



McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club Sunrise Sentinel

April 22, 2015

Officers and Directors

2014 – 2015

President	Steve Mitas
President Elect	Larry Offerdahl
Secretary	Gary Taylor
Treasurer	Dennis Snavelly
Vice President, Fund Raising	Chuck Koehler
Club Service Director	Ron Baker
Vocational Service Director	Ruben Delgado
Youth Services Director	Gene Sera
Community Service Director	Scott Parker
International Service Director	Trevor Castilla
Publicity Chair	Stacey Kemp
Rotary Foundation Chair	Fred Bahrenburg
Sunrise Sentinel Editorian/Webmaster	Gary Taylor
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ed Miles

Club Meeting Time and Location

07:30 Wednesday Morning
Eldorado Country Club
McKinney, TX

Today's Program

Neil Sperry

Past Presidents

2013-14	Bill Smith
2012-13	Gary Taylor
2011-12	Stacey Kemp
2010-11	Donas Cole
2009-10	Nathan White
2008-09	Pamela Zeigler-Petty
2007-08	Bill Bilyeu
2006-07	Tom Parker
2005-06	K. Lyle Froese
2004-05	Timothy Kocsis
2003-04	Scott Dillashaw
2002-03	Linda Paluga
2001-02	Steven Mitas
2000-01	Jeff Caserotti
1999-00	Larry Offerdahl
1998-99	Chuck Koehler



Crape Myrtle Trails

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

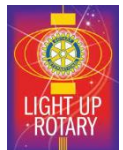
President..... Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei Rotary, Taiwan

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



Rotary Club of McKinney Sunrise, District 5810
Club Number 28762, Chartered May 22, 1992
P.O. Box 2244, McKinney, Texas, 75070
www.mckinneysunriserotary.org



Neil Sperry – Neil Sperry’s Gardens

Neil Sperry grew up in College Station, the son of a professor and head librarian. He attended Texas A&M, but transferred to The Ohio State University, where he completed both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in horticulture.

His name has been synonymous with Texas gardening since 1970.

Neil was a founding force in the Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney, and both he and Lynn serve on its board. For that work with crape myrtles and the school children of McKinney, Neil was awarded the National Conservation Award of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2014.

Neil served on the board of the Volunteer Services Council of the Denton State Supported Living Center (“Denton State School”) for more than 20 years.

Lynn has been on the McKinney School Board since 1984 and has served as its secretary, vice-president and president.

Lynn was a founding force for the McKinney Education Foundation, and is board member Emeritus.

Both serve on the Serenity High advisory board, and all of Neil’s fund-raising activities are directed toward that school and MEF.

Neil and Lynn have been happily married and building their life together since 1967. They are charter members of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Allen. They are proud parents of Brian, Todd and Erin, and the equally proud grandparents of Sam, Alex, Audrey, Lauren, Ella, Joseph and Nolan.

District Assembly 2015 - 2016

District Training Assembly for Incoming Officers

- all are encouraged to attend
- to strengthen Rotarian Officers
- to build a more productive Rotary Club 2015-2016 year

Date: Saturday, May 2

Time: 8:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Collin College Higher Education Center
3452 Spur 399, McKinney TX 75069
(Northeast corner of 75 & Sam Rayburn Tollway)

Cost: Free

Purpose: To provide training for incoming Club officers.

Topics: PETS, Club Secretary/Treasurer, District & Global Grant Qualification, Risk Management, Youth Services, Publicity/Public Relations, Membership, RILI/Rotary University/Gateway.

Ecuadorean Surgeon Donates Heart to Children in Need

Pediatric heart surgeon Gerardo Davalos has treated scores of young heart patients, but one made a particular impression on him.

The day before 11-year-old Josue Ochoa died in 2013, Dr. Davalos, a member of the Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador, walked into the boy's hospital room to say goodbye. The atmosphere in the room, where family members were gathered, was somber. But one person was smiling and comforting everyone else. It was Josue.

Says Davalos: "I'll never forget how strong Josue was in that moment. He wasn't concerned about himself. He was more worried about his mom and dad. He kept telling them that everything was going to be OK and that he'd lived a great life. He was an amazing child."

And Josue also shared his gratitude with Davalos. "He told me, 'Thank you for giving me a chance to dance at school,' "the surgeon recalls.

Five years earlier, funded by a Rotary Foundation grant that paid for corrective heart surgeries for underprivileged children at Quito's Hospital Metropolitano, Davalos had performed a complicated operation that saved Josue's life.

The ensuing recovery period had been extremely hard for the youngster, who'd had to remain in the hospital for two months after the surgery. But "Josue never complained once; he always had a smile on his face," says Davalos. "He couldn't wait to get out of the hospital and dance."

Over the years, though, Josue's heart problems became irreversible, says Davalos. "But Rotary helped extend his life, and gave him a chance to enjoy things that normal children his age do."

Josue is one of more than 120 children on whom Davalos has performed free corrective heart surgeries since his club, along with the Rotary Club of Wheeling, Illinois, USA, initiated the grant project in 2002.

CONNECTING WITH ROTARY

After spending five years in Spain for his medical residency, Davalos returned home in 1995 eager to make a difference in the lives of Ecuador's underprivileged children, and looking to use his surgical skills outside his regular duties as a hospital doctor.

"I was a young surgeon with a skill I wanted to share," he recalls. "There are so many needs in Ecuador -- the government can't afford to pay for heart surgeries for poor children. There are very few options out there for them. I wanted to find a way to provide free surgeries to those in need."



A friend of Davalos' who was a member of the Quito club thought Rotary could be the answer. After attending a few meetings, Davalos joined the club in 1998.

"I was very impressed with the variety of professional skills the Rotarians had. I didn't know how to start a project or find connections that I needed to reach these desperate children. Rotarians do," says Davalos, who is director of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at Hospital Metropolitano, Quito's leading hospital. "The club gave me options and the support I needed. Their enthusiasm to help those less fortunate was as strong as mine."

Rallying behind Davalos' vision, a number of clubs worked together to obtain grant money, which funded more than 60 surgeries.

"Life can be kind to some people and unkind to others. Those of us who are lucky to be in the position to give back must try to do so," he says. "I'm lucky to have found Rotary, lucky to have found friends so willing to help change lives."

Davalos, who also implants cardiac pacemakers free of charge through the Pacemaker Bank Foundation, adds: "I'm grateful that I can share my gift and make a difference. But those children are more of a gift to me than I can ever be to them."

None more so than Josue.

Area Meeting Makeup Locations

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<p>11:45 Farmers Branch Rotary Club, Holiday Inn Select Galleria Area 2645 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas</p> <p>Noon Richardson Rotary Club Canyon Creek Country Club 625 Lookout Drive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edited</p>	<p>7:30 AM Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club Randy's Steakhouse, 7026 W. Main St.</p> <p>Noon Farmersville Rotary O.E. Carlisle Civic Center 201 Orange St.</p> <p>Noon Plano West Rotary Greek Isle Rest. @ 3309 N. Central Expressway</p> <p>7:00 PM Dallas Evening Rotary La Calle Dolce 415 W. 12th Dallas, Tx</p>	<p>7:30 AM Prosper Rotary Club Cotton Gin Cafe@ 204 W. Broadway</p> <p>Noon Allen Rotary Club Courtyard by Marriott @ 210 E. Stacy Road</p> <p>Noon Prestonwood Rotary Club Prestonwood CC 15909 Preston Rd., Dallas</p> <p>Noon Richardson East Rotary Club Canyon Creek CC 625 Lookout Drive.</p>	<p>Noon Frisco Rotary Dave & Busters Stonebriar Centre</p> <p>Noon Hurricane Creek Rotary 1800 Fairway Lane Anna</p> <p>Noon Plano Rotary Club Southfork Hotel 1600 N. Central Expressway</p> <p>7:30 AM Melissa Rotary First Baptist Church 2101 E Melissa Rd</p> <p>5:15 PM McKinney Sunset Spoons Garage On the Square Downtown McKinney</p>	<p>7 AM Plano Sunrise Tino's Two Restaurant 2205 Avenue K</p> <p>Noon McKinney Rotary Club Ricks Chop House 107 N Kentucky st.</p> <p>Noon Richardson Central Hyatt Regency- North Dallas Hotel 701 E. Campbell</p> <p>Noon Park Cities Maggiano's Little Italy 205 North Park Center, Dallas</p> <p>Noon Celina Rotary 320 S. Preston Rd TX Star Bank</p>
<p>Online Makeup www.rotaryclubone.org</p>				

Heads Up! Programs and Events

April 22-----Neil Sperry – Crepe Myrtle Trails Project

April 23-----Club Assembly Planning

April 29-----TBD

April 30-----Judge Weldon Copeland – Probate Judge Collin County

May 6-----TBD

May 7-----David Johnson – Governor of Toastmasters Area 33

May 13-----TBD

May 14-----Jennifer Rollins – Owner, Mom and Popcorn Shop

Today's Thoughts in Honor of

Administrative Professionals Day – April 22

No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.

- Author Unknown

Babe Ruth Day – April 27

“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.”

- Babe Ruth (1895 – 1948)

Doctor: I see you're over a month late for your appointment. Don't you know that nervous disorders require prompt and regular attention? What's your excuse?

Patient: I was just following your orders, Doc.

Doctor: Following my orders? What are you talking about? I gave you no such order.

Patient: You told me to avoid people who irritate me.



Member Name	Work	Home	Cell	Classification
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.*