



# Sunrise Sentinel

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## Club Meeting Time and Location

07:30 Wednesday Morning  
Eldorado Country Club  
McKinney, TX

## Today's Program

Sponsored by Nathan White

Dr. Calvin J. Spann



Tuskegee Airman

## Past Presidents

2008-09.....	Pamela Zeigler-Petty
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1993-94.....	Bob Flinchbaugh

## Rotary District 5810

District Governor .....	Dave McSpadden, Waxahachie
District Governor Elect .....	Linda Elliot, Grand Prairie
District Governor Nominee.....	Bud McBrayner, Plano Sunrise

## Rotary International

President .....	John Kenny, Grangemouth, Scotland
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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



**Rotary Club of McKinney Sunrise, District 5810**  
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## Dr. Calvin J. Spann – Tuskegee Airman



In 1943 Calvin J. Spann left Rutherford High School to go into the Army Air Corps to start aviation cadet training. Calvin's high school graduation was the next month. His sister Carolyn was there to accept his diploma.

Mr. Spann's orders sent him to Kessler Field, Mississippi; when he arrived he was informed that the Army Air Corps did not train Black cadets. A week later, he was sent to Tuskegee, Alabama for the Cadet training. Calvin Spann received his wings at Tuskegee, graduating in Class 44G.

His next station of duty was Walterboro, South Carolina. There he trained in the P-47 (Thunderbolt) for combat and overseas duty. At the completion of training Lieutenant Spann was sent to Italy as a replacement combat pilot and given an instruction manual to fly the P51 Mustang. He became a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron, a part of the 332nd Fighter Group under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Lt. Spann flew 26 combat missions before the end of the war in Europe and terminated his tour of duty in Italy.

After returning to the United States, he was stationed at Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio. Lt. Spann was separated from active duty here, in 1946. Lt. Spann made several attempts to seek employment with commercial airlines. He was denied a career in the industry, just as his comrades he served side by side with, due to racial discrimination. Lt. Spann remained in the Air Force Reserves until 1961 when he was honorably discharged.

On February 28, 2006 the United States Congress approved the bill sponsored by Rep. Charles B. Rangel, (Dem.-NY), to honor the Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor and on March 27, 2006, the United States Senate passed legislation, sponsored by Sen. Carl Levin (Dem.-MI), authorizing President Bush to award the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor to the Tuskegee Airmen. The Congressional Gold Medal of Honor was awarded to the Tuskegee Airmen on March 29, 2007 in the capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C. In May 2006 Spann received the degree, Doctor of Public Service from Tuskegee University, earning the distinguished title of Doctor. Dr. Spann has also been inducted into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame as well as the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

After a life long residency in New Jersey, Dr. Spann relocated to Texas to be closer to his grandchildren.

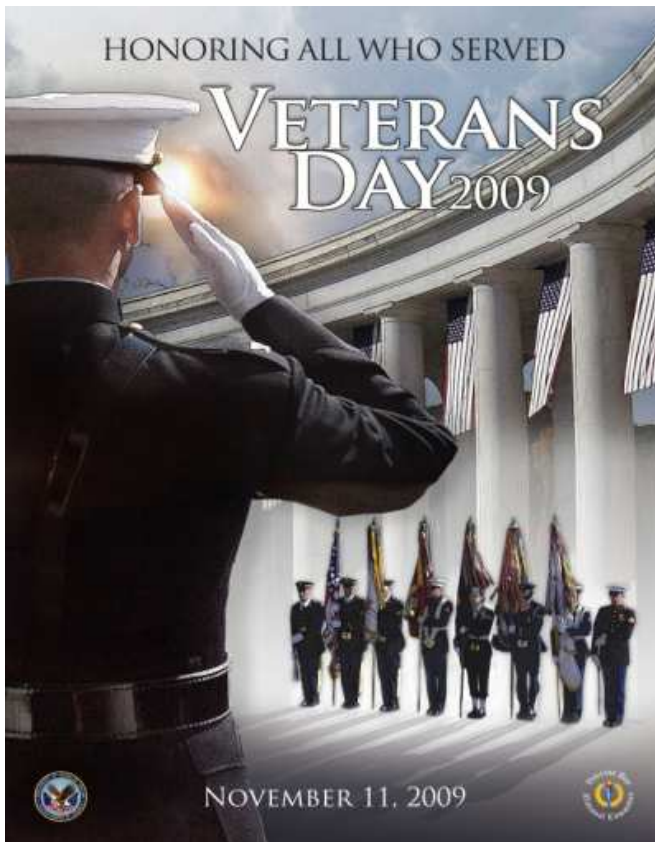
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## McKinney Sunrise Rotary Teacher Grant Endowment

At today's meeting our club will be presenting a check of \$7000 to the McKinney Education Foundation. This money will complete and make permanent our \$20,000 endowment providing teacher grants through the McKinney Education Foundation to deserving recipients in the McKinney Independent School District.



## Here is the speech President Obama should give in Oslo on Dec. 10



“Let me begin by thanking the Nobel committee for awarding me this prize, the highest award to which any statesman can aspire. As I said on the day it was announced, ‘I do not feel that I deserve to be in the company of so many of the transformative figures who’ve been honored by this prize.’ Therefore, upon reflection, I cannot accept this award on my behalf at all.

“But I will accept it on behalf of the most important peacekeepers in the world for the last century — the men and women of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

“I will accept this award on behalf of the American soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, to liberate Europe

from the grip of Nazi fascism. I will accept this award on behalf

of the soldiers and sailors who fought on the high seas and forlorn islands in the Pacific to free Asia from Japanese tyranny in World War II.

“I will accept this award on behalf of the U.S. airmen who in June 1948 broke the Soviet blockade of Berlin with an airlift of food and fuel so that West Berliners could continue to live free. I will accept this award on behalf of the tens of thousands of American soldiers who protected Europe from communist dictatorship throughout the 50 years of the Cold War.

“I will accept this award on behalf of the American soldiers who stand guard today at outposts in the mountains and deserts of Afghanistan to give that country, and particularly its women and girls, a chance to live a decent life free from the Taliban’s religious totalitarianism.

“I will accept this award on behalf of the American men and women still on patrol in Iraq, helping to protect its fledgling government as it tries to organize the rarest of things in that region — another free and fair election.

“I will accept this award on behalf of all the American soldiers who have gone on repeated humanitarian rescue missions after earthquakes and floods, from the mountains of Pakistan to the coasts of Indonesia. I will accept this award on behalf of American soldiers who serve in the peacekeeping force in the Sinai desert that has kept relations between Egypt and Israel stable ever since the Camp David treaty was signed.

“I will accept this award on behalf of all the U.S. airmen and sailors today who keep the sea lanes open and free in the Pacific and Atlantic so world trade can flow unhindered between nations.

“Finally, I will accept this award on behalf of my grandfather, Stanley Dunham, who arrived at Normandy six weeks after D-Day, and on behalf of my great-uncle, Charlie Payne, who was among those soldiers who liberated part of the Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald.

“Members of the Nobel committee, I accept this award on behalf of all these American men and women soldiers, past and present, because I know — and I want you to know — that there is no peace without peacekeepers.

“Until the words of Isaiah are made true and lasting — and nations never again lift up swords against nations and never learn war anymore — we will need peacekeepers. Lord knows, ours are not perfect, and I already have moved to remedy inexcusable excesses we’ve perpetrated in the war on terrorism.

“But have no doubt, those are the exception. If you want to see the true essence of America, visit any U.S. military outpost in Iraq or Afghanistan. You will meet young men and women of every race and religion who work together as one, far from their families, motivated chiefly by their mission to keep the peace and expand the borders of freedom.

“So for all these reasons — and so you understand that I will never hesitate to call on American soldiers where necessary to take the field against the enemies of peace, tolerance and liberty — I accept this peace prize on behalf of the men and women of the U.S. military: the world’s most important peacekeepers.”

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

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## **McKinney Sunrise and Downtown Rotary Club Veterans**

Richard Brown

David Dorman - First Reconnaissance Squadron 9th Calvary 1962-65

Charles Greer - US Navy 1952-58; Naval Reserves 1958-62

Mack Hill - US Navy – 1942-55

Ron Jabara - US Air Force – 1955-58

John Lovetere - US Air Force – 1948-52

Scott O'Grady - US Air Force – 12 years

Keith Self - US Army - 1975-99, 2002-03

Bob Tomes - US Army – 1968-72

Frank Walker - US Marines - 1962-65

Nathan White - 5 years in the US Navy, attaining the rank of Lt(sg). 1967-1969 aboard the USS O'Brien (DD 725), a destroyer in the western Pacific during Vietnam War, 1969-1971 in the Pentagon in the office of the Navy Comptroller.

Mark Yablon - US Naval Reserves – 1987-2005

Paul Yeager –



Yeager, who flew 50 fighter missions in New Guinea in 1943, received the Distinguished Flying Cross, which is awarded to those who show heroism or great achievement while flying.

“It’s an honor to have people recognize what you’ve done in the past,” said the 88-year-old retired Air Force colonel, with the blue and red medal pinned to his sport-coat pocket.

Yeager received more than 10 decorations for his Air Force service, but the Distinguished Flying Cross award eluded him. He filed the paperwork for the award in 1943, months after he bailed out of a bullet-riddled P-38 Lightning and parachuted into the New Guinea jungle.

He served in the 9th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Group, between March and November 1943.

Yeager’s wife pinned the medal on his jacket, next to his bright blue tie of a P-38.

Yeager said that one day he wants his medals and military records to be displayed somehow.

“When I die, I want it in an historical place,” Yeager said. “It’s important.”

## Last Weeks Meeting

At last weeks meeting Collin County Commissioner – Precent 2, Jerry Hoagland and District Blood Drive Chairman George Elking spoke to our group about a proposal to develop an Intermodal Transportation Center in Collin County. Collin County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland is working on a project he says could be the biggest thing to hit Collin County, potentially creating 30,000 to 50,000 jobs.

The project involves an intermodal facility, a transportation hub where ground, rail and air components converge to handle foreign shipments of goods, on the eastern side of the county in Wylie. The facility would be similar to Alliance Airport in Tarrant County.



## 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 Embassy Suites, Gaylord &amp; Parkwood</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>Noon</b> Allen Rotary Club Chase Oaks Golf Club @ 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano Metro Rotary Club Glen Eagles Country Club 5401 W. Park Blvd.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Prestonwood Rotary Club Prestonwood Country Club 15909 Preston Rd., Dallas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson East Rotary Club Canyon Creek Country Club 625 Lookout Drive.</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Frisco Rotary Club Dallas Baptist Univ. at Frisco 3211 Internet Blvd.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Hurricane Creek Rotary Club Hurricane Creek Country Club 1800 Fairway Lane, Anna</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano Rotary Club Southfork Hotel 1600 N. Central Expressway</p>	<p><b>7 AM</b> Plano Sunrise Rotary Club 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 Rotary Club Richardson Hotel 701 E. Campbell</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Park Cities Rotary Club Maggiano's Little Italy 205 North Park Center, Dallas</p>
<p><b>Online Makeup</b> <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org">www.rotaryclubone.org</a></p>				
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## Heads Up! Programs and Events

November 11-----Calvin J. Spann – Tuskegee Airman – Combined with Downtown Club

Sponsored by Nathan White

November 18-----Flag Partners Appreciation

Sponsored by Chuck Koehler and Jeff Caserotti

November 25-----Dark for Thanksgiving

December 2-----Jason Valdivia – Director of Events – Past. Present. Action.

Sponsored by Gary Taylor

December 9-----Dark – Club Christmas Party

December 16-----Dave McSpadden – District Governor Rotary District 5810

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

### Veterans Day – November 11

In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.

- **Mark Twain (1835 – 1910)**

Regard your soldiers as your children, and they will follow you into the deepest valleys. Look on them as your own beloved sons, and they will stand by you even unto death!

- **Sun Tzu (544 BC – 496 BC)**

### World Kindness Day – November 13

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- **Ettiene De Grellet (1773 – 1855)**

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Donna was the organist for our wedding. She related a story to us about a previous wedding in which she and her husband Burk were participating, with her on organ and him singing. During rehearsal the audio man at the church asked them to sing and play so that he could adjust volumes. They did not have the wedding music with them, so they began to perform one of the hymns they had practiced for church the previous week, "He Touched Me."

Just as they started, the preacher walked in and stopped, looking very surprised. He had never, ever heard that song chosen for a wedding before. The opening line of the hymn: "Shackled by a heavy burden..."

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>Classification</b>
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	903-348-3300	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
Tom Flood	214-232-9508	214-232-9508	214-232-9508	Real Estate Broker
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
Jim Gilmore	972-562-6950	214-544-1361	972-529-8503	Residential Ins
Eric Holt	972-542-4359	972-800-7552	972-800-7552	Financial Advisor
Stacey Kemp	972-548-4136	972-837-2534	214-356-4808	Cnty Govt. Admin
Tim Kocsis	972-547-6404	972-838-1808	972-670-3850	Comp. Programmer
Chuck Koehler		972-529-1110	214-796-0504	Financial Mgmt
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
Zan Moltz	972-516-4359	214-726-0599		Atty – Const Law
Bryan Northington	972-569-0170	972-547-4958	469-569-6814	Auto Collision Mgr.
Tom Parker	972-540-2180	972-540-2180	972-824-8661	Ed. Admin – Pers.
Jim Pearson	972-562-9787	214-533-2787	214-533-2787	Real Estate App.
Juli Smith	972-562-6996	972-562-1866	972-658-9977	Non-Profit
Bill Smith	972-838-1313	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.
Paul Yeager	972-529-1351	972-529-1351	214-695-0074	City Council – Ret.
Pamela Zeigler-Petty	972-398-4027	972-540-5383		Bank Mgt – Bus. Banking
<b>Honorary Member</b>				
Mary Lou Lee	972-529-1778	972-529-1778	214-733-2084	Printing – Ret. - Honorary

*Note: Please notify Jim Pearson 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.*