



McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club Sunrise Sentinel

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Club Meeting Time and Location

07:30 Wednesday Morning
Eldorado Country Club
McKinney, TX

Today's Program

Rob Nelson

Past Presidents

2013-14	Bill Smith
2012-13	Gary Taylor
2011-12	Stacey Kemp
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2006-07	Tom Parker
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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



Nelson Travel

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

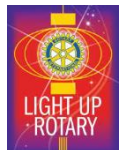
President	Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei Rotary, Taiwan
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The Four Way Test
of the things we think say or do....

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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Rob Nelson – Nelson Travel

Rob Nelson has lived in McKinney, Texas since 1997 with his wife Cynthia. He has 2 daughters and a beautiful 3 1/2 year old grand daughter.



He has been the owner of Nelson Travel at Eldorado and Hardin since 1999 and has been lucky enough to travel to amazing locales around the world.

Rob is the immediate past President of the Kiwanis Club of McKinney. Chairman-elect for the board of Volunteer McKinney.

2010 graduate of Leadership McKinney. 2011 graduate of McKinney Citizens Fire academy. Member of First United Methodist McKinney where he will be going to Panama on a church mission trip this August.

He looks forward to talking with you about two of the more popular travel destinations. European River Cruising and Alaska.

Flags

That time of year has rolled around again. It is time to get geared up for a new flag season. Our first flag holiday is just one month away and there is a lot of work to be done. We already have well over 1200 subscriptions this year, much more than we usually have for Memorial Day so it will be all hands on deck to get all of the prep work done for our first holiday.

At the meeting this week, route assignments will be handed out as well as route prep lists. We need full attendance this week so everyone can get their list in order to get a jump on the prep that needs to be done. Subscriptions are still coming in, so there will be some additional lists handed out as we move closer to Memorial Day.

Please stay in communication with your flag captain with updates on your progress and any concerns so we can insure an error free delivery of our first holiday.

Spirit of Earth Day: Tree Planting Project Stems From Surviving a Tsunami

As a child, Gowri Rajan was scared of trees because of the reptiles and insects lurking in their roots, branches, and leaves.

"I wouldn't go near trees," says Rajan. "It's ironic that, later in life, a tree would be the reason I'm still alive."

On the morning of 26 December 2004, a tsunami slammed into Rajan's vacation house on the Indian Ocean in Sri Lanka, where her family and a few friends were staying for the holidays. The water violently crashed through the house, destroying everything inside. "I said my last prayers. I thought this was the end," she recalls.

When the water receded, it swept Rajan with it. But she saved herself by grabbing onto one of the few trees that hadn't been uprooted.

"For 20 minutes I held on with all my strength. I could feel the ocean pulling my body in," says Rajan, who lost three of her friends that day.

After the wave receded, she started to swim back to the house through the dark water, to rejoin her family and friends. A second wave came crashing in. A friend was able to reach Rajan and help her climb to the top of another tree. "I was saved by two trees," she says. "It's a miracle I'm still alive."

Now, Rajan is looking for a million people to share their tree stories to raise awareness and money to restore the island nation's trees.

Rajan is a Rotary member and leader in her region, which started the One Million Tree Stories project in December, 10 years after the tsunami. One of the region's Rotary clubs, the Rotary Club of Ibbagamuwa, is playing a prominent role because it had already been working on reforestation. The Rotary members are partnering with hundreds of local farmers, a bank, and government agencies. The Sri Lankan army will help plant the first trees. The goal is to plant 1 million trees this year along the banks of protected reservoirs in the Kurunegala district, in the country's North Western Province, and another 4 million trees over the next five years.

Rotary members and the public can sponsor a tree for 100 Sri Lankan rupees (about \$.75 cents) and are encouraged to tell their own tree stories on the project's Facebook page. "Research shows every human being is emotionally connected to a tree in some way or another," says Rajan. "We want to hear these stories. It will help create a personal connection to the tree you sponsor."

Rajan says 40 cents of each dollar donated to the project will go to The Rotary Foundation, while the remaining 60 cents will be used to buy trees and care for them during their first two years. Every tree will be tagged and entered into a computer system that will enable sponsors to monitor its growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Don Nihal Wanigasekara, president of the Ibbagamuwa Rotary club and the originator of its tree-planting project, says widespread deforestation is contributing to "the destruction of our planet."

"Although the government has imposed laws to control deforestation, more effort must be made to help our country's natural habitat," says Wanigasekara, a mechanical and mining engineer. "Planting one tree has an enormous benefit to the environment," he adds.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a single tree can absorb a ton of harmful greenhouse gases over its lifetime, produce enough oxygen for four people every day, cool the air as well as 10 room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day, and provide an estimated \$273 of environmental benefits in every year of its life. Trees also control storm water runoff and reduce the risks of both flooding and drought.

Wanigasekara estimates that Sri Lanka needs a minimum of 20 million new trees over the next 10 years to be able to counter the effects of the carbon dioxide and other gases released into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

"Our club unanimously accepted to take on this project because we know how crucial it is to make the environment safer for future generations," says Wanigasekara. "We all have a personal responsibility to keep this planet green. I hope a million trees is just the beginning."

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 29-----Rob Nelson – Nelson Travel

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

May 6-----Larry, Lyle, and Juli report on District Conference

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

May 13-----TBD

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

May 20-----TBD

May 21-----TBD

Today's Thoughts in Honor of

National Honesty Day – April 29

"A liar will not be believed, even when he speaks the truth."

- Aesop (620 BC – 564 BC)

Star Wars Day – May 4th

Fear is the path to the Dark Side. Fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering.

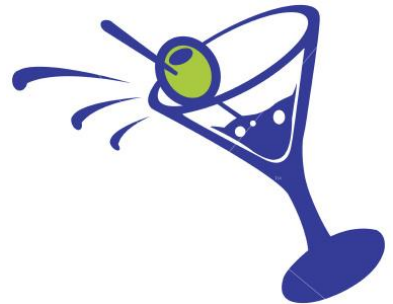
- Yoda (896 BBY – 4 ABY)

A man rushed into a bar and ordered a double martini. The man downed it with one swallow, put a five-dollar bill on the bar, and turned and rushed out of the bar.

The bartender picked up the five-dollar bill, folded it carefully, and tucked it in his vest pocket.

Just at that moment he looked up at the boss standing in the doorway staring at him.

Doing a bit of fast thinking, he said, "Hi boss, did you see that fellow just now? Came in here, bought a double martini, gave me a five-dollar tip, and rushed out without paying."



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.*