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MOST POPULAR TABLE

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 12th
Kara Shrum Corporate
Relations Manager
CACCC - Keeping Kids Safe
in Collin County

December 19th
Holiday Music

December 26th
NO NOON MEETING
Happy Holidays

January 2nd
NO NOON MEETING
Happy New Year



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Barbera	Dec 09
Johnny Lewis	Dec 10
Jamee Jolly	Dec 13
Nancy Humphrey	Dec 19



LANELL handled the photos again, but she scowled at Sainted Editor's point-n-shoot during her exercise. Sainted Editor can't blame her; it is a temperamental beast that hasn't aged well, "like Sainted Editor" (John C.). It fails backlit.

FLASH Flannery made a beeline for today's most popular table, at which sat the 2019 Miss Texas, **Chandler Foreman**. He even insisted upon a photo with her to take



home to **Karen**. He may have more in common with his joke's target than he bargained for. He related a story of a millionaire whose attorney had good news and bad news. The good news was that his wife had recently purchased a few photos for a couple thousand dollars and was on track to obtain millions for them. Ecstatic about his wife's acumen, he asked for the bad news. They were of himself and his secretary.

JOEFFRY THE PIOUS prayed for our attention at 12:16, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Kelly Palmer** for the Pledge "in inspiration, not so much," **JOEFF** opined as Kelly strolled in tardy from the serving line. He recognized **Nancy Humphrey** for Greeting and **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS'** duties. She circled the podium, looking for the attendance list.

We actually had a Visiting Rotarian with an agenda, as it turned out; former Plano Rotarian turned *Plano West*, **Alex Johnson**, was here to hawk his club's annual pecan crop. Nancy introduced her own guest, BSA Troop 1776 maven, **Chip Stewart**. **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** welcomed back perpetual candidate **Allen Shahan**. And Jeff Beckley introduced a guest he'd met "four minutes ago," **Caylin Blockley**, the Director of Alumni Relations for *UT Dallas*; he was seated adjacent Chris Parr, former President of *UT Dallas'* Retiree Association.



As her victim of the **3 Minutes of Torture**, Nancy chose **Judge Johnny**. "Why, thank you!" Asked how he was, he answered, "I'm vertical." His first car was a '49 Ford 4-door sedan with "no roof, after I rolled it." The Judge keeps his tattoo "in my safe at home." His TARDIS moment would be 1600s England to satisfy his history buff curiosity. He "joined" Rotary as a member of its Baseball team, noting that all the movers and shakers were Rotarians. **Randy Wright** "brought me in" and wife **Sharon** and his son are both Rotarians. He admires Rotarians with the "time, talent, and energy to give."

Alex rose to "get my 2 minutes" to sell *Plano West Pecans*. Proceeds go to scholarships for non-Hendrick folk.

Sara Akers explained the changes in Angel Tree this year. We'll stuff stockings for ~70 kids at *Samaritan Inn* 10:30 on

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Christmas Eve morning. **Jan & Ean Sullivan** will reprise their roles as Ms. & Santa Claus. There were envelopes for our contributions on our tables, and we were to respond to an email reminder to be sent. She thanked **Camille** for her efforts.

Nancy presented the Club with a letter from Hendrick Scholarship Foundation for the Bubba's Bucket contributions of the last couple of months (and the promise of more to come)! She decried IRS rule changes that restrict tax exemption to only 5% of donors, changes that have "*all charities hurting.*" She also passed out cards urging us to vote early and often (once daily) for **Berk Smith's** #MyGiving-Story at <https://binkd.co/syXg0>

JOEFF wanted us to note our new meeting sign outside the hall, donated by Judge Johnny in a strange response to torture. **JOEFF** also announced no meetings for the next two weeks save the **Holiday Party** on Wednesday, 4 December, at 6:30 pm at the **Haggard Party Barn**. Remember to RSVP and to bring a new coat.

He announced the Board Meeting to follow lunch and launched into Service Awards to **Larry Bisno** (7). **Mark Johnson** (27), Johnny Lewis (32), and Larry Flannery (36). Members chanted "*Joke. Joke!*" to **FLASH** but Mr. **Camarena** thought they were saying "*Joe. Joe!*" and prepared to rise to introduce the speaker. But he did so after **FLASH** punished us all for our insistence.



Joe had the enviable task of introducing the 2019 Miss Texas, Chandler Foreman, and her chaperone, **Carol Potter**. **Susan IRON BUTTERFLY Shuler**, her manager and a Past President of the Club, was AWOL this date.

Miss Texas is a 22-year-old senior at UNT, pursuing a degree in Broadcast Media with a minor in Communications. She is the co-founder of teen girls empowerment organization, KweentoQueen, **K2Q**. During her 12-month reign, she will make more than 250 appearances and speak before over 100K people about Texas Cares for Children Program, The Children's Miracle Network, and her personal platform, *The Leader Within*. Chandler is a flautist and plays other instruments. And she attended the same high school as **Beyonce!**

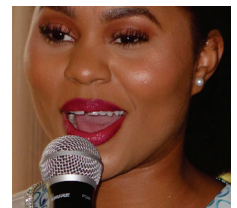
Chandler said, yes, both she and Beyonce were Houstonians. She thanked us for inviting her but said "*that joke was a little WHOA.*"

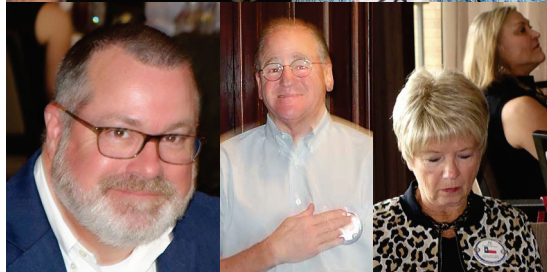
Since she was crowned on 29 June 2019, she has visited Lindale, TX (14 miles NW of Tyler), several times, never having been there before. She's even been to the Lindale Rotary Club. Lindale has become "*a 2nd home for me now.*" Her ancestral home is Houston's Southside, "*where the good people are.*" It is an "*underserved community*" where hope is in short supply. She, her siblings, and the neighbor kids considered their futures hopeless. And indeed, her next door neighbor is now "*serving a life sentence for murder.*" She believes a hopeful intervention could have saved him. She wants all children in such circumstances "*to embrace their uniqueness*" and "*not be defined by their ZIPcodes.*"

So she and a sister created **K2Q** because "*women cannot do it alone,*" a sentiment at which the self-made women of *Plano Rotary* no doubt bristled. Instead of a birthday party, one year, she chose to mentor 50 girls, turning to God for help. 51 showed up, and a FACEBOOK Angel funded the effort with \$1,500. She maintains connection with those 51 to this day.

She is a Planoian now, but she has visited several small towns like Golden and Happy, Texas. She speaks on mentoring in her travels.

We are encouraged to root for Texas at the Miss America Pageant to be carried live on NBC on 12/19/19. Chandler said she is an example of someone who turns dreams into talents. She offered us autograph cards and broke into an impromptu flute recital, jazzy and upbeat, as a "**Diana Ross** tribute." After that it was Q&A time.





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John Caldwell wanted to know how she managed her time with her duties and her education. Chandler admitted that she's taking this year off from college.

JOEFF asked if there were mentor exemplars in her life. She said that as a youth, she was teased for the gap in her front teeth. She longed for braces to close it, but her Sister and Mom persuaded her to embrace her uniqueness, and *"they never gave up on me."*

Miss Foreman was asked for the most amusing thing that's happened to her thus far in her tenure. She said that she met an elderly husband and wife in Brownwood, (South) Texas. And the *"sweet, old man"* gave her a big wet kiss on the cheek, setting her back. **JOEFF** stepped back, declaring *"I'm not going to try that!"*

Hastening to anoint her *"an inspiration,"* **JOEFF** offered her our *"perpetual charger to be kept close to your computer."* He mentioned the Board Meeting again, a member announced that his battery needed a jump, then **JOEFF** led us in the 5-Way Test and dismissed the assembly at 12:54.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Chip Stewart
Alan Shahan
Caylin Blockley

Guest of

Nancy Humphrey
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The Plano Rotary Club is bringing Christmas to over 65 children and teens this year who are living at Collin County's only homeless shelter, The Samaritan Inn. On Christmas Eve, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive just in time to make their holiday merry and bright! The children and teens will find a stocking and gifts and decorate a Christmas cookie or two. In their difficult year, your gift will help children and teens to know the love of reason for the season.

If you are interested in donating and would like to be invoiced, please let Karen know
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Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and God Bless Us Everyone!
Camille Ussery and Sara Akers - Angle Tree Chains 2019