



# McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club Sunrise Sentinel

January 7, 2015

## Officers and Directors 2014 – 2015

President	Steve Mitas
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## Club Meeting Time and Location

07:30 Wednesday Morning  
Eldorado Country Club  
McKinney, TX

## Today's Program

Sponsored by Marc-Andre Gagnon

## Past Presidents

2013-14.....	Bill Smith
2012-13.....	Gary Taylor
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2009-10.....	Nathan White
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2006-07.....	Tom Parker
2005-06.....	K. Lyle Froese
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2003-04.....	Scott Dillashaw
2002-03.....	Linda Paluga
2001-02.....	Steven Mitas
2000-01.....	Jeff Caserotti
1999-00.....	Larry Offerdahl
1998-99.....	Chuck Koehler



Livia Delia  
Youth Exchange Student

## Rotary District 5810

District Governor .....	Bill Dendy De Soto Rotary
District Governor Elect .....	Larry Webb, Prestonwood Rotary
District Governor Nominee.....	Bill Dendy, E-Club

## Rotary International

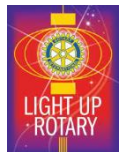
President..... Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei Rotary, Taiwan

The Four Way Test  
of the things we think say or do....

1. Is It the Truth
2. Is It Fair to All Concerned
3. Will it Build Goodwill and better Friendships
4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned



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## **Rotary Youth Exchange**

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, Rotary International has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary clubs every year. Typically, students are sent to another country for a year-long stay, generally living with multiple host families during the year and being expected to perform daily tasks within the household as well as attend school in the host country. Short term exchange programs are also quite common. These typically involve direct student exchanges between two families arranged through Rotary to coincide with major school holiday periods.

Events for students vary from country to country and district to district, but exchange students may often be able to visit other parts of their host country and sometimes other countries while on exchange with their host families, schools, or Rotary. Many districts organize tours for the students they host, which may include weekend trips to nearby cities, tours of the host country that may last several weeks, and many students in Europe have the opportunity to take part in Eurotours which visit many countries and last two to four weeks. However, like most exchange programs, the primary purpose of Rotary Youth Exchange is to provide a cultural and academic exchange and significant independent travel by students is therefore not allowed.

Today, many Rotary Exchange students can be recognized by their Rotary Youth Exchange blazer. While most countries recommend navy blue, the blazer may also be dark green, red, black, or maroon. The color of the blazer usually depends on which country or region the exchange student is from.[4] One Rotary tradition is that students cover their blazers in pins and patches they have traded with other students or bought in places they have visited as evidence of their exchange.

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## **RILI Class for Feb 2015**

Rotary International Leadership Institute is holding the next class February 7-8 in Waxahachie. This valuable Seminar can help you determine how to maximize your role as Leader of your club or committee. For only \$250 inclusive (includes materials, Hotel room and Food) you will have experiences that weekend with fellow Rotarians that give you new skills and insights about your club, your job and your personal life. We ask that Clubs pay for the tuition if possible - it is an investment in the club's Future.

After attending, Rotarians have wanted to send their spouses- tuition is only \$200 for a non-Rotarian Spouse.

Presidents Elect, this class is perfect timing for you to attend as you plan for your year of leadership next year. Your club can send any member- committee chairs, officers... anyone who wants to make your club BETTER!!!

Assistant Governors- if you have not attended, you can pick up some tips about working with Volunteers.

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## **Kids in Kenya Ending Violent Mistrust Between Tribes**

For decades, the small, pastoral communities in northern Kenya have been caught in a cycle of violence. Tribes have shed blood over distrust, scarce resources, and the theft of livestock.

Rotary Scholar Monica Kinyua founded the Children Peace Initiative (CPI) Kenya with her twin sister, Jane Wanjiru, to end the fighting by building friendships between children from different tribes.

Earlier this year, the sisters used a global grant sponsored by Rotary members in San Diego, California, and the Rotary Club of Nairobi to conduct a peace camp for children in Baragoi, Samburu County, one of the most dangerous in northern Kenya. Forty police officers investigating a report of cattle rustling had been killed there a few years prior.

During the peace camp in May 2014, Turkana students from three community schools and Samburu students from three schools along with their teachers mingled for five days of ice-breaking and bonding activities. At the end of each camp, every child is strongly encouraged to make a friend with a child from another tribe.

CPI Kenya volunteers also organized events in Marsabit County where children who had formed friendships with children from neighboring communities invited their parents to meet their friends, and in the process the two families formed friendships.

"In one case, they greeted each other with gifts that ranged from clothing, artifacts, foodstuff, confectionaries, and mostly goats," Monika said.

Before the CPI Kenya activities, resolution happened only in the form of armed negotiations. On one occasion, before delegates from one tribe had even arrived at the other tribe's village, they were met on the road by armed negotiators. The peace camps have reduced violence in the region.

"Children have never before been involved directly in conflict resolution," she says. "This role has been reserved for men. Through the CPI Kenya program, children are directly participating in intercommunity peace and coaching their parents and influencing the communities to live peacefully with each other."

### **ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

Monica contacted Rotary for help following a series of serendipitous events that began in 2011. She had just been selected to receive a scholarship to the University of San Diego to pursue a master's in peace and justice, but she had no means of paying her living expenses. Days before she had to decide whether to accept the scholarship, she attended a Rotaract club she was considering joining.

Carol Kurth, a college student from San Diego, was also visiting the club that day as part of a trip she was taking through another nonprofit. Her mother, San Diego Rotary member Janice Kurth, had spent time in Kenya on a Rotary vocational exchange 18 months earlier.

"When Carol left on her trip, I gave her my business card to use while there. So she gave Monica my business card and Monica emails me," Kurth recalls. "Our district has been using grants to sponsor students in the very program she was applying to for the past several years."

I went to people in my district and explained the situation, and when she was selected, I said, 'I have to be her host counselor.' "

Kurth said Monica became like another daughter to her during the scholarship. Near its conclusion, Kurth called one of her contacts in Kenya, Rotary Club of Nairobi member Sudish Walia, and they began putting together a global grant to fund Monica's work.

More communities have requested CPI Kenya's help as they hear about the work the sisters are doing. At the end of each peace camp, community leaders recommend other villages that would be helped by the program.

Monica, who serves as executive director of CPI Kenya, says her Rotary scholarship helped her become a better leader and form a wider network of support. She got to know Interactions for Peace, a nonprofit based in San Diego, through a Rotary member, and is now partnering with the group. The University of San Diego has also lent support.

"Rotary exposed me to a world of possibilities and opportunities," she says. "Many of the people I met are even today continuing to mentor me or shape my career. I see Rotary's commitment to education and to world peace as a great asset to peace and understanding in the world."

## Area Meeting Makeup Locations

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<p><b>11:45</b> Farmers Branch Rotary Club, Holiday Inn Select Galleria Area 2645 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson Rotary Club Canyon Creek Country Club 625 Lookout Drive</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club Randy's Steakhouse, 7026 W. Main St.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Farmersville Rotary Club O.E. Carlisle Civic Center 201 Orange St. @ Hill Street</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano West Rotary Club Greek Isle Rest. @ 3309 N. Central Expressway</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Prosper Rotary Club Cotton Gin Cafe@ 204 W. Broadway</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Allen Rotary Club Courtyard by Marriott @ 210 E. Stacy Road</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Hurricane Creek Rotary 1800 Fairway Lane Anna</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Prestonwood Rotary Club Prestonwood CC 15909 Preston Rd., Dallas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson East Rotary Club Canyon Creek CC 625 Lookout Drive.</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Frisco Rotary Dave &amp; Busters Stonebriar Centre</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Dallas Evening 415 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St. La Calle Dolce</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano Rotary Club Southfork Hotel 1600 N. Central Expressway</p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b> Melissa Rotary Hale Hall 1708 Harrison</p> <p><b>5:15 PM</b> McKinney Sunset Louisiana St. Grill 350 E Louisiana</p>	<p><b>7 AM</b> Plano Sunrise Tino's Two Restaurant 2205 Avenue K</p> <p><b>Noon</b> McKinney Rotary Club Ricks Chop House 107 N Kentucky st.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson Central Hyatt Regency- North Dallas Hotel 701 E. Campbell</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Park Cities Maggianno's Little Italy 205 North Park Center, Dallas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Celina Rotary 320 S. Preston Rd TX Star Bank</p>
<p><b>Online Makeup</b> <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org" style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">www.rotaryclubone.org</a></p>				
<p>Edited 12/06/12</p>				

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## Heads Up! Programs and Events

Jan 7-----Livia Delia – Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Jan 8-----TBD

Jan 14-----Carol Martinez – Bea’s Kids

Jan 15-----TBD

Jan 21-----TBD

Jan 22-----TBD

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## Today’s Thoughts in Honor of ....

### Peculiar People Day – Jan 10

I was always fascinated by people who are considered completely normal, because I find them the weirdest of all.

- Johnny Depp (1963 - )

### Christmas Day – December 25

“The ninety and nine are with dreams, content but the hope of the world made new, is the hundredth man who is grimly bent on making those dreams come true”

- Edgar Allan Poe (1809 – 1849)

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A salesman rang the bell at a suburban home, and the door was opened by a nine-year-old boy puffing on a long black cigar.

Hiding his amazement, the salesman asked the young man, "Is your mother home?"

The boy took the cigar out of his mouth, flicked ashes on the carpet, and asked, "What do you think?"



<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Ron Baker			541-420-9396	Retired
Fred Bahrenburg		972-540-1311	972-523-4827	TV Cable Installation, ret.
Bill Bilyeu	972-548-4698	214-686-1329	214-686-1329	Collin Co. Admin
Jeff Caserotti	972-548-1199		214-850-4841	Auto Insurance
Trevor Castilla	972-569-9193	972-529-6534	469-371-5409	Civil Engineer
Weldon Copeland	972-548-3811	972-562-0838		Judge – Probate
Phyllis Davis			972-658-5800	Real Estate Broker
Ruben Delgado	972-548-3728	972-548-0326	214-686-6998	County Engineer
Rebecca Drekmann	972-548-5539		214-250-6627	Public Health
Lyle Froese		972-569-8843	972-523-8350	Ed Admin
Sandi Froese	903-815-4779	972-569-8843	903-815-4779	Ed Admin
Marc-Andre Gagnon		214-227-6744	469-247-1894	Leadership – Bus Consult
Stacey Kemp	972-548-4136	972-837-2534	214-356-4808	County Govt. Admin.
Tim Kocsis	972-547-6404	972-838-1808	972-670-3850	Comp. Programmer
Chuck Koehler	214-449-6868	972-529-1110	214-449-6868	Financial Mgmt
Brian Loughmiller	972-529-5554	972-529-9030	214-924-6900	Atty – Family Law
Ed Miles		972-540-1541	214-673-5284	Psychologist
Steve Mitas	972-547-6404	972-837-4474	972-670-1197	Comp. Software
Scott Parker	214-385-4142	972-727-9852	214-287-0737	Financial Consultant
Tom Parker	972-540-2180	972-540-2180	972-832-5590	Ed. Admin – Pers.
Larry Offerdahl		972-562-5722	806-672-0680	Retired Parks and Rec
Gene Sera	972-542-0095	972-548-7884	972-670-7400	Defense Attorney
Bill Smith	972-731-4014	972-569-8811	985-774-4048	Financial
Juli Smith	972-562-6996	972-562-1866	972-658-9977	Non-Profit
Dennis Snavelly	972-771-2155	972-562-3796	972746-6920	Business Communications
Scott Stineman	972-332-4663	214-384-4018		Wholesale Insurance
Gary Taylor	972-548-5140	972-984-1052	972-984-0661	Groc. Store Mgmt
Nathan White	972-979-9204	972-562-6445	972-979-9204	Judiciary
Jason Woodward	972-338-3022		954-444-2709	eCommerce
Pamela Zeigler-Petty	972-407-3643		214-471-3830	Bank Mgt – Bus. Banking

### **Honorary Members**

Donas Cole

Connie Yeager

Linda Terry

*Note: Please notify Dennis Snavelly if there is a change in your phone number or e-mail address. Thank you  
Having your number here makes it a public record, please notify Gary if you prefer not to have it listed here.*