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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 13th
Monty Moore – Allen Community Outreach

Hunger & Homeless in Collin County

Dec 20th/27th & Jan 3rd
NO NOON MEETINGS

"Happy Holidays"



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbera, Nathan	Dec 09
Lewis, Johnny	Dec 10
Jolly, Jamee	Dec 13
Humphrey, Nancy	Dec 19
Hoxie, Herbert	Dec 23



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What's Program

TODAY we had dueling photographers in Mike Booher's absence. Roy Reeves sprang to action with Sainted Editor's Point'n'Shoot while John Caldwell covered the room with his iPhone™. We'll credit each color-coded so you can judge the winner.



Carrolyn the Petite summoned Blair Ritchey for the Invocation and Olin Jaye to lead the Pledge. Jo Via was praised for greeting, and Roy Reeves again stood in for AWOL SER-GEANT NANCY.



Roy announced our somewhat surprising zero Visiting Rotarians. Howard Matson introduced us to Lucy Gustavus hailing from Stuttgart, AR, the "Duck-Hunting Capital of the World," where she was a Ro-



tarian 19 years ago. She's ready to re-engage. Maria Mott welcomed Coleman

Yates, whose attire suggested a fixation upon America's★Team, for whose game (this evening) he had tickets.



For Jason's Three Minutes of Fame, Roy chose new member Janelle Twyford-Silvis whose vocation involves Mind Mapping, the graphical display of thoughts. Her

favorite band is GAITHER. The weirdest thing that's happened to her is "reading to express" the "words of April Love." Strangely, she has no tattoos! Her TARDIS visit would be to the Wailing Wall. Something we're unlikely to know about her is that she trained to be a professional clown with the RINGLING BROS. CIRCUS! Carrolyn allowed as how "that was cool," and asked, "Did you share that with Leadership Plano?"

While Pam Little was approaching the lectern to talk up Angel

Tree, she was congratulated upon winning her contest for the State Board of Education. Pam said that she was speaking for an AWOL

Camille when she pled for volunteers and contributions (the effort is still \$1,000 short). Bright and early on Friday morning, 7 December, shoppers who've signed up with Karen will attack some Big Box store. Wrappers (not the "musical" kind) are needed for a 5 pm gig at BTH Bank on 13 December. Pam closed with a warning: Camille will haunt you if you don't volunteer.

Fire Chief Sam Greif rose to thank the community for its outpouring of support for the Plano Firefighters who went off to California to tame its wildfires. They prepared



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for a 30-day siege, but the advent of rain dampened the fire's spirits, and they came home early. But while there, they worked 24-hours on and 24-hours off, because they wanted to change shifts in the daylight, so no one went off a cliff in the fire's canyons. *"They worked their rear ends off,"* and lost all feeling in their rear ends by driving their uncomfortable fire trucks half way across the nation. *"They needed Preparation-H!"* They paid their own way for the trip to be reimbursed on their return by Texas which gets it back from California. He's *"really proud of them!"*

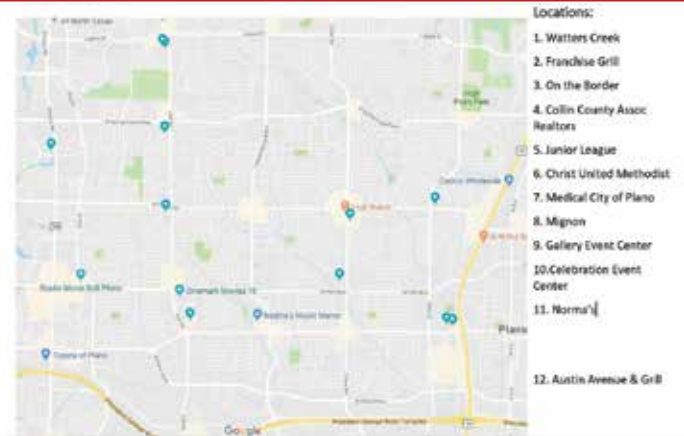
One of them has been on deployment for 40 weeks. **Anthony DeMarco** won the *Sons of the American Revolution's Chance Roberts* Paramedic of the Year. And he also won the HELO peer-award for his work as a rescue worker in Puerto Rico, Florida, and South Texas. All this might go to their heads, but they *"stay just humble enough"* due to the *"cops beating us"* in the Blood Drive routinely.



Instead of Olin bounding up to the lectern to introduce the speaker, **Carrolyn the Petite** pronounced, with a mixture of pride and trepidation, *"the program is ME!"* She was there to report the Board's maunderings regarding possible new venues for our meetings. She assured us that a move isn't imminent since we have signed a contract with *Gleneagles* for 2019. But that doesn't render the recent questionnaire exercise moot, because the Board is looking toward 2020.

The results of that questionnaire are that the majority wanted the venue to be bounded by Coit, Legacy, Bush, and 75, neatly letting *Gleneagles* out of the running. The conditions on a possible new venue are that it must hold at least 50 attendees (down from the 85 of just two years ago). The Board has scouted out possible choices, but (since the Board was instrumental in the fall from 85 to 50) a committee of interested volunteers is needed *"to pursue all options."* Seeking such volunteers, Carrolyn suggested that we email her with our thoughts on the matter. (carmoe@aol.com)

The Board will set the parameters of the committee's operations, but otherwise it will respect and count upon the committee's independence, one presumes.



As a starting point for deliberations, the Board offers the map above of possible new venues. The question of why a new venue is being considered was next taken up by Carrolyn. It's simple; we're trying to reduce expenses, and *Gleneagles* isn't helping. *Metro Rotary* is also considering moving out for the same reason. Apparently, we've lost interested candidate members over the issue of expense. (If that's the case, our goal of 100% Paul Harris Fellows should scare them silly.) So almost-joiners are, in part, driving this move.

Past President **Rick Horne** rose to explain that *Gleneagles* requires we pay for a minimum of 45 meals, but only <32> of our members actually show up. In negotiations with the Country Club, *Gleneagles* agreed to freeze the cost of each meal but continued to insist on the minimum. (Rick then fined Carrolyn \$5 for the interruption of



her phone.) The parameters that he would suggest for the committee's deliberations involve:

- A centralized location
- A variety of food
- Audio-visual facilities, and

- A private room.

He suspected venues that satisfy all those are “few and far between.” Although we have signed an annual contract, he suspects that “we can get out of the contract.”

Carrolyn the Petite confirmed that “with 60 days notice.” She also added that funds thus saved can augment our charitable acts.

Johnny Lewis did the math and announced that we were paying \$650 per month for meals not eaten. (So we’d save about \$8000 per year by uprooting the Club again.)

Olin Jaye noted the development of “a couple of event centers,” one at Park & Custer and the other at Coit & Legacy.

Janis Allman asked if we could have our food catered into those. Jo Via pointed out that 35 members meeting in a cavernous venue has “bad optics” for visitors. Maria Mott worried about legal ramifications. Carrolyn said, “We’re just pulling out locations,” and Olin recommended that the membership “give us feedback.”

Carrolyn the Petite begged anyone “with specialized knowledge, tell us” what that knowledge says about the Club’s dilemma. “It must be a committee; I can’t do it by myself.”

Olin sweetened the deal. “We will ply you with beer and wine.”

Carrolyn told us that if we intend to attend the **Christmas Party** at the **Haggard Party Barn** on 6 December, reservations were required “by tomorrow.” So far, 24 have RSVPed.

Pam Little reiterated that shoppers are needed for **Angel Tree** at 7:30 AM on 7 December. Olin Jaye said that he would have been there but for his sleeping in as a celebration of Pearl Harbor Day.

Carrolyn the Petite led us in the Four-Way Test and scattered us to the Four-Winds at around 12:50.

P.S. You will be in the capable hands of our substitute editor, John Caldwell, while **Sainted Editor** and his **Sainted Spouse** carouse down the Danube sampling the delights of **European Christmas Markets**.



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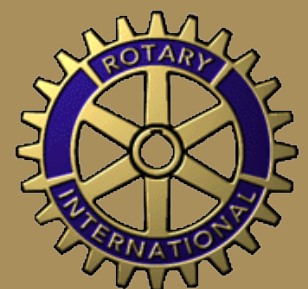
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Please add the following dates to your calendars!

Wrapping Party

Thursday, Dec 13th

5:00 pm

BTH Bank Plano

1801 Preston Rd



Angel Tree Party

Saturday, Dec 15th

12:00 pm to 2:00

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