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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Charles Polansky



Gail Thomas, President and CEO The Trinity River Corridor Project

Dr. Gail Thomas serves as President and CEO of *The Trinity Trust Foundation* in Dallas to remake the Trinity River Corridor. After directing the Center for Civic Leadership at the University of Dallas, she was a co-founder in 1980 of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture and served as its Director for seventeen years. She continues as the Director of their Center for the City where she teaches and conducts seminars and conferences.

Dr. Thomas represented one of the three organizations that led the creation of the "Balanced Vision Plan" for The Trinity. After the plan's unanimous adoption by City Council, the Mayor asked Dr. Thomas to create an entity to raise private funds to implement the plan. She works with The Trinity Trust Board of Directors to introduce the project to the community and to raise private funds to ensure that the Trinity River is the centerpiece of the city.

Dr. Thomas' life work has been the study and transformation of cities. Through her teaching and lecturing, she has been a catalyst for change in the inner city. For over twenty years she has conducted seminars and conferences on cities and city life in Dallas and in cities as diverse as Montreal, Portland, New Orleans, Santa Fe, Denver, and Devon, England. She began in 1982 a series of conferences called, *What Makes a City?*, attended by city planners, artists, scientists, poets, teachers, business and civic leaders, the effect of these conferences has been profound.

She was instrumental in the creation of Pegasus Plaza in downtown Dallas and co-chaired the Dallas Millennium Project to

restore Dallas' icon, Pegasus, the Flying Red Horse. Through the Dallas Institute, she hosted a five year urban design for Dallas called Dallas Visions, directed by James Pratt. For the Trinity project, her efforts helped inspire the philanthropic gifts for design of Dallas' two Santiago Calatrava bridges. She is currently seeking funds to build the Trinity Spine Trail from the Audubon Center to White Rock Lake.

Her book *Healing Pandora: The Restoration of Hope and Abundance* was released in 2009. Her other books include: *Stirrings of Culture*, with Robert Sardello; *Images of the Untouched*, with Joanne Stroud; *Imagining Dallas*; and *Pegasus, the Spirit of Cities*. Her book in progress is entitled: *Recapturing the Soul of the City*.

Dr. Thomas has received numerous awards including the coveted *Kessler Award* for improving the quality of life in Dallas, the Athena Award given by The University of Dallas, the Award of Excellence in Community Service offered by the Dallas Historical Society, named *The Dallas 25* by D Magazine, The Femmes du Monde *Woman of the Year*. She has been named Distinguished Alumna of two universities, SMU and The University of Dallas. She has been a national awards panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, and has been named Honorary AIA by the Dallas Chapter, the Texas Society of Architects and most recently by the American Institute of Architects.

COMMITTEE TIME

Ronald McDonald House

by Ley Waggoner

Whatever the time of year, many families come to Dallas with their children that are in need of specialized care at one of our area hospitals. Staying at RMH gives them a well needed break in their days – rest, beautiful accommodations and *Good Food*. Especially when provided by RCPC!! This week **Tom Swift** gave it a try and new member **Meredith Drake** volunteered days after joining RCPC.



Big thanks go to **Jina McDaniel** and **Dean Chance** for keeping this worthwhile project happening.

Important Announcement

Our current RCPC Vice-President/ President-elect **Dwight Clasby** tendered his resignation to the RCPC Board of Directors at the monthly meeting and advised that he accepted a great job with the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dwight and Julie will be moving to Boulder next month.

At the direction of President **Heitkamp, Cleve Clinton**, chair of the Nominating Committee, reconvened the committee to consider options and recommendations for the RCPC Board of Directors' consideration. The report of the Nominating Committee, as presented to the RCPC BOD in the monthly March BOD meeting, was that **Tracy Gomes**, Vice- President elect for *(continued on page 2)*

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Eric Heitkamp**
 Invocation: **John Glancy**
 Pledge: **Karl Von Bieberstein**
 Introductions: **Andy Carothers**
 Chair of the Day: **Roger Diebel**
 Speaker: **Mason Hays**, Store Manager,
 Tesla NorthPark
 Program: **Tesla: "Charging Forward"**

President **Eric Heitkamp** called the meeting to order. He acknowledged **Tom Dortch** who is chairing the Program Committee; and remarked that RCPC has the best programs in the world! PP **John Glancy** gave the invocation and noted that **Janie Loveless** would be having back surgery requiring her to be in ICU for several days. PP **Karl Von Bieberstein** led the Pledge of Allegiance, the "Star Spangled Banner" and then "The Four Way Test" song. **Andy Carothers**, assisted by **Jeff McNaughton** with the mike, introduced our guests, including a long-distance visiting Rotarian from St. Paul, MN. **Teri Thomas** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the week. PP **Jerry Washam** brought us up to date on the RCPC Foundation. There is approximately \$1.4 million in the fund, which provides about \$40,000 to 60,000 a year to donate to local causes. He also reported that about forty percent of the club's membership has donated this year. **Dwight Clasby** presented a check to the North Texas Food Bank to assist with their backpack program which provides food to hungry children. **Orville Salmon** introduced our newest member, **Stan Carr**. **Stan** has moved often because of his work for the Salvation Army, and this is his seventh Rotary club. President **Eric** awarded a Blue Badge to **Griffin Collie**.

Roger Diebel introduced our speaker today, **Mason Hays**, the store manager of Tesla NorthPark. He began by saying he had a passion about Tesla. He has been with the company about four years and has seen its rapid growth. The company was created in 2003 by seven engineers who wanted to

Please remember ...

Janie Loveless who has had back surgery.

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

invent sustainable transportation. The founder has recently released all the patents so that anyone can copy the technology. In 2008 the Roadster became available for sale. In 2010 they purchased a factory and in 2012 the first Model S rolled off the assembly line. The Model S is fully electric, and is the first car designed to be electric. It will go from zero to sixty mph in 4.2 seconds and its top speed is 130 mph. The Model S won the 2013 Motor Trend Car of the Year Award, was rated 99 out of 100 by Consumer Reports, and was given a five-star safety rating by NHTSA. There are now 50,000 Tesla's on the road, and over 400 million miles have been driven.

PP **Jerry Washam** conducted an auction benefitting the RCPC Foundation, for the use of a Tesla for twenty-four hours. While bidding was enthusiastic, it soon became a dual between **C.C. Collie** and his son **Griffin Collie** against **Bill Kelly** whose son was visiting from Vermont. As the bids increased **Mason** upped the length of time to forty-eight hours. **Bill Kelly** won with a bid of \$1100.

('Announcement' continued from pg 1) the 2015-2016 Rotary year serve as Vice-President through the end of the 2014-2015 year and that **Tracy** become the 2015-16 President Elect. The Nominating Committee further recommended that the RCPC BOD recommend **Pam Carvey** to serve as the RCPC Vice-President for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. Further, the Nominating Committee report suggested that its report and recommendations be implemented by notice to the regular membership this Friday, be posted in The Hub this week and next and that a vote on the Nominating Committee report be held with the general membership at the Club's regular meeting on Friday, March 27, 2015. The Nominating Committee report, in its entirety, was considered and unanimously approved by the RCPC BOD.

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
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EVENTS CALENDAR

March						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	M	Cn	M	In	Mtg	
8	M	M	M	In	Mtg	
15	M	M	BD	In	Mtg	In
22	M	M	M	In	Mtg	RU
29	M	Pr				

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



March 27 Phillip Kingston, Dallas City Councilman
TBD



April 3 **NO Meeting**
Good Friday



April 10 Howard Fitch New Member Speeches
and Ethics Program



April 17 Godwin Dixon, CEO
T. Boone Pickens Center

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: Impact evaluations measure the impact of specific interventions on specific outcomes. Does Rotary need more impact evaluations?



Tweet of the week: Tell us why you joined Rotary -- and why you stayed -- and you may see yourself quoted in the August issue of @TheRotarian



RI: www.facebook.com/rotary
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Interesting New Thread: Today we are launching a "#WeAreRotary?" video campaign to showcase the great work that you do in your community and around the globe. <http://ow.ly/Kow7y>



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

Miss a Meeting? Watch it Online!



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



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



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



www.statigr.am/rotaryinternational
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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sign up at www.parkcitiesrotary.org*

Program Meeting, Tue, March 31, 5:30-7:30pm† in the Texana Room, UP Library, 8383 Preston Center Plaza #200, Open to ALL. Bring goof ideas!

District 5810 Conference, Fri-Sun, Apr 17-19, at The Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. Dynamic speakers, exciting excursions! www.rotayr5810.org

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RCPC Foundation: \$50 (or more) every year when your name appears in the box below – or any time – or more than once!

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THOUGHTS ON ... FAMILY OF ROTARY

Rivers

Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known.

~ Pooh's Little Instruction Book

It is pleasant to have been to a place the way a river went.

~ Henry David Thoreau

You could not step twice into the same river; for other waters are ever flowing on to you.

~ Heraclitus

No one tests the depth of a river with both feet.

~ African Proverb

Do not insult the mother alligator until after you have crossed the river.

~ Haitian Proverb

RCPC FOUNDATION

Our Funders for Next Week are

David Baxter
Donnie Berg
Mary Bishop
Richard Bobowski
Art Bollon

Obituary for former RCPC President, H. R. Patterson

Howell Runnels "H.R." Patterson, Jr., age 81, of Boerne, passed away on March 15, 2015, surrounded by his family who loved him so very much. He was born in Dallas, Texas, on May 14, 1934, to Agnes Martha Polasek and Howell Runnels Patterson, Sr. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Deborah; daughter, Erin P. Barton and her husband Jeff; son, Kyle Andrew Patterson and his wife Katie; and three grandchildren.

H.R. graduated from Woodrow Wilson H. S. in Dallas and Texas A&M U. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for two years. Then, H.R. joined Farwell Corp. in Dallas, a mechanical and sheet metal contractor, where he earned professional licenses as a Professional Engineer and Master Plumber. He joined SMU in 1977 and became the Assoc. VP of Campus Planning & Development.

After serving under five campus presidents and 21 years of overseeing construction, remodeling and massive growth, the SMU

campus changed quite a bit. He was devoted to any and everything SMU. He cared deeply for those he worked with at SMU and the relationships they formed.

H.R. served in many professional organizations, and he worked closely with the City of University Park in its relationship with SMU. H.R. lived in Dallas before moving to San Angelo and then Boerne. See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?n=howell-runnels-patterson-hr&pid=174423711&fhid=5721&eid=sp_shareobit#sthash.FR5Neoc5.dpuf

A funeral service will be held in the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas, on Friday, **March 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Helena's Episcopal Church, 410 N. Main St., Boerne, TX 78006. To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensbergerfisher.com and select the Obituaries tab. -

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