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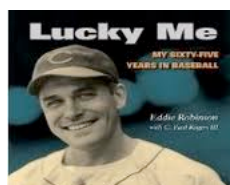
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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Program Chair of the Day: Rex Jennings



Eddie Robinson

Lucky Me: My 65 Years in Baseball

William Edward Robinson (born December 15, 1920) is an American Major League Baseball first baseman, scout, coach and front office executive of the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s who, during a 13-year playing career (1942; 1946-57), was on the roster of seven of the eight American League teams then in existence. He is the author of an autobiography, published in 2011, entitled *Lucky Me: My Sixty-five Years in Baseball*.

Born in the Northeastern Texas town of Paris, Eddie Robinson, a left-handed batter who threw right-handed, enjoyed his most prominent team moment when, at the age of 27, he contributed to his first team, the Cleveland Indians, winning the 1948 World Series. Although traded during that offseason, he was still at the top of his game and, at the next two teams, Washington Senators (1949-50) and Chicago White Sox (1950-52), experienced the most productive seasons of his time in MLB. Overall, he appeared in 1,315 games and batted .268 with 172 home runs.

Upon retirement, he became a coach for the Baltimore Orioles and then moved into their player development department. A

protégé of Orioles manager Paul Richards, he followed Richards to the Houston Astros, then worked as the farm system director of the Kansas City Athletics during the tempestuous ownership of Charlie Finley in the mid-1960s. In 1968 he rejoined Richards in the front office of the Atlanta Braves. He succeeded Richards as general manager of the Braves during the 1972 season, serving through early 1976 in that post.

Robinson then returned to the American League as a member of the Texas Rangers front office. In 1977, Robinson was named co-general manager (with Dan O'Brien) of the Rangers, and became sole GM from 1978-82. Although the Rangers posted winning seasons in 1977, 1978 and 1981, a disastrous 1982 campaign cost Robinson his GM job.

Continuing in baseball as a scout and player development consultant, he found his last position, as a scout for the Boston Red Sox, with the sole team, of the "original eight" American League clubs, for which he did not play.

COMMITTEE TIME

Interact Kick-Off by Ley Waggoner

Thursday morning at Hillcrest H.S. saw the Interact Club's kickoff meeting for the 2014-15 school year. Eighty students were



there to enjoy some early morning refreshments, a welcome by Tracy Gomes and a keynote talk by Coppell Rotarian George Ritcheske. Eric Heitkamp was also in attendance representing RCPC. Interact President Karen Miraz did a great job running her first meeting.



Tracy Gomes Presents to HHS PTSA by Ley Waggoner

New Generations Director Tracy Gomes told the RCPC story about our interest in Interact, Mentoring and Ethics at Hillcrest H.S. to the attendees of the kickoff meeting of the PTSA. His comments were very well received. The parents, students, teachers and administrators at HHS know how committed we are to the school as we enter our 8th year of this relationship.



Blood Drive - TODAY!



The RCPC Blood Drive with Carter Blood Care is taking place on Sept. 12 at two locations in the Park Cities

Highland Park Town Hall, 8:00am - 4:00pm
4700 Drexel, 3rd Floor

University Park Library, 10:00am - 6:00pm
83838 Preston Center Plaza

Blood Saves Lives!

Volunteer or donate today!

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

LAST WEEK

Presiding: **Eric Heitkamp**
 Invocation: **Margaret Collins**
 Pledge: **Lisa Amsberry**
 Introductions: **Christy Bednar**
 Photographer: **Ley Waggoner**
 Chair of the Day: **Christy Bednar**
 Speaker: **Michael Cox, Economist**
 Program: **The Dallas Economy**



President **Eric Heitkamp** called the meeting to order. **Margaret Collins** gave the invocation, noting that DG Bill Dendy's mother had passed away, and that **Kathy**

Schatz was on her way to Germany because her mother had passed away. Please keep their families in your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers **Tracy Gomes's** son who is having surgery. A joy today is that former member **Pam Boyd** is writing a blog called Two-Minute Tune Up. **Lisa Amsberry** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. **Christy Bednar**, assisted by **Will Reppeto** with the mike, introduced our visitors and guests, including a visiting Rotarian from Beaumont and former member **Bart Noble**. **Teri Thomas** introduced our Marketplace Advertiser of the week. **Ley Waggoner** reported on the Interact Kick-off meeting at Hillcrest H.S. This is the eighth year of Interact at Hillcrest, and it has grown to be the largest non-athletic group at Hillcrest. About seventy-five to eighty students attended the meeting. **Ley** also asked for volunteers to help drive the students to the Food Bank. **Tom Dortch** announced a Program Committee meeting; all members of RCPC are members of this committee. President **Eric** reminded everyone who had not yet paid their dues, to do so without delay!



Ruth Altshuler had been scheduled to speak today, but was ill. Economist Michael Cox graciously filled in at the last minute to

Please remember ...

Kathy Schatz whose mother has passed away.
DG Bill Dendy's whose mother has passed away.
Tracy Gomes's son who is having surgery.

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

speak on The State of the Dallas Economy.

Christy Bednar introduced our speaker today. Dr. Michael Cox is the Director of the O'Neil Center for Global Markets and



Freedom at SMU. He began his speech by saying that he was a free-market capitalist and that that what has made us the richest country in the world. The top one per-



cent of income distribution lives in the United States. The good news about Texas is that it is the new New World for America. Texas has the highest rate of persons coming to live here from other states; the majority come from California. It is the period of the greatest migration ever with the U.S. He said that this leads to the question of why people move. Among the reasons are to escape high taxes, unions and big government and to find good schools and lower home prices. Texas is a meritocracy. From 2000 to 2014 Texas added 35% of all the jobs in the nation, and has the lowest unemployment rate. Texas has the tenth lowest taxes in the country and the eighth lowest prices. The level of CEO pay is ninth in the country, but second in buying power. Dallas has relatively low income inequality for a city of its size. The Dallas schools are ranked twenty-eighth in the nation, but when adjusted for ethnicities and compared with other large cities it is ranked third. He was asked what he thought about raising the minimum wage, and he said that he had never liked the minimum wage; he felt that it was discriminatory against people who need jobs the most. He also noted that there is a Laffer Curve for corporations.

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

September						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	RU
7	M	M	M D	M In	Mtg	BI
14	Mc	M	M BD	M In	Mtg	
21	M	M	M	M In	Mtg	
28	M	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

M = Meals on Wheels (Differ-
 ent 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
 Reading and Radio Resources
 See Jodie Ray
 SpE = Special Service Event
 Web-lite = on your computer
 Blue = Activities on own schedule

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Sept. 19 Bob McTeer
TBD



Sept. 28 Johnnie Yellock II
Helping Heroes



Oct. 3 Bruce Bradford, Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Midtown Project



Oct. 10 Jan Pruitt, President and CEO
North Texas Food Bank

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: Why Does This High Profile Rotarian Not Display His Badge of Honour - The Rotary Pin?



RI: <http://twitter.com/#!/rotary>

Tweet of the week: How does your #Rotary club work with Interact? Tell us about it for Interact Week, Sept. 8-14. www.rotary.org



RI: www.facebook.com/rotary

Dist. 5810: www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5810

Interesting New Thread: Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to #education. We support basic education and literacy.



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

See RI's latest pictures via Instagram.

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

Interact, every Thursday, 8:00am at Hillcrest H.S. Library. See T. Gomes

Blood Drive Fri, Sept 12, 8:00am-4:00pm, at HP Town Hall or 10:00am-6:00pm at UP Library. Volunteers and Donors needed!

Program Meeting at UP Library. **Everyone** is a member of the Program Committee. Bring ideas and your connections! See Tom Dortch.

NTX Food Bank, Sat, Oct. 4, Pack food for the hungry. More details will become available closer to the event.

Every Rotarian Every Year: \$100 (or more) to the RI Foundation. NEW Year!

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THOUGHTS ON ... DISTRICT 5810

Baseball

Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical. ~ Yogi Berra

Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand.

~ Leo Durocher

Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian. ~ H. L. Mencken

We're supposed to be perfect our first day on the job and then show constant improvement.

~ Ed Vargo

Baseball is a skilled game. It's America's game -- it, and high taxes.

~ Will Rogers

Luxury Sports Vacation Raffle Benefitting RI Foundation

Tickets: \$100 each. Only 1500 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be on Dec. 31, 2014. Winner will choose **one** of these packages for two. Details at www.Rotary5810.org



Super Bowl, Jan 29 to Feb 2,
Club Level 20-50 yardline tickets



Masters Golf
April 8 to 13, 4-day Ground Badges



Kentucky Derby, April 30 to May 3, Millionaires Row Tickets



World Series, Lower Level
Infield Tickets for 2 games

HE PROFITS MOST WHO LAUGHS BEST

Redneck Exam: (continued from last week)

6. A man owns a Georgia house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

7. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle

with a muffler?

8. With a gene pool reduction of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been by-passed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

As a bonus for taking the Red Neck Exam, here's some southerly advice. Next time you are too drunk to drive, walk to the nearest pizza shop and place an order. When they go to deliver it, catch a ride home with them.

RCPC FOUNDATION

Our Funders for Next Week are

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It's a **Blue** Rotary Year!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elizabeth Hart 9.14
Randy Michero 9.14
Tom Dortch 9.18

