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Children's Advocacy Center Annual Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 19
Dr. Ronald C Perkins
"How to Recognize & Treat Sleep Disorders"

April 26
Rick Horne & David McWhorter
"State of the Club"

May 3 NO NOON MEETING

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Askari	Apr 04
Rutledge Haggard	Apr 05
Robert Reed	Apr 07
Lawrence Flannery	Apr 09
Andy Sayers	Apr 11
Kirk Bell	Apr 12
Alex Johnson	Apr 22
Ricardo Kasmiskie	Apr 27



April 12 was a beautiful spring day, filling the parking lot with cars of happy golfers and giving Rotarians an opportunity to obtain exercise as they hiked in to the meeting. **Chris Parr** has decamped once again, continuing his effort to visit every corner of the world. Back-up editor **John Caldwell** was doing his bit for Plano education as a substitute teacher, so he was similarly absent, leaving the Rotary Reader to the C Team.

President **Rick Horne** rang the bell at 12:15, obtaining a semblance of order in our happily active membership. He greeted us with "good afternoon", and then tried again until we got it right. **Ray Huffines** was called upon for the prayer in the absence of Blair Richey. Led by **Kirk Bell**, the club pledged allegiance to the flag, but the competitive atmosphere was waning in Bob Epstein's absence.

James Booher then took up his photographic duties for the Reader. This filled the C Team backup editor with apprehension because our previous collaboration resulted in the hapless editor losing all of the pictures. Rick Horne offered praise to the Greeter, **Howard Matson**. President Rick then called on another substitute, **Nancy Humphrey**, to take possession of the microphone, so

she could practice for next year's duties as Sergeant-at-Arms. Nancy admitted that we had no visiting Rotarians as usual, without expressing any regret about not telling the other clubs in the district about our move to Gleneagles a couple of years ago.

Nancy called upon Howard Matson to introduce his guest, **Heather Corton**. Heather has just been transferred from Orlando, Florida to the position of executive director of the local HarborChase

of Plano assisted living facility, which explained her choice to sit next to an obviously aging prospect, your substitute editor. Howard said that when he could no longer remember his name, he wants to be at HarborChase.

Heather is a Rotarian making her second consecutive visit and a prospective member. Nancy called **Bruce Glasscock**, a 30-year Plano Rotarian, to the podium for a **3-minutes of fame** biographical sketch. Bruce advised us that he was born in Virginia and raised

in Connecticut in an attempt to placate both blue and gray. He served for 4-years in the US Air Force, joining to see the world and finding himself based in Florida and



Louisiana. He made it out of the USAF as Vietnam was heating up, and he went to junior college and then took up police work in St. Petersburg, FL for 5 years. From there he was recruited to Lakewood, CO where he rose in 4 years to Commander, then to Ft. Collins, CO (his personal vision of hell) for 6 1/2 years, and then in 1990 to Plano where he served 11 years as police chief, 10 years as Deputy City Manager, and for the last 7 years as Plano City Manager. He married Memrie, a Florida native, and collaborated to produce two boys. The older is under-sheriff in Rio Blanco County, CO, and the younger teaches at Rice Middle School. Bruce's favorite vacation is Cancun, Mexico, and his favorite adult beverage is tequila.

Retrieving the mic, Rick announced **birthdays** for Daniel Askari, Rutledge Haggard, Robert Reed, Larry Flannery, Andy Sayers, Alex Johnson and Ricardo Kasmiskie. He then led the club in a rousing rendition of "**Happy Birthday**", reminding us again why we chose not to be a singing club. Rick rated the singing as terrible.

Jamie Schell was given time for a Rotary Minute, interrogating **Janis Allman** at length about her favorite Rotary experience, and appealing for contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Jamie inquired of the group about the number of countries with Rotary clubs, and he got a wide range of WAG's in response.

Three Paul Harris awards were announced but not presented since none of the three were present. However Rick then presented Jamie with his fifth oak leaf cluster to his Paul Harris pin in recognition of his extra giving.

Prince Rick called on **Randy Langford** and **Howard Matson**, standing in for Randy's sponsor Blair Richey, for an induction ceremony for Randy's club membership. Randy is executive director of Life Care of Plano, a company providing skilled nursing care as well as private and shared accommodations. Randy is a veteran of several Rotary Clubs, Corsicana, Waxahachie, and Grayson County, because of his transfers by the company. He is married to Holly and after their merger they have nine children. The club membership gave Randy a standing ovation. Rick declared no knowledge of the past tradition of moving candlelight services for induction of members.

Kirk Bell, whose 64th birthday occurred on the meeting date, announced a May 22 and 23 Citizenship Banquet and solicited trophy sponsors and volunteers to help serve the dinner.

Justin Roche was given the podium with a surprisingly sparse peppering of applause from the club. He thankfully



acknowledged the applause, which exceeded his usual amount, and turned the microphone over to **Kim Roosevelt**, Capital Campaign Manager for **My Possibilities, Plano**. My Possibilities is a Plano-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) that serves as a pioneering leader in vocational education for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities throughout North Texas. To learn more, visit mypossibilities.org. Kim has a daughter with Down's Syndrome. The more than 400 people benefiting from



the program are referred to as Hipsters. Kim distributed the 2017 annual report of My Possibilities. In the spring of 2006, three mothers of Hipsters graduating high school began to investigate the opportunities for their children beyond high school. No programs of services existed in the North Texas Area providing regular, full-time, and quality continuing education where their children could continue to learn, grow, volunteer, work and be a contributing member of their community. After a few town hall meetings and a lot of hard work, My Possibilities opened in June, 2008. Currently My Possibilities has raised \$14 million of a \$25 million capital campaign to double its campus capacity to about 400 daily and 700 weekly hipsters. Kim appealed for funding and help, and then ducked out of the program to go shopping with her daughter.

Rick reported the **4-Way Speech Contest** was held Saturday at the North Texas Performing Arts in the Shops of Willow Bend. The winner was **Conner MacNamara**. John Caldwell is out today, but will report fully on the contest next week.

Prince Rick circulated a Get Well card for **Rutledge Haggard** who had his gall bladder removed and a Sympathy card for **Sara Akers** whose father passed away. He encouraged all members to take part in Plano's 20189 **Great American Cleanup**, a service project coming April 14. A citywide cleanup will take place that Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 followed by a Beach Party 11:00 to 1:30 at Chase Oaks Church Parking Lot featuring live music, free lunch and beverages, contests, games and prizes. The Plano Rotary Club will tackle the cleanup of the creek along Chisholm Trail from West Parker to Alma. Since four members had signed up so far, Rick took the opportunity to scold the rest of us.





Prince Rick made several announcements: On April 21 at 10:30 The **Interact Spring Fling** will take place at Shawnee Trail Sports Complex in Frisco. All members are invited. Register online.

On April 26 Rick Horne will present **The State of The Club**. All Plano Rotary Club Members are encouraged to attend to see how we are doing and to voice their concerns and suggestions. Next year's budget will be discussed.

The **District Conference** will be held May 31 through June 2 at Evanston, IL at the Rotary International headquarters. The conference will tie into the International Peace Symposium. Rotarians interested in attending should go to the District Website to register.

Olin Jaye was called on to introduce our speaker. He reported that he was stopped three times

after remarking last week that Bruce needed supervision.

Lori Geer is Vice-president of Development for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County.



Lori is a native of Florida and a graduate of SMU. Prior to her current position, Lori was with the Hendrick Scholarship Foundation. The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County was started in 1992 through a project of the Junior League. It now has a staff of 49. The CAC initiated 2,778 investigations in Collin County in 2017. Children are more likely to be abused than to be in an auto accident. Child abuse or neglect affects 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys. Core services provided by the CAC are forensic interviews, family advocacy and clinical therapy. Therapy is provided to the affected child and to non-offending family members without charge.

The average case lasts 12 to 18 months. There is no charge to the client. The CAC has a 98% conviction rate. In 92% of the cases, the victim knows the abuser. 40% of victims are under age 6.

Lori indicated that Rotarians interested in helping the Children's Advocacy Center in its mission can volunteer services and donate money.

President Horne presented a multi-port charger as a Speaker's Gift to Lori Geer. The club membership enthusiastically recited the 4-way test, Rick rang the bell, and we dispersed into the lovely spring afternoon.

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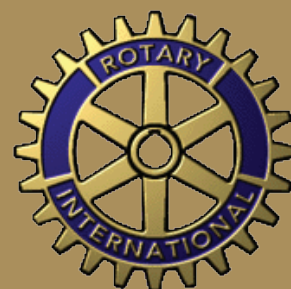
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