** with a Frank Monroe Fellow and read a letter from **Hal's** son, Carter, who could not come today from San Antonio.



Kirby Warnock introduced his daughter Hallie Warnock, who the club had sponsored as a Youth Exchange Student to France. She said she has graduated from UT with a major in International Relations and Global Studies and had the opportunity to return to France for a semester of study abroad. She thanked the club for all the wonderful experiences the year had provided.



Roger Diebel introduced our guest speaker today, retiring state Sen. Florence Shapiro. She said that there are nearly five million students in public schools in Texas in 1,041 districts. The population is very diverse and is not one-size-fits-all. It is diverse culturally and geographically. The state was out of money at the beginning of the last legislature. Sixty percent of the state budget goes to education. Today, the state is doing fine. The tests have been changed to test on what the students have learned during the year and will include in-depth knowledge and critical thinking. She believes there needs to be more local control of schools and more flexibility. She also believes there should be more learning on-line. It is important to have a quality principal and quality teachers (cont. on next page)



EVENTS CALENDAR

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					Mtg	
3	M	M	M _{VV}	M	Mtg	
10	M	M	M	M _{Cn}	Mtg	
17	M _C	M	M	M	Mtg	D
24	M	M	M	M	Dinner	BI

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 Fred Brown

Get involved!

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

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**June 29 NO Noon Meeting
Installation Dinner**



**July 6 NO Noon Meeting
See you at the Parade and Picnic!**



**July 13 David Krause
Parkland Foundation**



**July 20 DG Sandy Forster
District 5810**

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at
www.parkcitiesrotary.org

Dues are OVER due. Avoid Late Fees. Pay by check or credit card. Pay for the year or half-year. See Laurie or Barb Jeffries.

Installation Banquet, Fri, June 29, 6:30pm, at Park City Club, Preston Center. \$40 per person. Black tie optional. Sign up by check or by credit card on the website! See Karen Farris.

Summer Blood Drive, Sat, June 30, 10:30am-4:30pm inside NorthPark. Donors and volunteers needed. 3 shifts. See D. Clasby

4th of July Parade, July 4. Sign up now. Volunteers needed before, after and during the Parade. Something for everyone!

Vacationing away? Don't forget to **Make Up** wherever you are!

ROTARY CONNECTED

LinkedIn Interesting new thread: Where is the world's best Rotary meal? I'd love to hear your restaurant recommendations

Tweet of the Week: Scuba diver? There's a fellowship for that: <http://www.ifrsd.org>
#RIFellowships

Facebook Interesting new thread: Rotary.org: News - Vocational training teams aid Adopt-a-Village project in Uganda

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/

THOUGHTS ON . .

Diplomacy

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way.

~ American Proverb

Diplomacy is the art of knowing what not to say.

~ Matthew Trump

In archaeology you uncover the unknown. In diplomacy you cover the known.

~ Thomas Pickering

Diplomacy is to do and say, the nastiest thing in the nicest way.

~ Isaac Goldberg

The art of life is to show your hand. There is no diplomacy like candor. You may lose by it now and then, but it will be a loss well gained if you do. Nothing is so boring as having to keep up a deception. ~ E. V. Lucas

RCPC FOUNDATION

Our Funders for Next Week are

**Sam Montgomery
John Morelock
Jack Murdock
Shawn Murphy✓
Bud Naifeh**

✓ = Contribution made for 2011-12

COMMITTEE TIME

Catching the 4th of July Spirit at Ronald McDonald House

by Ley Waggoner

Karen Farris used her special recipe to make 4th of July themed desserts for the folks at Ronald McDonald House. Yep, red (strawberries) white (whipped cream) and blue (blue berries). Every third Monday of the month you can find RMH Chair **Jina McDaniel** and her band of merry cooks helping to make life a little better for the residents at RMH. It's a good thing.



(Meeting Notes continued) in every school. The classroom is a different place than it was many years ago, and the state needs to incorporate those changes. She said she is particular concerned about the middle grades. Too many students drop out in the sixth grade and walk out in the ninth grade. Texas loses \$9.6 billion every year in lost wages, sales tax revenues, welfare payment, and crime costs due to drop-outs. She believes that there needs to be a whole new funding system for the schools. Too many decisions are made around the adults and not the students.

THEY PROFIT MOST WHO LAUGH BEST

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys or finding their cell phone in a pocket or purse - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

A new restaurant opened in our town, so my husband and I decided to try it. As the waitress took our order, my husband asked if the coffee was fresh. "I'm sure it is," answered the wait-

ress. "We've only been open for two weeks."

Teacher: Lily, go to the map and find North America. Lily: Here it is!

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America? Class: Lily.

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Happy Birthday

**Jodie Ray 6.22
Bill Hervey 6.23
Jim Evans 6.25
Tracy Gomes 6.27
Hugh Griffith 6.30
Jina McDaniel 7.2
Karen Farris 7.5
Mike Petridis 7.5**

