



McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club Sunrise Sentinel

May 13, 2015

Officers and Directors

2014 – 2015

President	Steve Mitas
President Elect	Larry Offerdahl
Secretary	Gary Taylor
Treasurer	Dennis Snaveley
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

John Valencia



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

McKinney Economic Development Cooperation

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

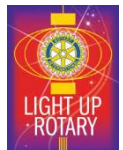
President..... Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei Rotary, Taiwan

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



John Valencia - MEDC

The McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) was created in 1993 to support the development, expansion and relocation of new and existing companies. The MEDC is an organization with a mission to work to create an environment in which community-oriented businesses can thrive.

The MEDC is actively pursuing investments in:

- Aerospace / aviation
- Clean manufacturing
- Corporate headquarters / corporate office
- Healthcare / medical device manufacturing
- High-tech

Business parks offer affordable land prices, reliable utilities and access to major highways. McKinney offers competitive incentive packages to business relocation and business expansion.

Born and raised on the beaches of Southern California, John and his family have been in North Texas since 1982. Looking back it was a very good move! With a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology, he was actually able to use his education early in his career. But the move to Texas led into manufacturing and business and in 84 began a 27 year run with Primo Microphones right here in McKinney. John held positions as General Manager and Vice President, Director of Operations, Plant Manager and Director of Sales, Marketing and New Product Development. Primo sells, distributes and performs assembly services in microphones and small speakers for the telecomm and audio industries.

Not one to really “retire” an opportunity was open to work with the McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as their Director of Business Retention, Expansion and Emerging Technology. Being involved in the community for some 30 years, his committee work with the MEDC and relationships with the local businesses was a great match. So, for the past 3 ½ years he has been with the MEDC at that position, and will share that and the MEDC with you this morning.

Beside his career, John has been active in the community, serving on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, the McKinney Education Foundation and the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. John was honored as an Emeritus Trustee for the McKinney Education Foundation in 2008, named 2002 Outstanding Citizen of McKinney, and also named “21 for the 21st Century” in the class of 1999 by Inside Collin County Business.

He and his wife, Kristi, of 39 years live in Las Colinas and have three grown children and two WONDERFUL grandchildren. They enjoy travel, family and time at their lake home at Cedar Creek.

Life is good and McKinney is Awesome!

Ecuadorean Heart Surgeon Donates His Professional Skills 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

May 13-----John Valencia - MEDC

May 14-----Juli Smith – McKinney Sunrise Rotary All Needs Park Plan

May 20-----Colin Kimball – Collin County Fallen Warrior Project

May 21-----Sue Shultz – Therapy Dogs

May 21-----Flag distribution at the flag shed

May 26-----Flag retrieval at the flag shed

May 27-----Jaymie Pedigo – Chestnut Square Historical Village

May 28-----Club Assembly

Today's Thoughts in Honor of

Dance Like a Chicken Day – May 14th

Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.

- Danny Kaye (1911 – 1987)

Armed Forces Day – May 16th

We sleep safely at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us

- Winston Churchill (1874 – 1965)

A traveler became lost in the Sahara Desert. Realizing his only chance for survival was to find civilization, he began walking. Time passed, and he became thirsty. More time passed, and he began feeling faint. He was on the verge of passing out when he spied a tent about 500 meters in front of him. Barely conscious, he reached the tent and called out, "Water!"

A Bedouin appeared in the tent door and replied sympathetically, "I am sorry, sir, but I have no water. However, would you like to buy a tie?" With this, he brandished a collection of exquisite silken neckwear.

"You fool," gasped the man. "I'm dying! I need water!"

"Well, sir," replied the Bedouin, "if you really need water, there is a tent about two kilometers south of here where you can get some." Without knowing how, the man summoned sufficient strength to drag his parched body the distance to the second tent. With his last ounce of strength, he tugged at the door of the tent and collapsed.

Another Bedouin, dressed in a costly tuxedo, appeared at the door and enquired, "May I help you, sir?"

"Water..." was the feeble reply. "Oh, sir," replied the Bedouin, "I'm sorry, but you can't come in here without a tie!"

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.*