

Summer Weekly

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 29

Brian Cuban
"Step by Step: Turning your Lowest Moments into your Greatest Successes."

September 5

Stephen Fagin
"Assassination & Commemoration: JFK, Dallas & The Sixth floor Museum at Dealy Plaza"

September 12

Ean Sullivan
"District Governor"

September 19

Lynn McClean, CEO
Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County"

September 26

Robbie Robinson
"Legacy" (1:10 end time)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ussery, Camille	Aug 10
Shuler, Susan	Aug 12
Trujillo, Fortino	Aug 12
Hanigan, Kevin	Aug 14
Spigner, Reedy	Aug 20
Watkins, Sarah	Aug 20
Robnett, Michael	Aug 24
Baldwin, Michael	Aug 28

RAH! RAH!! RAW!!!

CAPTAIN KIRK read a letter of appreciation from **Tino** on the occasion of his 81st Birthday Celebration:

Let me start thanking **Chuck Richardson** and **Linda** for organizing this tradition of celebrating **Tino's Birthday**: to make fun of this poor Mexican.

I feel very honored to say that I have lived more than 50% of my life in this great state of Texas. 18 months with the U.S. Army at **Fort Hood**, 3 years in Dallas, and 37 years among the nicest people in the world here in Collin County.

Let me thank you from the top and bottom of my heart for letting me be a part of so many programs to help humanity wherever help is needed.

In 1985, **David McCall** and **Cary Cox** started the committee of 100 to build a most needed community college district in this county. They let me be a part of the committee, and now, after 28 years, we serve more than 53,000 students every year.

In 1986-7, my great friend **Herb Hoxie** was going to be the 5810 District Governor of Rotary, and let me be a part of the District Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where we built an elementary school for 350 students that before was just a shed with no walls. Now, thanks to Rotary, they have a new building with six classrooms, a room for the Principal, and all their sanitary needs could be met—the essential things they were missing in the old building. I also want to thank my fellow Rotarians from the **Plano Rotary Club** for donating five ambulances to Mexico. Two of those ambulances, my friends **Johnny Lewis**, **Glen Justice**, **David Allison**, and I drove to the border in Laredo. Our intention was to take one to Zelaya and one to Cotija, but the Customs of Mexico allowed us to deliver them only to Laredo.

I would like to thank my friends **Gary Basham**, **Steve Blair**, and **Terry Dobbins** for helping me to organize the Rotary clubs: **Plano Metro**, **Plano Sunrise**, **Oakcliff**, and **Plano Latin-American Rotary** clubs.

Thanks to President **John Anthony**, my fellow College Trustees from the Board, and **Johnny** and **Sharon Lewis**. They started an Exchange Student Program with **Collin College** and the **University of Colima**. They did that in my name.

In memory of my beautiful wife, **Janie**, I want to thank all the people who have worked a **Tino's**, who number more than 1,000, some of them for 30 years, like **Raul**, **Helen**, and **Sabino**. I am grateful to them for being a part of my life.

Thank you to all my new and old friends for being with me on my 81st birthday celebration.

There followed a standing ovation for **Tino** that brought him close to tears.

PRESIDENT BELL opened the meeting at 12:13, calling upon **Jan Sullivan** for the Prayer and **Yoram Solomon** for the Pledge. **Yoram** asked us to join him and **Scary Bob** in its recitation. **Yoram** also was today's Greeter. **Nathan Barbera** reprised **SERGEANT** duties.



Yoram fed daughter **Maya** whom he introduced as having achieved "Level 8" in gymnastics. **Sara Akers** fed her Dad, **Russ Egelston**, and **Reedy** fed daughter, **April Spigner**. **KIRK BELL** welcomed member



candidate **Gene Champagne** and fellow basketballer **Glenn Gaines**, who described **KIRK** as "surprisingly agile for one his age." **Howard Shapiro** fed son **Todd**. We were introduced to a trio from the Fourth Estate, **Josh Flaten**, Advertising Account Manager, **Kevlin Hagelund**, Ex-



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ecutive Sports Editor, and **Matt Welch**, Sports Writer for the **Plano Star Courier**. **Matt Jackson** introduced **Marshall Jackson**.



Nathan announced that there would be a 60-second rump session today for the Plano Rotary **FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**. Then, keeping with the theme of the program, Nathan chose **Gerald Brence** to interview for **INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO**.



Gerald was born in Lawton, OK <scattered boos>. His Pop was a farmer. He went to school in Cordel, OK, where he played running back and middle linebacker. He was a defensive back at *Weatherford*. He started PISD at *Vines*, moving after two years to *Plano Senior High*. He's coached every single position and had led *PSH* to State Championships in '86, '87, and '94. He was Head Coach for 16 years. Nathan wanted to know his record in 2003: 0 and 10! Best player: 1987 Linebacker **Steve Needle**. Favorite car: *Cutlass Supreme*. Drink: *Dr. Pepper* (even though they've abandoned Dublin, TX). He thought he'd been a Rotarian 6 years, but then he was presented with his five-year certificate.



In addition to Gerald, Howard Shapiro was presented with his 35-year plaque. When asked where his Spirit

Wear was for the meeting today, Howard explained that he was wearing the uniform of his Law School.



Russell Head (*Plano Sunrise*) rose to taunt us with the *Hendrick Scholarship Golf Trophy* when he has won for many years. However, he told us that the *Plano Sunrise* team is aging rapidly and may, therefore, be beatable this year. The tournament is scheduled for November 1st at the *Stonebriar Country Club*. He wanted to make book on the Tournament, but **Chief Rushin** has been so effective that bookies won't return his calls. Russell is mentoring a *Col-lin College* student, **Travis Tucker**, now in his 2nd year.

CAPTAIN KIRK wished **Mike Robnett** and **Michael Baldwin** a **Happy Birthday**.



Then, to the tune of the Air Force Anthem, in marched Cheerleader **Rick Maucieri**, players **Carrolyn Moebius** and **Nancy Humphrey**, and Coaches **Mike Hughes**, **Jaydon McCullough**, and **Randy Jackson**! On reaching the podium, they led cheers for each of Plano High Schools, with *PSHS* Principal **Sarah Watkins** joining Jaydon for the *Wildcat* chant.

When the insanity subsided, Gerald arose to introduce the high school coaches as "great guys," admitting that sounds a bit trite, but he insisted that he's really proud of them because "they have their priorities in order" and love their kids.

Jaydon (*Plano Senior*) said he moved to Plano with his Mom, **Maxine**, Papa **John** (plumbing not pizza), and three



brothers in 1967. One brother has coached at *East* and now coaches for *West*. His team scrimmages tomorrow against *Mesquite*.

He preaches three principles from his pulpit: (1) Passion, (2) Hard work, and (3) *"Don't be scared."*



He recalls trying out for **Coach Mosely** at tackle practice. He faced 7th grader **Terry Griffith**, known as the *Adams Family* butler, **Lurch!** Jaydon was scared. He thought about walking off, but Coach Mosely said, *"Nobody's quitting today!"*

So Jaydon found his passion and introduced Lurch to the turf.

He says that he has to *"teach toughness,"* because *"Millennials think success comes overnight"* without hard work. They must be disabused of such error. To him, passion means that *"you like it so much; you're going to overcome brick walls and pain."*

He does have to instruct parents as well. He read a list of pleas from student athletes to their parents that included:

- Please don't yell out instructions.
- Please don't put down the other team.
- Please don't lose your cool!
- Please don't forget, it's just a game.

Jaydon concluded that he's optimistic about the season, and *"Go CATS!"*

Mike (Plano West) recalled **Dr. Dean** calling him into the Principal's Office (when he was at *Senior*) to upbraid him for failing to make the obligatory 2nd Period announcements. He made them henceforth.



His dad coached and taught Algebra. His mom was secretary to a Principal. His cousin coaches for *Mesquite*. (So Jaydon's in trouble.) His oldest son doesn't coach; he's in the oil biz. He's forgiven.

"A good coach is a good teacher."

Mike has a dog tag too. It's emblazoned **"FAMILY. PLANO WEST. FOOTBALL."** He gives it to deserving athletes who are often brought to tears on its receipt. *"It's war out there."* But you can overcome if

- You're on time.
- You dress appropriately.
- You look a man in the eye when you shake his hand and aren't afraid to tell him you love him.

He recommended attending games. *"It's cheap,"* he says, *"and Brence has food up in his booth."*

Randy Jackson says he used to hate his name (shared by musicians and ball players) until a Microtel clerk found it awesome.

As the new kid on the block, he doesn't know much except that he's condemned to do things differently, and he's *"been doin' it for three weeks."* He demonstrated his *"normal posture"* (head in hands). But *"it's getting better every day."*



He's been 12 years as a Head Coach, starting in Paducah, TX, a town with *"hundreds of people."* There were 115 kids in all grades of the high school. His big break was in Mesquite where they'd lost 18 games in a row, but at least he *"didn't have to paint the field."* He was 12 and 3 his first year. Moving to *Plano*, he went from a student population of 300 to 1,600 at *PESH*. His only regret is *"there's nuthin' to eat around there!"* But he's *"glad we're not real good or coaching wouldn't be important!"*

After Mike answered Nathan's question, *"other than being my 9th grade history teacher, what is your greatest accomplishment,"* **KIRK** gave them our clocks (*"Oh, wow!"*) led us in the 4-Way Test, and released us at 12:56.



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AWARDS:

2012 Best Community Partner

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Athena Award:

Camille Ussery

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Russell Head

Plano Sunrise

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Proposed member: Eugene Champagne
Classification: Restaurant Management
Proposed by: Kirk Bell

Proposed Member

Proposed member: Bev Kilmer
Classification: Motivational Speaker
& Author
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