



WINTER Weekly

Reader

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 22
Dr Mark Gamber & Jared Baker
*Active Shooter/Disaster
Emergency Medical Treatment*

Mar 1
NO NOON MEETING
Please plan to attend Social on 3/3
See back of reader for details

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hayden Padgett	Feb 01
Jason Kramer	Feb 07
Roy Reeves	Feb 09
Karla Oliver	Feb 13
Sam Greif	Feb 14
Mike Booher	Feb 20
Rick Grady	Feb 27
Carrolyn Moebius	Feb 27
Kyle Walters	Feb 27



RYLA (Old Ger. RILLA = "BROOK")

TECH GENIUS that he is, **Sainted Editor** couldn't open his iPad®™ to take today's notes! It remained charged up but dead, so he fell back on written record. He has a doctorate, and we all know what doctors' handwriting is like. Sad.

Prince ("Here, boy!")
Horne called upon **Blair Ritchey** (today's photographer as well) for the Invocation and **Kyle Walters** for the Pledge. Of the Greeter, there was nary a word, but **SERGEANT KRAMER** leapt to the podium.

He claimed zero Visiting Rotarians, but Blair Ritchey referred to his returning guest, **Randy Langford**, that way. **Howard Matson** saw Blair's guest and raised him another, hosting husband and wife team of **Diane** and **Roy Mitchell** (both into PR).



Johnny Lewis brought his most illustrious guest yet, wife, **Sharon** (also a visiting Rotarian! Jason can't count).



Kyle Walters had been volunteered for Jason's version of a classification talk. He said that he has been a Rotarian for the last 18 years. Kyle and his wife raised three boys, two in college, which denies him **Sainted Editor's** travel bug even in retirement. He



stays home because he "can't afford anything..." except, perhaps, to take his family to



DISNEY WORLD, dipping his toe into the travel that he'd like to take. Fun fact: he and **Carrolyn Moebius** share a birthday. (Funner fact: in a group of 75 members, you get beyond even odds that someone has a shared birthday after testing only five individuals, so having nobody sharing a birthday becomes statistically insignificant [$\sim 0.1\%$]. Math is available upon request: $365!/([365^n] - [365-n]!)$ where $n=75$)

Prince Horne tiptoed around the sore point of members' financial obligations to the Club (mindful that those have decimated membership) by explaining that the request for \$30 to fund **Samaritan Inn** was in lieu of a request for contributions to **Angel Tree** (which **Samaritan Inn** replaced). So the ask for sweat equity or a check (or both) was "no different from our giving each year for Food and Coat drives." And you have another opportunity to sweat on 2/17 at 9 am as **Samaritan Inn** continues to install cabinets.

John Caldwell needs five more helpers for the 4-Way Speech Contest (08:30 on 3/31; www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4cabaf2fa02-20181). The **Interact Spring Fling** is scheduled for 10:30 on 4/21 at the **Shawnee Trail Sports Complex** in Frisco. Finally, Social Chair **Roy Reeves** is arranging for a 3/3 Archery Social, 600 Accent Drive, Plano (where the social thing to do is not to shoot anyone) for 15-20 people (max). He needs to know how many are interested at \$20 a pop. He mentioned a \$10.25 GroupOn CoupOn.



Roy is considering a May **Indoor Skydiving Social**, but the \$80 fee cooled his ardor. Alternately, he's considering a tour of **AT&T Stadium**, which the engineer hopes includes the technical side of the complex.



Olin Jaye announced a follow-up to the Active Shooter talk next week involving Fire and Rescue and Emergency Responses in the City of Plano.

Larry Bisno announced his annual moveable feast around the *Shops at Legacy* benefitting *Plano Childrens' Medical Center*. He's hoping we'll all RSVP for the \$125 event on 3/25. Their website takes plastic.

Prince Rick announced a drive to increase membership from ~75 to 80 by the time he hands the reigns (pun intended) to Carolyn. He's looking for "*leaders with a servant's heart*," although they are not to kill servants to get them.



Jason, *New Generations Chair*, returned to the podium to explain that **Alex Johnson** had lured him into RYLA explaining that it's a leadership camp. "*Yeah, right.*" (Tell us another one, Uncle Remus.) Such entities are a dime-a-dozen for accomplished high schoolers. But, to hear the participants tell it, THIS one is unique. Jason and his team interviewed many students nominated by their schools. Each was more accomplished than the last! And they seemed to be "on" 24/7, never sleeping. Well, they were narrowed down to four and sent off to RYLA where they continued not to sleep. Jason called upon PSHS Principal **Sarah Watkins** to introduce our participants.

In the interests of time, she named them all at once, in the order in which they were to speak. All were connected

teract, and **Siphon Dongoez** is among the RYLA advisors. Rhed tutors Physics. Siphon is on the Debate team and active in Project Lighthouse. She and Mira work in AVID. And Evan is in National Honor Society and posts positive aphorisms on campus.

Mira liked the high energy and high positivity of the Camp. In addition, it gave her "*friends I can lean on, who are all gonna be there for me.*" She was amazed to have made those fast friends (and dorm mates) in only four days of Camp RYLA. She had thought leadership was about talking, but she learned to and now is better at listening.



Evan said he arrived as "*a quiet kid*," but "*RYLA made me how I am today! It changed my personality.*" He liked the board-breaking exercise (where you are charged to scribble on the board what's holding you back then "*break through*"). He said he is "*now ready to leave my mark...on the community.*" His current mission is "*to make campus more positive.*" He encouraged us to "*meet new people to change your life.*"

Siphon agreed, "*The more positive you are the better off you are...on tests or in speeches.*" She also agreed with

Mira, leadership "*is not about talking but about listening.*" Her take on that is encapsulated in the observation that "*you have two ears but only one mouth.*" She learned that "*leadership is not about domination*" from a bondage exercise! Tied together, the participants could only move place to place with quiet cooperation not noisy competition. She plans to become a RYLA Counselor and thanked us profusely for the experience.

Rhed, like Evan, claimed to be shy and withdrawn before RYLA. He was amazed at his nomination and convinced that he'd never be chosen. RYLA offered him "*the opportunity*



now “*I love being myself!*” (Another shell successfully cracked!) He was especially fond of “*the bonfire,*” where “*we can say anything we want.*” He expanded his comfort zone and unloaded his insecurities. They were well met. So he too thanks us.

Rick Horne allowed as how paring the 30 applicants down to only four must be a challenging task. He offered the Millennials our multi-port charger and charged them to join or establish Rotaracts in the universities they attend, and then return to tell us how it went. The first lunch is the free one.



Then he told a Cajun joke about two Louisianans celebrating a great victory. When asked the source of the celebration, they said that one of them had just solved a puzzle labeled “12+.” When asked what was remarkable about that, they said he’d solved it in only 4 weeks! Crickets could be heard after that. (He’ll keep his day job.)

Prince Horne led us in the Four-Way Test and released us on an Unsuspecting World at 12:49.



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Roy Mitchell	Howard Matson
Diane Mitchell	Howard Matson
Sharon Lewis	Johnny Lewis
Randy Langford	Blair Ritchey
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None	

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Plano Rotary's March Social

When: March 3, 2016 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Where: Texan's Archery Academy, 600 Accent Drive, Plano, Texas

(Next door to the PGA Store that is across the street from the Collin Creek Mall - 1 block south of Plano Parkway & 1 block west of I-75)

What: Indoor Archery - all equipment included, bring yourself, bring a friend, bring a desire to have fun.

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$10 for students (18 and younger) at the door
GROUPON AVAILABLE (\$10.25 per person no age limit)

Extra: This is the planned social - any and all members are encouraged (consider this an invite if you like) to grab dinner or drinks together at one of Plano's downtown establishments.

