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2018-2019

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb 21st
Van Taylor
US Congressman

Feb 28th
Michel Thomas & Charmain Soloman
And My Possibilities – New Possibilities

Mar 7th
NO NOON METING
(First Thursday of the month)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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O Polio, Polio, Wherefore Art Thou, Polio?

HUBERT AARON was Sainted Editor's alter ego for the last *Weekly Reader*, and Sainted Editor thanks him profusely. Hubert even managed to capture my style and egregious use of **fontS**! *Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery...unless it edges into mockery.* But I'm sanguine either way: mockery is my métier. **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** was his photographer and shot the photos herein as well.

Carolyn the Petite hesitantly suggested order at 12:14, calling **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Rick Horne** for the Pledge. She recognized **Roy Reeves** for Greeting, and she called him up to be the (less beautiful) substitute for a **SERGEANT NANCY**, currently enduring oral surgery.

Roy recognized three (!) Visiting Rotarians: **Johnny Lewis**' vivacious wife, **Sharon** (*Sunrise*), **Penny Uselton** (*Livingston Rotary*), and **Friday Ekpe** (*Nigeria Hilltop*), who closed our meeting with announcements that he was Chairman of the Nigerian Polio Eradication efforts and that he leaves Saturday, inshallah, to check out the five Rotary Clubs of Staten Island, NY. He told us of the difficulty inoculating children in Northern Nigeria against the wishes of their Moslem parents. Then he thanked us for our hospitality for his many visits here.

Janelle introduced us to her Mother, **Mary Twyford**, and a friend, **Peggy Fenwick**.

Keeping in **SERGEANTIAL** Tradition, Roy searched for a victim to interview for the **3 Minutes of Fame** (12 shy of the **Andy Warhol** Standard). He threatened Johnny Lewis before settling upon **John Priest**, who joined Rotary in 2002 because "**Brad**



Keith told me it was something I needed to do!" His first car was a \$250⁰⁰ 1950 *Studebaker* whose "front end looked like its back end." He waffled on a favorite musician between **Elvis** and **Willie Nelson**. Since he could remember nothing weird having taken place at work, Roy suggested he needed to find a new job. His **TARDIS** choice was to stay "not long" in **Biblical** times, "just to see it," not live them. A piece of trivia unknown to the Club was that he and his child chipped a piece off the Berlin Wall as it was coming down! He admitted to no tattoos.

Carolyn recognized a grinning **Jim Monroe** for **23** years of Rotary Service. Then she read off the list of birthdays in "the greatest month," February. Apparently, it was great not only because she was born therein but because she shares 27 February with **Rick Grady** and **Kyle Walters**.

She noted a signup sheet circulating and seeking Greeters for subsequent programs. Then she called up Johnny Lewis, our Plano Rotary Foundation Chair, to introduce DGN **John Moser** here to speak about the Paul Harris Fellowship and RI's Foundation.





Non-ironic applause greeted Johnny as he strode lecternward. That led him to speculate that **Olin Jaye** wasn't in attendance, but, in refutation, Olin piped up, "*Is Johnny speaking yet?*" to which Johnny replied (sotto voce), "*I love you so much.*" Then he dove into the topic at hand, noting that the **RI Foundation** is "*the engine that drives Rotary.*" He indicated that "*sweat equity won't hack it,*" it being insufficient to tackle the "*great things going on.*" Then he turned the meeting over to the District Governor Nominee.

Mr. Moser wasted no time praising Brad Keith, who had been in university administration back when they were both at *Slippery Rock University*, "*in God's Country,*" 50 miles north of Pittsburgh. He introduced himself as that man "*married to the most wonderful woman in the U.S.A.*" to which Johnny Lewis took immediate exception. After all, Ms. Moser wasn't present but Sharon *was*.

John said that Brad was relentless in his insistence that John check out Rotary. Brad was a member of John's *Grace Presbyterian Church* and so could corral him weekly. "*He finally convinced me to come to a Plano Rotary lunch,*" after which he decried the commute from Frisco. Brad didn't let him off the hook that easily, noting the existence of Frisco clubs. He joined there. "*Brad does a good job of recruiting and is a fine gentleman at that.*"

"Do you know Bubba?" he asked us. When we looked confused, he dragged out a shaggy Bubba story worthy of **FLASH**. An employee named Bubba claimed friendship with a variety of notables. Incredulous, his boss asked if he knew **Brad Pitt**, when he confirmed that, the boss bundled him off the Brad's house where he was received

warmly. Undeterred, the boss inquired about **Donald Trump**, and when Bubba verified that, they both went to the White House where the President was glad to see him. In desperation, the boss asked if Bubba knew the **Pope**, and Bubba said he was a childhood friend. So they went to the Vatican where Bubba cautioned the boss to stay in the Plaza because the Swiss Guards wouldn't permit entry, but Bubba said he'd be beside the Pope in his appearance on the balcony. When Bubba returned to the plaza, his boss was suffering a heart attack because he'd been asked by a bystander, "*Who's that guy on the balcony with Bubba?*"

When the groans subsided, John said that the Foundation began with a **\$26.50** donation from **Arch Klumpp** in 1924. Then he introduced 5810's Foundation Chair, **Owen Devlin**, as "*a good guy when he comes*" to meetings. (Apparently, he'll not be permitted to forget the meeting he missed the previous day.) He listed the projects supported by the Rotary Foundation:

1. Polio Plus
2. District Grants
3. Rotary Peace Center scholarships
4. Other grants (**92%** of funds go to 1-4)
5. Program operations
6. General Administration and fund development 8%

The Foundation has raised \$196M last year (not counting the \$700M from the **Bill & Melinda Gates'** Foundation). We've been at it so long that Polio is almost extinct. The virus survives in the gut, so sewer systems are distribution points; they are being monitored world-wide.

2018: 29 reported cases

2019: 2 reported so far (Pakistan & Afghanistan)



A country is not declared “polio-free” until no cases are reported for 36 months. India is now in that category while Nigeria has another 9 months to go.

The safe, clean water projects are tied into Polio by providing alternatives to sewage-polluted water potentially carrying the virus. In Karachi, Rotary has built a solar-powered water filtration system toward this end.

When Polio is at last exterminated, the Foundation is turning its attention to Peace and Conflict Resolution. “*Economic success reduces conflict*,” leading to peace.

The donations you send to the RI Foundation sit in the endowment for three years, the interest being utilized to run programs. At the end of three years, 1/2 is turned over to “the world fund” and 1/2 is returned to the districts. 1/2 of that return is shared with the clubs with its **\$3,500** matching grants. So 25¢ on the dollar comes back to the club if it seeks matching grants for projects.

Examples of successful matching grants for 5810 include wounded warrior Kayaks on the Water, city park benches, and projects benefitting Guatemalan and Costa Rican children. **Maria Mott** asked about projects in Puerto Rico and was told that local clubs have partnered with clubs in Haiti, for example, with matching grants as high as **\$350K**.

Unfortunately, worldwide, **\$24M** in DDF (Donor Designated Funds?) goes unspent! So RI is encouraging not holding up those funds.

RI has spent over **\$1B** in Polio+ and is going to spend another billion before it’s done. Although each vaccination costs only 68¢, monitoring the sewers in 77 countries is expensive. Fortunately, the Gates Foundation has again offered a 2:1 match for the third year now. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that, were we to lose vigilance, we would see 200 cases spring up in two years.

At the risk of offending vaccine-deniers, he warned that they are opening the door to epi-

demics. He mentioned an e-Club member, **Paul Alexander**, a Rotarian who has lived in an iron lung for 50 years.

He said that on its 50th anniversary, Rotaract now boasts 11K clubs, and Interact has 23K clubs, including our two. There are 94 Peace Fellowships, 1,300 Global Grants, supported by the 1.2M Rotarians in 36K clubs worldwide.

He introduced **Doug Gill**, 5810’s Major Donor Chair, who made a presentation to honor our latest Major Donor, **Chris Parr**. It was a Level 1 MD pin, and, in typical irreverent fashion, Chris asked what it took to earn Level 2. He was told that was for \$25K in Paul Harris donations, so he has 15 to go. \$50K gets his third little diamond, and he’ll become an *Arch Klumph Donor* for the low, low price of only **\$100,000**. Chris proudly displayed his new piece of hardware.



Larry FLASH Flannery responded to Friday Epke’s Staten Island plans with etymology. It got its name when a U-boat captain raised periscope and said, “*Is dat an island?*” We were glad to leave at 12:59!

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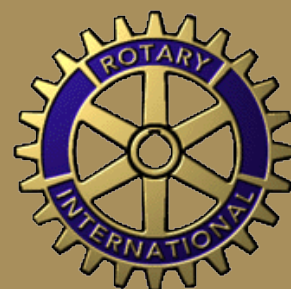
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