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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Aug 24 **Cheryl Williams**;

County Update- Mental Health Issues in Collin County

Aug 31 Jeff Leach; Legislative Updates

Sept 7 Neil Matkin; Collin College Update



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Camille Ussery Aug 10 Kevin Hanigan Aug 14 Mike Jobe Aug 15 Reedy Spigner Aug 20 Sarah Watkins Aug 20 Jeffery Beckley Aug 21 Michael Robnett Aug 24



Young Rotarians, and Two Generations of Johnsons!

Rick Horne was back from his mountain top experience. 'I missed Plano, but I'd rather be in the mountains."



Rutledge Haggard gave a very nice invocation which gave thanks for Rotarians around the globe who work to eliminate polio & to provide clean water, and for local Rotarians who supported the Children's Medical Center. Kirk Bell lead the pledge. Sargent-at-arms Jason Kramer was back from vacation with his wife, Shea, but they still haven't had a honeymoon. "It has to have sand."

Jason shared an e-mail from a RYLA camper:

This year I was blessed to be one of the students selected to go to Camp RYLA; thank you. The Rotary Club not only paid for me to learn but also to make best friends for life. I've always been told I was a leader and that was mainly because I'm what people call bossy, but this camp taught me that leadership is not just about yelling orders, it's about working as a team, listening to each other and being positive. I don't know how you knew it, but you not only selected leaders but also people who were losing hope, or were depressed, or had horrible things done to them. You taught us a new way of life and also saved some lives

as well. I will carry what I learned for the rest of my life and I will teach it to my children. Thank you.

Rick presented years of service pins: Jason Kramer = 4, Rick Horne = 6, Nathan Barbera = 11 and Kirk Bell = 13.

Our guests were: Sara Akers brought Greg McKnight (the former technical director of Courtyard Theater), Roy Reeves brought Elizabeth Klein from his law office "She enjoys herding feral cats", and Sara Akers (again) brought Peggy Jackson. Mike Hasty was visiting from Grand Prairie. Mike created the video Alex Johnson showed for Interact.

There are 3 opportunities for members: 1) City House is having a fundraising Gala on September 9 featuring Marilyn Monroe and the Rat Pack at the Embassy Suites in Frisco.

https://www.cityhouse.org/ 2) the District's international service project is to bring fresh water to an area near Cozumel, Mexico 3) the Plano East Club is planning a trip to Cuba.

Alex Johnson introduced today's program, the newly formed Interact Club at Jasper High School. This club is important because the Plano Rotary Club has never sponsored an Interact club. The Jasper club was chartered this March and joins over 20,000 other clubs with over 460,000 students in 159 countries. Interact is for students from 12 to 18 years old. It's designed to develop leadership skills while helping the members discover the power of service above self. Alex stresses to the applicants and their parents that Interact is not just a local club, it's a worldwide organization.



Interact is growing in Plano! The club in Plano West is sponsored by Metro while Plano East is sponsored by Sunrise. Plano West Rotary is working on a club in Shepton, which feeds into Plano West. Daniel Long will be the advisor. The North Texas Pioneers would like to work with Williams while a RYLA graduate is trying to re-start a club at Plano Senior. One of the challenges facing PISD Interact clubs is our 6 high schools for grades 9 & 10, with 4 senior highs for grades 11 & 12. Alex is getting a lot of advice from Kristen DeLoach of our District 5810 and Doug Neeley, who has been starting Interact clubs for over 25 years.

We watched Grand Prairie Rotarian Mike Hasting's video "My Best Day", which stresses compassion, service and friendship. The video had many testimonials about "My best day in Interact ..." It ended with many people saying "We are this close to ending polio." Alex then introduced the Jasper Board in their green shirts with a logo designed by the Edwardsville High School Rotary Interact club and cleaned up by Kenny Wilson of Alpha Graphics: Paige Sumner (club committee

chairperson), Julie Johnson (president), Taylor Osborn (secretary) and Alicia Sedeno (vice president).



The club has been busy. All the area clubs participated in a District 5810 Interact spring fling at Oak Point park in Plano and collected wheelchairs. 10 members sold soft drinks and worked the parking lots at the Blues Festival for a total of 60 hours. They also supported the North Texas Pioneers Rotary club at their installation dinner with two members for 6 hours. Board retreats were held in May and August to get ready for the school year. The retreats were sponsored by the Jr. League with Lisa Sams and Robin Williams acting as facilitators. Remember, this process started when the Board was in the 8th grade. They had to cold call teachers at Jasper to find a sponsor.

The club selection process is similar to Camp RYLA. Teachers at Jasper, Robinson and Rice were asked to nominate 10 or 12 students each. They looked for participation, average or better grades, leadership, and a heart for volunteering. Students and parents were then invited to come to an orientation meeting. The plan is to have about 30 Jasper students per grade, with a waiting list. Doug Neeley had one club at a 4 year high school with 91 members and 340 on the waiting list!

The best arrangement is for the president to be an underclassmen. Then they can mentor the

incoming president. There were questions from the audience. The answers were: we have about 40 members, we need service projects, and we plan to have a Board meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month and a membership meeting the 4th Wednesday.



To close the meeting **David McWhorter**, spoke about the Foundation Board; the old one was removed and the new one was approved. The new Board didn't have a quorum, so the Budget will be approved via e-mail. David is President, Carrolyn Moebius is Secretary, and Nancy Humphrey is Treasurer. At Large members are Mike Robnett, Roy Reeves, and Clay Curtis.







Dr. Chris Parr in Ireland, swapping banners.

Ross Shamshiri was the photographer.

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