

## **Sunrise Sentinel**

September 1, 2010

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#### **Club Meeting Time and Location**

07:30 Wednesday Morning Eldorado Country Club McKinney, TX

# Today's Program

Sponsored by Steve Mitas

Misty Verschoor



Manager Sunstone Yoga

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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## Misty Verschoor - Manager Sunstone Yoga

Misty is the manager of Sunstone Yoga in McKinney. Sunstone Yoga was founded in 2002. They currently have 12 studios in DFW and 3 studios between Austin and Colorado. Misty began teaching yoga after her training requirements of 500 hours were met in November of 2008.

Our unique series of yoga postures are a combination of technique and approach, directing you into your body to awaken your health, vitality, mind and spirit. Here you will reduce stress, increase strength, improve flexibility, balance the weight of your body, and improve the quality of your life.

## **Rotary Night at the Follies**



Saturday, September 4 will be Rotary night at the Follies for this year. The Spectacular Senior Follies are the brain child of soon to be 92 years old Rotarian, Ned Startzel, who with his mostly Rotarian board of directors are producing the third production of the follies. Ned and his artistic director, Mark Carroll, have assembled the best ever cast of seasoned professionals to entertain us this year.

The performers have a long list of credits from their illustrious careers, and have donated their time to perform an encore performance to benefit the Follies charity, the Visiting Nurse Association and their Meals on Wheels. This is a joyous production of nostalgic songs and dance of our past. Some of us lived through the time of this music, and

many of us grew up listening to our parents and grand-parents enjoying it. The music is timeless and will be enjoyed by an audience of all ages. The costuming is a treat for your senses, and the overall production is "Broadway Quality."

Come see a great show, see your Rotary friends, and support a very deserving charity. Tickets range from \$10 to \$45 and there is a 10% discount for more than 10.

Friday evening 8:00 pm, September 3

Saturday matinee 2:00 pm, September 4

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Sunday matinee 2:00 pm, September 5

The Eisemann Center 2351 Performance Drive Richardson, TX 75082-4332 (972) 744-4650

## **Rotary Peace Fellow Tells Her Story**

I was in a taxi on the way to testify before Congress on the situation facing Colombia's human rights defenders, the first time I was to appear before a congressional hearing, and I had the jitters.

I turned to my Colombian colleague – a human rights lawyer with two decades of experience backing the victims of Colombia's 40-year war – and asked if he felt anxious too.

"What makes me nervous is the thought of returning to Colombia after these hearings and what could follow," he responded.

In that moment, he summed up the challenge of my job as executive director of the independent U.S. Office on Colombia and as an advocate in Washington, D.C., defending human rights workers. None of it would have been possible without the Rotary Peace Fellowship I was awarded for 2005-07.

I'd just returned from working with indigenous communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon and Chiapas, Mexico, and wanted to promote peace and conflict resolution, but had no idea how to move forward without a master's degree.



Kelly Nicholls joins a march in memory of the victims of the conflict in Colombia. Photo courtesy of Kelly Nicholls

Then a person I met while volunteering for Oxfam told me about the Rotary Peace Centers program. Being Australian, I contacted the Rotary Club of Roseville Chase, in a suburb of Sydney, and a few months later, I was selected as one of 50 fellowship recipients.

The program brought me to the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom to study international conflict resolution where I focused on mediation and politics. I developed friendships with other fellows – two of them came to Australia for my wedding. I was able to research human rights, regional politics in Latin America and Africa, internal displacement, religion, and conflict resolution.

I was fortunate to do my applied field experience – a requirement of the Rotary Peace Fellowship – with the United Nations independent expert on minority issues. I examined human rights abuses against Afro-Colombians, who have been disproportionally affected by conflict, especially by forced displacement.

Now, three years after graduating, I've met with young women who have shown me their wedding photos, much like my own. The difference is that their husbands are dead, murdered by the armed forces and later dressed up to look like enemy guerrillas killed in combat. Between January 2007 and July 2008, nearly one person a day was murdered by the armed forces.

Efforts to bring international attention to this have forced the government to purge some officers and officials. In my position at the U.S. Office on Colombia, I have met with senior

Obama administration officials and members of Congress to urge them to pressure Colombian leaders to end the lethal abuse of power. We've been able to reduce the number of "extrajudicial executions." We've also helped persuade the country's government to rid the armed forces of over 50 rogue officers and senior officials, and to establish an armywide human rights curriculum.

Doing what I do takes commitment, but it also requires training. That's where my Rotary Peace Fellowship kicked in. I learned so much from my two years at Bradford that I've been able to put to use. Without that preparation, I'm not sure I would have been able to make any headway at all in a country with such complex and entrenched conflict.

After the congressional hearing, my Colombian colleague said to me, "Do you have any idea how important the work is that your organization is doing to allow us to continue to help Colombian victims?" In this line of work, it's hard to measure success, and calculating numbers doesn't seem all that relevant. Saving one person makes it worthwhile.

#### **Area Meeting Makeup Locations** Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday **Friday** 11:45 7:30 AM Noon Noon **7 AM** Allen Rotary Club Farmers Branch Frisco Sunrise Frisco Rotary Plano Sunrise Rotary Club, Rotary Club Chase Oaks Golf Club Rotary Club Holiday Inn Select Embassy Suites, Club @ 7201 Chase **Dallas Baptist** Tino's Two Gaylord & Galleria Area Oaks Blvd Univ. at Frisco Restaurant 2645 LBJ Freeway Parkwood 3211 Internet 2205 Avenue K Dallas, Texas Blvd. Noon Noon Plano Metro Rotary Noon Noon Farmersville Rotary Club Noon McKinney Rotary Richardson Rotary Club Glen Eagles Country Hurricane Creek Club Club O.E. Carlisle Civic Club Rotary Club Ricks Chop 5401 W. Park Blvd. Canyon Creek Center Hurricane Creek House Country Club 201 Orange St. Country Club 107 N. Kentucky 625 Lookout Drive @ Hill Street Noon 1800 Fairway St. Prestonwood Rotary Lane, Noon Club Anna Noon Plano West Rotary Prestonwood Country Richardson Central Rotary Club Club Club Noon Greek Isle Rest. @ 15909 Preston Rd., Plano Rotary Richardson Hotel 701 E. Campbell 3309 N. Central Dallas Club Expressway Southfork Hotel Noon 1600 N. Central Noon Park Cities Rotary Richardson East Expressway Online Makeup Rotary Club Club www.rotaryeclubone.org Canyon Creek Maggiano's Little Country Club Italy 625 Lookout Drive. 205 North Park Center, Dallas Edited 04/01/08

## **Heads Up! Programs and Events**

September 1-----Misty Verschoor – Manager Sunstone Yoga

Sponsored by Steve Mitas

September 2-----Flag distribution to Scouts at Storage Shed – 4:30 to 6:30 PM

September 8-----Bryan Northington

September 15-----Jeran Akers - Organ Donations

Sponsored by Bill Bilveu

September 22-----Dr. J.D. Kennedy - Superintendent McKinney ISD

Sponsored by Lyle Froese

September 27-----Board Meeting 7:00 AM - Market Street Culinary School

September 29-----Stacey Kemp

October 6-----Robert Rusoff

October 13-----Linda Terry

October 20-----Nathan White

## Today's Thoughts in Honor of ....

#### Be Late for Something Day – September 5

He was always late on principle, his principle being that punctuality is the thief of time.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 – 1900)

### Labor Day - September 6

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1862)

A married couple was vacationing in Yosemite. The wife expressed her concern about camping because of bears and said she would feel more comfortable in a motel. The husband said that he'd like to camp. To calm her concerns, he suggested they talk to the park ranger to see what the likelihood of a bear encounter would be.

The ranger told them, "Well, we haven't seen any grizzlies in this area so far this year, or black bears, for that matter."

The wife shrieked, "There are TWO types of bears out here? How can you tell the difference? Which one is more dangerous?"

The ranger replied, "Well, that's easy -- see, if the bear chases you up a tree and it comes up after you, it's a BLACK bear. If it SHAKES the tree until you fall out, it's a grizzly."

The motel room was quite nice.



Member Name	Work	Home	Cell	Classification
Scott Becker	972-548-3613	972-984-1817	817-269-0889	Asst. District Attorney
Bill Bilyeu	972-548-4698	214-686-1329	214-686-1329	Collin Co. Admin
Jeff Caserotti	972-548-1199	972-562-7249	214-850-4841	Auto Insurance
Trevor Castilla	972-569-9193	972-529-6534	469-371-5409	Civil Engineer
Donas Cole	972-548-5482	972-548-6908	214-592-5279	Hospital Admin
Weldon Copeland	972-548-3811	972-562-0838		Judge – Probate
Ronald Danforth	972-562-4112	972-562-9790	469-233-3871	Atty - Crim. Law
Phyllis Davis			972-658-5800	Real Estate Broker
Kris Falvo	972-529-2559	214-548-4928	214733-9558	YMCA Exec Director
Lyle Froese	972-523-8350	972-569-8843	972-523-8350	Ed Admin
Sandi Froese	903-815-4779	972-569-8843	903-815-4779	Ed Admin
Gretchen Gayowski	972-548-3616	972-562-5306	214-669-5091	Consultant
Steve Goodman	972-548-3616		214-226-2901	Criminal Investigation
Jim Gilmore	972-562-6950	214-544-1361	972-529-8503	Residential Ins
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Mark Lowe	972-540-2152	972-377-6688	214-870-5959	Trust Officer
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	972-838-1807	972-670-1197	Comp. Software
Bryan Northington	972-569-0170	972-547-4958	469-569-6814	Auto Collision Mgr.
Tom Parker	972-540-2180	972-540-2180	972-832-5590	Ed. Admin – Pers.
Jim Pearson	972-562-9787	214-533-2787	214-533-2787	Real Estate App.
Robert Ridgeway	972-529-7071	903-892-0637	903-744-0629	General Law Practice
Robert Rusoff	972-547-1672	972-547-1672	214-504-5133	Procurement
Juli Smith	972-562-6996	972-562-1866	972-658-9977	Non-Profit
Bill Smith	972-731-4000	972-569-8811	985-774-4048	Financial
Gary Taylor	972-548-5140	972-984-1052	972-984-0661	Groc. Store Mgmt
Linda Terry	972-542-5561	972-548-0091	469-450-4100	Fire & Casualty Ins
Nathan White	972-979-9204	972-562-6445	972-979-9204	Judiciary
Connie Yeager	972-529-1351	972-529-1351	214-693-2510	Health Ins Ret.
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Honorary Member				
Mary Lou Lee				Printing – Ret Honora
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Note: Please notify Phyllis Davis if there is a change in your phone number or e-mail address. Thank you Having you number here makes it a public record, please notify Gary if you prefer not to have it listed here.