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Not Eating Donuts!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/1 Memorial Elementary Choir
- 12/6 Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn/Coat Drive, Tuesday at 6PM
- 12/8 No meeting due to 12/6 Party
- 12/15 Garry Kinder - Fourteen Principals for Living the Good Life
- 12/22 Christmas - No meeting

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/3 Vance Bryson
- 12/3 James Lowe
- 12/3 Earl Simpkins
- 12/9 ... Nathan Barbera
- 12/10 Johnny Lewis
- 12/11 Kenny Wilson
- 12/19... Nancy Humphrey
- 12/23 James Cooper
- 12/23... Herbert Hoxie, Sr.
- 12/27 Chuck Morgan



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Prince John failed to mention that there's no meeting on November 24, but we don't expect many of you to show up on Thanksgiving anyway! So the next meeting is December 1st, and **Lori The Phantom Crocheter Roberts** will be Editor *du Jour* since **Sainted Editor** will be winging his way to Egypt. Indeed, there's ALSO no meeting on December 8th, or rather the meeting will be held the previous



Tuesday evening at **Rutledge's Party Barn** in conjunction with several other Plano Rotary Clubs. (Chris will be in Aswan.)

John triple-whacked our bell at 12:19, calling upon **Ean Sullivan** to Pray and **Rick Horn** to Pledge. He thanked **Jamee Jolly** and **Thad Stammen** for Greeting, and mention that neither of them was running for office. Nor too was **SERGEANT JENKINS** who has served his time on School Board and has been let out for good behavior.



SKIP noted the absence of Visiting Rotarians and moved straight to guests, starting with Rutledge who introduced the staff members he'd brought from the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*, **Marci Wilson** and **Lori Geer**. Then he



paused to thank **Alan Feigenbaum** for yeoman service to the Foundation via the Golf Tournament and Fundraiser. **CAPTAIN KIRK** introduced **Brian Nixon**, a student from Collin College.

SKIP spoke of "tragedy" in college sports, but he wasn't referring to Penn State. It appears that his beloved *Michigan State* lost to both *North Carolina* and *Duke*. **John** suggested that's what happens when "they play good teams."

He thanked **SKIP** for the banner



from a German Rotary and Chris for a banner from a Nairobi Rotary and Rotary Wheel in wire sculpture from a Cape Town Rotary, given for **Pat's** donation to their charity.



A Perfect Attendance pin and Certificate were awarded to **Lee Dunlap** for 5 years. And a late-arriving visiting Rotarian,



David Goodson (Park Cities), was recognized. "We saved a seat for you. That'll be an extra \$5, please."

John complained, "**SKIP** took my cheat sheet!"



CAPTAIN KIRK, Club

Treasurer, brought **Brian Nixon** to the podium, and explained that Brian was the first recipient of *Plano Rotary Club's Nursing Scholarship*. Eventually our contribution will rise to an endowment of \$60,000. He wanted Brian to tell us something about himself and the Scholarship.

Brian thanked Rotary for the Scholarship and told us, "it has made my life *much* easier!" It permits him to send his 17-year-old son to a *Cordon Bleu Academy* even though Brian lost his computer-programming job in January of '09. While he first sought a medical degree, he soon realized that his age dictated against finishing in a timely manner. So he opted for Collin College's nursing degree with an emphasis in anesthesiology instead.

John said that it was "nice to know that our money is being used for good people."



Alan Feigenbaum, fresh from his beatification, rose to inform us that the Golf Tournament netted \$50K for the *Hendrick Foundation*. He commended everyone for "stepping up," and said that we should be proud of these results "in a down economy." **John** added his congratulations to the Club.

Karla Oliver had the misfortune to ascend the podium to tell us of the Holiday Party on December 6th.



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The misfortune came in the form of persistent heckling from **LB THE RADIANT**. One wonders what particular beef he had as he responded to her announcement that “spouses would cost \$25” with “I’ll take one!” After cautioning us to remember to bring a new adult coat, she retired from the fray, eliciting sympathy from the speaker to follow.

Prince John mumbled something about **Jessica** creating a memorable invitation (to the Holiday Party, one supposes), and then called upon **Chuck Morgan** to introduce the speaker as follows:

Christopher Biane began his law enforcement career with the Plano Police Department in April 1997. Over the past fourteen years, he spent about half his time on the streets as a patrol officer. He also spent three years as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer, educating and inspiring youth to avoid the negative and destructive consequences of drugs and violence. The past four years he’s worked in the Crime Prevention Unit.

Christopher’s full-time job is safety education, helping individuals increase the safety for their families, property, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Today, Officer Biane will share three important strategies you can use to increase your property safety.

If you want to get in touch with **Officer Biane** (pronounced like “be honest,” a refreshing motto for a cop), his phone number is 972-941-2437 and his email is simply christopherb@plano.gov. Alternately, you can navigate to www.planopolice.org that will redirect you to the PPD home page. The Crime Prevention Unit is 8th link on the left.

Officer Biane started off with police brutality, taking out his ticket pad and asking **Mark Lewis** what kind of car he drove. Having apparently been pulled over enough times by Christopher, Mark replied, “You know *exactly* what kind of car I drive!” to which Officer Biane agreed, “Yes, I do.”

Frivolity accomplished, Officer Biane asked us the rhetorical question, “Who is responsible for your home safety?” This being Texas and members knowing a trick question when they hear it, we all responded that WE were responsible for securing our property. And he agreed that it wasn’t the obligation of the Plano Police Department (noting Chief **Glasscock’s** grin), because they will be there only when called not when a break-in is in progress. The reason cops won’t be around for a break-in is not that they’re off “at the donut shop,” but rather the bad guys seek to ensure that before committing their crimes. They look for the familiar black and white and feign innocence in its presence.

He asked **Jamie Schell** what he would do were he in the act of stealing mail from a curbside box and spotted a cop car turning the corner. Seasoned crook that he must be, Jamie asked, “How far away?” Officer Biane gave up on the interrogation and said that you’d wave at the officer and, perhaps, stroll leisurely toward the front door, focused on “your” mail. Unless he’s a neighborhood watch cop, he won’t know that isn’t your house and cruise on in his handsome new fleet vehicle for which Christopher thanked a (beaming) City Manager.

Officer Biane had a remedy for all this insecurity. In fact, he had three:

1. Neighborhood Watch
2. Hardened Targets, and
3. Operation ID

Under NW, we are to get to **know our neighbors**; that enables us to ID interlopers with certainty. And we are to **report suspicious activity**.

Although **Forbes** Magazine chose Plano as **AMERICA’S SAFEST CITY**, we still have crime. And ameliorating that, Plano Police Department has incorporated “partnership with the community” into its Mission Statement. Hence today’s talk.

Christopher cautioned us to **report** suspicious activity, not “investigate or apprehend.” Simply **dial 911**, and he promises no one at the other end will say, “Gee, a home invasion sounds scary,”

and hang up. After all, prowling neighborhoods isn’t illegal. Walking between homes isn’t illegal. Knocking on the doors of empty houses isn’t illegal. So observers of those activities aren’t entitled to make citizen arrests. But they are suspicious and symptomatic of casing the joint. So let officers question potential perps.

Under “hardening the target,” Officer Biane told us to examine our door hardware. If we find strike plates with a couple of 1/2 inch screws, Christopher has a 14-year-old son who could kick your door in for you. While that might be useful if you’re locked out, it means you aren’t frustrating thieves. What you need are **nine 4” screws** that penetrate the 2x4s holding the doorframe.

Then the weak point becomes your bolt. Make sure it extends all the way into its bolthole. If it doesn’t, dig the hole out until it does.

Then the weak point becomes the doorframe. That can be backed up with a **doorstopper** that is 2.5x stronger than a bolt. Its screws go into the 2x4 not just the frame. Stoppers cost at most \$25. Narcotics officers asked Christopher’s colleague, **Mark Dawson**, to stop proselytizing for doorstoppers; they were making entry into methamphetamine laboratories slow and cumbersome!

Indeed, the narcs (and burglars) can still get in but you have made their jobs

1. Difficult
2. Time-consuming, and
3. Noisier.

Narcs persist; burglars may not.

Doors laced with glass and windows can also be hardened with **Security Window Film** from 3M.

And pay attention to all exterior doors! Those include doors leading to the garage. According to Officer Biane, few people even choose to lock those. (Ask **Maribelle** about that sometime.) But since access to the garage is so easy (garage doors are to keep out weather, not bad guys), that unlocked or unhardened garage door is an open invitation.

Christopher invited us to **Google** the **You** video “Breaking into a garage door in 6 seconds.” It shows someone grasping the emergency door release with a coat hanger wire, yanking on it, and lifting the door. Then **Google** “How to prevent this,” and see how ZIP ties can be used to make the cord unhookable yet releasable in an actual emergency.

Finding **Chief Esparza** in the audience, he touted having a fire plan, but that was just a segue into having a break-in plan. Short of a panic room, one can fortify the bedroom door with all the aforementioned tools and techniques, but they will avail you naught, because such doors are hollow core. Instead, one must purchase a solid wood bedroom door and trick it out as above.

Even all that will merely slow intruders down, but that may be all you need to call 911 and let the intruder know that you’ve done so. (Chances are, if you’re not in the trade yourself, the intruder isn’t trying to kill you but rather trying to prevent you from reporting the break-in, giving him more time to steal. So he’s unlikely to have disabled the land line, but, if so, keeping your cell phone handy in the bedroom gets around that.)

Officer Biane said that any Plano household can request a free Home Security Assessment wherein officers from Crime Prevention will give a 2-hour seminar to all family members on the subject. After all, an ounce of prevention, etc. You can find more about the service by navigating to www.planopolice.org and choosing the 6th link on the left **SERVICES AVAILABLE** to navigate to **Home Security Assessment**. Also there is a **Commercial Security Assessment** where officers will come to your establishment.

Finally, Officer Biane emphasized recovery of stolen goods by Operation ID. The PPD will loan you an engraver to scratch “**TX#**” followed by your driver’s license number and “**DL**” to identify your belongings. But if not, you can make an involuntary contribution to the annual auction of recovered stolen goods. Christopher cited that



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as a good place to look for bicycles.

FLASH asked where on the item we should place the ID, and Christopher told him that the cops who look for same will look all over. The DL is to distinguish the mark from model or serial numbers that may festoon the item.

Scary Bob thanked Officer Biane for his service to the community and asked, "How many meth houses are there in Collin County?" Christopher told him that since they don't report their existence, there's no way to know. However, drugs are of considerable concern, so much so that Chief Glasscock instituted the **D.A.R.E.** program to educate youngsters about avoiding drugs.

Patti Schwartz asked about how to secure double French doors, and Officer Biane drew another prop from his inexhaustible supply. It was a Taylor plate secured to the floor behind the doors into which a doorblock slides, preventing opening.

Turning briefly to home alarm systems, he said that they must include glass break sensors or motion sensors or your windows become easy access for criminals.

He closed with the final step of the presentation trilogy (tell 'em what you're gonna tell 'em, tell 'em, then **tell 'em what you've told 'em**):

1. Crime Watch
2. Harden Targets
3. Operation ID



Prince John told Christopher that a donation will be made in his name to the *Shoes for Orphan Souls*, and he presented the officer with a Four-Way Test coin "which will protect you" that Officer Biane fumbled, leaving us to wonder if it was the passer or the receiver at fault.

City Manager Clean suggested that **John** test the medallion's protection before making such claims.

John mentioned that the hardware would be available at *Elliot's* but that we shouldn't seek **Kyle Walters** there as he has moved on. Someone suggested asking for "**Walt**" instead. (Would that be "Walt Kylers?")

Even though **John** said that his call for announcements was "rhetorical" (not requiring response), **Rick Maucieri**

announced "quadruple make-ups" flowing from the **Citizen of the Month** program the following day at *Christy Elementary* (courtesy of a generous District Governor). **John** surmised that, had it been Ean's program, it would have been "quintuple make-ups," matching his bypasses. That smart remark drew "Oooooo"s from the audience.

Be that as it may, **John** led us in the Four-Way Test and tripled-belled us out at 1:03.



One of these faces is not like the others.

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Rotary Football Challenge

Week 10:

(Sorry not updated to week 12)

NFC Division

Nathan Barbera	8-2
Mark Johnson	6-4
John Ernst	5-5
Ean Sullivan	5-5
Martin Jackson	1-9

AFC Division

Mark Waterbury	7-3
Gerald Brence	6-4
Gary Basham	5-5
Octavio Ortiz	4-6
Kyle Walters	3-7

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

GUEST:
Marcy Wilson
Lori Geer
Brian Nixon

GUEST OF:
Rutledge Haggard
Rutledge Haggard
Kirk Bell

VISITING ROTARIAN:
David Goodson

HOME CLUB:
Park Cities

Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award
Randy Wright

Athena Award
Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award
Richard Butterfly

Business Executive of the Year
Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:
Vance Bryson

Citizen of the Year:
Beth and Duncan Webb

Rotary Make Up Website:
www.rotaryclubone.org

New Member Proposals:
Jayson Killough
Classification: YMCA "Community"
Proposed by: Rick Maucieri

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