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Feb 14th John Moser Paul Harris Major Donor Program & Presentation

Feb 21st Van Taylor

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Padgett, Hayden	Feb 01
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Moebius, Carrolyn	Feb 27
Walters, Kyle	Feb 27





BOUT 40 dedicated Rotarians gathered in the teeny-tiny meeting room on the final cool and shady day of January for a continuation of old-timer reminiscences that had begun the prior week. The reader editor was playing nurse to his spouse in the hospital, and the back-up editor was doing his civic duty as a substitute teacher, so the reader was up for grabs.

Carrolyn the Petite belled the assembled members to a semblance of order at 12:11 p.m. She called upon **Blair Richey** for the opening prayer followed by **Kirk Bell** who led the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**. Joe Camarena was recognized for his efforts as greeter.

Carrolyn then yielded the floor to *Nancy Humphrey*, the **SERGEAN'I' A'I' ARNIS**, for the introduction of our visiting Rotarians and Guests. *Nancy* demanded the complete attention of the club, telling the members to "WATCH OUT" and noting how mean she could be.

Janis Allman introduced her friend *Candace Fountoulakis*, who was making a re-peat visit to the club.

Joe Camarena introduced his guest *Peggy Fenwick*, who is making a second visit and is also considering membership.

Olin Jaye introduced retired executive *Craig Perry*. **Craig** reported that he has been subjected to Rotary recruitment efforts for 18-years.

Visiting Rotarian Friday **Ekpe** from the **Hill-top Nigeria club** introduced a guest, **Ubong Assam**, a local nurse with whom he is visiting. **Ubong** hails from Nigeria originally, but she has lived in various cities in the United States for many years.

Allen Feigenbaum (German for fig tree), a "Long-Lost" former member of this club, was visiting from Plano East.

Nancy chose our guest *Craig Perry* for her in-depth interview. He reported his first car was a *1952 DeSoto* (*acknowledged with a "wow"*.) His favorite band or musician required some thought before deciding on Queen. Weirdest incident on the job Perry was manager of a mall in **Grand Rapids**, **Michigan**. (He also managed the Shops of Willow Bend.) His electrical engineer found



his security officer at Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids in the fountain collecting coins one night. Wearing rubber shoes, he sneaked up on him and dumped him into the water of the fountain. Offered the opportunity to travel anywhere or anytime, he chose St. Martins. The one thing that people don't know about Craig in that he was born in Detroit, Michigan where his father worked making limited production and experimental parts for Ford and his mother was executive secretary to the regional director of Lincoln Mercury. He proudly acknowledged a tattoo from a movie based on an off-Broadway play on his right shoulder. He has a love of involvement and has served on the chamber of commerce and various commissions including P&Z. He recently retired as of August 18 and claimed to be taking a hiatus before embarking on his second life.

SERGEAN'I' NANCY turned the microphone over to Carrolyn, who immediately asked her if she had an announcement for the club.

Nancy Humphreys then assumed her mantle as Executive Chairperson of the Hendrick Scholarship Foundation, announcing The Taste 2019, an event on Thursday, March 7. Nancy represented it to be a night of fun, a blast. It will be held at Classic BMW with scholarship students in attendance. Check out *HendrickScholarship.org* for details. Flyers and invitations to come.

Johnny Lewis reported he had been gone for two weeks on vacation in San Pancho, a



suburb of Puerto Vallarta, where he had read five books and attended our sister Rotary Club, Puerto Vallarta Sur, which turned into a daily double. About 25 years ago our club got involved with the Puerto Vallarta Sur Club and built a schoolhouse there. While at the meeting, he found a number of Rotarians from the Canada and USA there who were in-volved in a water pu-

rification project. They had installed over 200 purification filters serving 1100 individuals. That night there was a fiesta for them which involved a number of Margaritas and wine. Olin was called upon to introduce the program, but he introduced some old business instead. He noted that last week he had asked *Randy, Jamie and Rutledge* about where they went parking with their dates in the olden times, and no one had answered. Olin reported that he had reached out to contact three old dates, and he ex-pected them to attend a later meeting. The editor was unable to sort out subsequent comments due to back-ground noise.



Olin introduced our speaker who truly needed no introduction since he was our longtime member *Rutledge Haggard*. Olin had first met **Rutledge** when he was serving as a director on the Plano school board.

As **Rutledge** took the microphone, he had the pleasure of introducing his wife **Susan** who had just arrived.

Theoretically, his talk was about his acquisition of the **Collinwood House** and its move one-half mile to his farm. **The Collinwood House** is believed to be the oldest surviving house in **Collin County**. It was built in *1853*.

It was located south Windhaven of Parkway, about one-half mile east of the Haggard Party Barn. The Haggard family headed by Rutledge's great grandfather great arrived in that area in 1856. The Wells family came at about that time and settled on what is now Coit Road. Lacking wood, they got their wood from the Haggard Rutledge's place. grandfather great was 16 when his



father died two year after coming to Texas. He moved into the Collinwood House in 1857 and had 9 kids there including Rutledge's grandfather, **W. O. Haggard**. At this point Rutledge launched into a list of begats that the substitute editor failed to record. They (randomly) included *W. O. Haggard*, Annabelle Aldridge (who inherited the Collin-wood House property), *Nanny Bishop* (mother of Gladys Harrington), John Haggard (whose five children owned real estate where EDS is located now), Molly Shepherd (who owned the Jockey lot, now David McCall Plaza.) The *Jockey* lot was where the farmer's market for trading on Saturdays was located. Such a farmer's market was com-mon in most communities at that horse and buggy time. The Shepherd mule barn was used for mule trading. The Shepherd ranch was located at the southwest corner of current day Preston and Park.

At the time that mules were used for plowing, a farm of 100

125 acres to was normal because it was the most that could be handled. 150 acres at the most. Grandfather W. O. had some sharecroppers, allowing him to expand beyond that limit and buy more land The Haggards bought their land. It was not a land grant. Each tract pur-chased had a name, and each tract was usually



100 to 150 acres. By **1960**, his father was farming 300 to 500 acres. By that time, tractors had replaced mules and it became feasible and economically desirable to farm a larger acreage. The total land grew to 10,000 acres for the needed economies of scale before development came to the land. Now less than 1,000 acres remains in agricul-ture.

Rutledge was not familiar with the *Collinwood house* until two or three years ago. He donated some money for a historical and architectural study of the house. It has re-mained nearly intact since the time that it was built, al-though some updates had been made. After discovering the house's historical value, Plano tried to restore the house and keep it on the original site, but preservation failed to gain a majority vote in a bond election. An effort to move it to Alma and Park to property of **Rutledge's** aunt was unsuccessful. At an RFP auction for the house, although about 50 people looked at it, only one bid was made by **Clint Haggard**.

It was necessary to move it from the city owned property, and the move took place in October. The movers jacked up the house including the fireplace. The one mile move was a fun day. Three or four helicopters circled around. The drive shaft on the moving truck broke when it reached the curb of the Haggard farm, and tractors from the Haggard farm proved inadequate to the task, so a dozer was used to complete the move. The house was put on a concrete foundation and mothballed. It is hoped that the Collinwood house can be incorporated into the even-tual development of the property along with the Barksdale school. The Barksdale school was a one room school that closed the year that Rutledge entered first grade. The school building was converted into a pink barn that Rutledge used for his FFA animals. The front was cut out of it to convert in to a barn, and Rutledge claimed to still have blisters on his hands from removing the screws from the wood. The Collinwood house now sits between the pink barn and the house.

At this point Rutledge tried to answer several questions from the floor. As to the wood used in construction, he thought perhaps cypress. As to running water, he said they had to run and get it. *Rutledge* was asked to describe a day on the farm and he went into tales of plowing with a mule. He had a shetland pony named Cricket as a youngster. The first F30 tractors had lugs rather than tires. Rutledge rode a bus 10 miles to school. He was the first child on the bus in the morning and the last off in the afternoon. Farming was a sunup to sundown business six days a week.

Janis Allman asked about *Mammoth Jack* (a mule) but Rutledge did not remember and it did not figure into our story.

Rutledge related tales of serving 18 years on the Plano school board to 1990. He waxed eloquent regarding the master planning of Plano. We followed a detour to **Dr. Hendrick's Normandy** landing.

The membership was so mesmerized by Rutledge's mean-dering stroll down memory lane that no one objected when we continued past 1:00 p.m., but eventually Carrolyn the Petite recalled that she was nominally in charge of the congregation. She then thanked Rutledge profusely while easing him away from the podium.

Curiously President Moebius did not offer a Speaker's Gift to Rutledge. She did remind the club members that no meeting would be held on February 7, and they would likely experience a lonely and sparse lunch if they showed up. The club membership arose and stumbled through the 4-way test, Carrolyn rang the bell, and we dispersed into the cool and overcast afternoon.



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