



# McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club Sunrise Sentinel

November 5, 2014

## 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 Gene Sera

## 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



## Rotary Youth Services

## 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

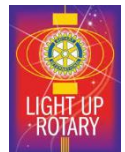
President..... Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei Rotary, Taiwan

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 Services

## Interact

Boyd High School

Facility Advisor: Ms Katherine Valdez  
Interact Club President: Samantha Low  
Club Sponsor Trevor Castilla



McKinney North High School

Facility Advisor: Ms. Jennifer McClelland  
Interact Club President: Rachel Breham  
Club Sponsor: Dr. Lyle Froese

## Collin College Rotaract Club

Facility Co-Advosors: Dr. Seema Endley and Dr. Linda Wee  
District 5810 Rotaract Chair: Daniel Long  
President: Mr. Melvin Kayapurathu  
Vice President: M. Kieu Nguyen  
Treasurer: Ms. Kieu Nguyen  
Secretary: Ms Jenney Cao



## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

2014 RYLA Participants:

Boyd High School:  
Sarah Elizabeth Stanley

McKinney North High School:  
Cameron Davis Govan, Tashim Saraf Yashim, Mica John Amons

Club RYLA Sponsor: Dr. Tom Parker



## Rotary Youth Long Term Inbound Program:

Livia Delia is our Exchange Student from Belgium

Mr. & Mrs. Marc-Andre Gagnon are the current host family  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mitas will be the host family for the second semester

## Rotary Youth Long Term Outbound Program

McKinney Sunrise Rotary is proud to sponsor two out-bound long term exchange students.

Jack Bilyeu is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bilyeu and is spending a year in Germany  
Sabrina Gagnon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Gagnon and is spending a year in Poland



## Restoring Vision to Hundreds in China

Seeing an elderly Tibetan woman weep with joy when cataract surgery restored her vision after 10 years is the kind of moment Dave Razo will never tire of.

For several summers Razo, a member of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins, Georgia, USA, traveled to rural northwest China with a team from Georgia-based nonprofit [Gansu Inc.](#),

to provide free sight-restoring cataract surgery to some of the country's poorest residents. In 2012, after 22 years and 6,000 successful procedures, Gansu's founder, ophthalmologist William Conrad, retired and discontinued the organization's operations.

But Razo didn't want the effort to end. He had seen how life-changing the surgery could be, not only for the patients but for their families and their community.

"When you see the face of someone who regains their sight for the first time in years, you can't help but share their overwhelming happiness and gratification," says Razo, who is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot. "There was so much good work done by Dr. Conrad and his organization that I felt I could continue his legacy through Rotary."

Cataract, a clouding of the lens of the eye, is responsible for an estimated 2.5 million cases of blindness in China, nearly half of the country's blind population. In rural areas, blindness can be a death sentence for villagers who must walk dangerous mountain trails to obtain food and water.

Nearly half of China's population lives in rural areas, without access to the same health care as urban residents. With its huge population of older people, China is likely to face a growing backlog of people in need of cataract surgery, Razo says. "Chinese families in these regions are close knit, and three or four generations often live together. So giving sight to a patriarch or matriarch has a multiplier effect for the family and the community," he says.

### RAZO TURNS TO ROTARY TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT

During one of his missions with Gansu, Razo had met Frank Yih, of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. Yih, who is chair of the nonprofit [HuaQiao Foundation](#), which provides in-country



Four hundred citizens in northeast China received free cataract surgeries in 2013 thanks to efforts by the Rotary Clubs of Warner Robins, Georgia, USA, and Shanghai, China.

*Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Shanghai*

logistical support for international charities, arranged housing for team members during their last two visits to China. When Gansu closed its doors, Razo's Rotary club and the Shanghai club partnered to fund cataract surgery for 400 people at two hospitals in the northeast provinces of Shandong, Gansu, and Qinghai, as well as remote areas closer to Shanghai.

The clubs raised a total of \$46,000, including \$21,000 in matching funds from The Rotary Foundation. The surgeries, each of which cost about \$110 and took about two hours, were completed in June. The Shanghai club collaborated with [Vision in Practice](#), an organization that provides surgical training, consultation, and assistance to eye care institutions and professionals, to oversee the procedures and assist hospital staff.

Yih says the grant project has introduced a low-cost, high-quality cataract surgery model into the Chinese health care system, and he hopes his club can help expand the effort.

"If this type of surgery and outreach can be integrated nationwide, millions of elders in the rural villages can enjoy the benefit of regaining their vision through affordable operations," says Yih. "This will ease the burden of our country's health care dramatically."

## 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 Maggiano'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">www.rotaryclubone.org</a></p>				
<p>Edited 12/06/12</p>				

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## Heads Up! Programs and Events

Nov 5-----Youth Services – RYLA, Interact, and Youth exchange student

Nov 6-----Amy Miller – Media Director – Texas Legends Basketball Team

Nov 6-----Flag Distribution at the shed – 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Nov 12-----Club Happy Hour Meeting – Dulaneys McKinney 5pm to 7pm

Nov 13-----Flag Retrieval at the shed – 5pm-7pm

Nov 13----- DeeDee Guerra, Executive Director, McK Convention & Visitors Bureau

Nov 19----- Carol Martinez – Bea's Kids

Nov 20----- Rotary Club Assembly

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

### Cook Something Bold Day – November 8

Bear in mind that you should conduct yourself in life as at a feast.

- Epictetus (55 AD – 135 AD)

### Veterans Day – November 11

Wars are of course, as a rule, to be avoided; but they are far better than certain kinds of peace.

- Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919)

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Year after year Bubba's wife pleaded with him to take her fishing, but he kept telling her she would not enjoy it. She finally wore him down so he consented, and early one morning they took off for the lake.



They had not been there very long when the fish began biting. Almost as fast as they cast, a fish would bite, and they reeled it in. After catching their limit, Bubba said, "Verna Lou, sweet thang, I'm sorry. You've been good luck and I'm gonna bring you with me the next time. If you'll mark the spot where we caught all these fish, we'll go home."

On the way home, Bubba turned to Verna Lou and said, "Sweet thang, how did you mark the spot where all the fish are so next time I'll know?"

"Bubba, darlin', I put a big 'X' on the side of the boat right down closest to the water."

"Sweet thang, that's about the dumbest thing I ever seen you do. Don't you know that won't work? We may not get the same boat the next time!"

<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.*