



## WINTER Weekly

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# Reader

The Plano Rotary Club  
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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**February 20th**  
**Tony Keane**  
CAE & President  
EarthX Dallas TX

**February 27th**  
**Jasmine Greeson**  
CASA of Collin County

**March 5th**  
TBD



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hayden Padgett	Feb 01
Jason Kramer	Feb 07
Roy Reeves	Feb 09
Randy Langford	Feb 11
Karla Oliver	Feb 13
Sam Greif	Feb 14
Rick Grady	Feb 27
Carrolyn Moebius	Feb 27



## Wayne Would've Been Proud 🤖

**J**OEFFREY THE JOCLAR (not the Jock, mind you) opened the festivities at 12:16, calling upon **Jerry Aris** for the Invocation (**Blair Ritchey** having abandoned us for a podcast of all things) and **Kelly Palmer** for the Pledge. **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** was our greeter, and *Orateur du Jour* **Nancy Humphrey** stood in for **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, asking, "Is the list somewhere?" then leaving the room to recover it.

**J**OEFF took the opportunity to remind us of the 7:30 Saturday "Painting Party" for **Habitat for Humanity** for which we'd need to pass a training video quiz.



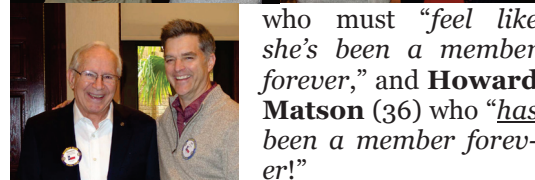
Returning to us, Nancy announced no Visiting Rotarians had graced our gathering, but **Chris Parr** reintroduced Friend-in-Law

**John Timm**, visiting to house hunt in Prosper. **Nancy Humphrey** welcomed a Boy Scout Troop 1776 Committee Chair, **Chip Stewart**, who IDed himself as a *Raytheon* Electrical Engineer to **Fredy Galvan**, a *Hendrick* Scholar seeking an Electrical Engineering degree at UTD. Chip confirmed that he'd be painting with the best of us on Saturday. **Maria Mott** had a pair of guests: **Marco Solano**, Past President of a Veracruz Rotary, back for the nth time, and, here for the 1st time, **Libby Sharp**, owner of Pla-



no's *Elegance Ballroom Dance Studio* (8740 Ohio Drive).

**J**OEFF returned to the program, grumbling about how members "kick me off my table." But he pulled himself together long enough to award Rotary Service Pins to **John Caldwell** (7), **Mary Jo Dean** (25)



who must "feel like she's been a member forever," and **Howard Matson** (36) who "has been a member forever!"

Last month birthday girl, **Jo Via**, helped present the \$134 *Bubba's Bucket* check to **Nancy Humphrey** for the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*. But no charity was picked for this month.

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In an effort to sweeten the pot, John Caldwell announced that a lunch would be served to those whose volunteer chops favored staying over lunch at the “Painting Party.” **Carolyn Hostess with the Mostest Moebius** announced our next Rotary Social to be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at a location to be discovered. Any volunteers?

**JOEFF** announced our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting at 11:30 on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, in conjunction with 10-15 members of our Charter Organization, **Richardson Rotary Club**. And **CAPTAIN KIRK**, stalwart organizer of our **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** Banquets and Award Ceremonies, announced them for May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 pm.

Program Chair **Joe Camarena** rose to introduce the students because Nancy had forbidden him to read her biography. So, naturally, **Sainted Editor** will recapitulate it here:



Nancy Humphrey is the Executive Director of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*, a non-profit organization that provides *Plano ISD* students, who graduated through adversity, with college scholarships and support for success in life! Some of her current career highlights are:

- A long-term member of the *Plano Rotary Club*, holding key positions including as Board Member.
- Nancy is serving her third term on the *Plano ISD* Board of Trustees! She is currently serving as Secretary but has also held positions as VP and President.
- She is a member of the *National School Boards Association* and, as a member of The *Texas Association of School Boards*, serves on its Legislative Advisory Council and graduated in the Leadership TASB Class of 2015!
- She was an active PTA and Booster Volunteer when her children were in school; she became a Texas PTA Honorary Life Member in 2006. In 2012, she received the Texas PTA Extended Service Award.

Nancy is a graduate of the *University of North Texas* with Bachelor's & Master's degrees in Accounting. She was born in Dallas and has been a resident of *Plano ISD* for the past 24 years.

As soon as she picked up the mic, someone shouted, “STAND UP! I can't see you,” clearly confusing her with **Carolyn the Petite**.

Nancy admitted to having a “*Passion for Education*,” as if we'd be shocked. She's been a member of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation* (HSF) “for many years,” during which she met “some of our colleagues” there.

She noted that the differential earnings between degreed and non-degreed citizens is \$1 M! So HSF, in providing the tools to continue their education, has given its scholars a huge, welcome boost to their bottom lines...whereas the non-degreed rely on fast food for that.



Currently, 66 scholars are being supported; 17 are new in 2018. Since its inception in 1991, HSF has helped 326 students, of whom 64% were the first in their families to attend college.

Their majors span the range from (17) STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) to (6) Healthcare. Half a dozen have made the Dean's List. (Pretty good for students who have to work. The scholarship isn't a sinecure.) 43% graduate with four-year degrees; 48% with two-year degrees. That's triple the State's average “for that demographic.” 12% come from “disadvantaged” circumstances. They have a 90% retention rate, and the average GPA last spring was 3.097, a solid “B.”

And we support it. And we can do more. **TASTE** (of *Plano* resurrected) is on for 27 February evening at **Classic BMW**, 6800 Dallas Pkwy. **Pete Delkus** will MC, and Celebrity Chef, **John Tesar**, will be in attendance. Tickets, starting at \$150, are available from Nancy and others. Potential sponsors see:

[www.HendrickScholarship.org](http://www.HendrickScholarship.org)

But we've heard enough from Nancy. She introduced her guest scholars: Alfredo “Fredy” Galvan is from the 2016 cohort, working in Electrical Engineering at UTD having graduated from PESH. **Cristian Chavez**, from the 2017 cohort, is now concentrating on Mechanical Engineering at *Collin College*.



Fredy looks upon *Hendrick* as part of an Extended Family. He said that his “success coach” is an EE as well and “very young.” He is “critical for my success. He has shown me what he does in the field,” but HSF does far more. It coaches scholars on fiscal responsibility and even teaches them to do their taxes. It facilitates the transfers from community college to four-year schools, and that is a marvelous help.





Cristian gave us a very emotional rendition of his reaction to HSF. His family moved a dozen times, sending him to a dozen high schools before his Spanish teacher “introduced me to Hendrick.” He met with its Board Members and took the news of his acceptance home to a tearful Mom. His Dad “never found a way to support college.” His coach “is Fredy’s coach’s dad!” While the money is im-

portant, the tutors and workshops are the meat and potatoes. “I don’t know where I’d be without Hendrick.”

In response to a question from Joe Camarena, Cristian told us his Dad had come from Mexico six years ago, and Cristian was the first in his family to go to college.

Fredy said he was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in his family. The first earned an Associate of Arts certificate as a dental hygienist. But he’ll be the first Bachelor’s degree in the family.

Mary Jo wanted Nancy to talk about “the secret sauce.” It is the provision of one-on-one, trained life coaches. Several of our members have mentored Hendrick scholars, like John Caldwell, Kelly Palmer, and **Johnny Lewis**, who established a scholarship in wife **Sharon’s** name. Workshops include lessons on insurance, résumés, and interviewing skills. “Professionals from all fields show (scholars) how they got there.” Kelly told us of the rewards of seeing students better themselves.

When Maria suggested coaches are like mentors, Fredy corrected her, saying that they are more like a friend that meet monthly to “talk about life.” Cristian’s coach, **Berk**, is more like a father figure: “he guides me as a family member” would. “If you don’t have a parent (who’s been to college), they can’t tell you how to navigate.”

The names of those who had never attended **TASTE** were put in a hat, held and shaken by Fredy. Cristian drew

forth **Emma** (today’s photographer) **Smith’s** name to receive complimentary tickets to the event. Emma said that she had a wine tasting that evening which she will cheerfully reschedule to take advantage of **TASTE**.

**JOEFFRY** then presented a \$1,000 check to Hendrick, which Nancy acknowledged would provide 1.5 scholarships. **JOEFF** then led us in the 5-Way Test and shooed us out at 12:57.



Above: the social at Carolyn’s Home. Below: the BEFORE



Above: the AFTER picture from the Painting Party.



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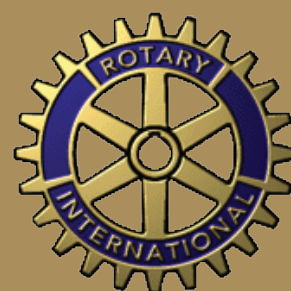
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none

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