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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 27th

Jasmine Greeson

CASA of Collin County

March 5th

Janis Allman

75th Anniversary Update

Joe Camarena & Bob Kehr

*Plano Rotary Club Trivia
Challenge*

March 12th

Pete Havel

*"The Arsonist in the Office"
Fireproofing Your Life Against
Toxic Co-workers, Bosses,
Employees & Cultures*

March 19th

Broderick Allen

*"Cyber Security"
How it impacts your
everyday life.*

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

Ex-Earth



RICK HORNE, after examining the mic, "Testing 1-2-3," regaled us all with the great fun (most of us missed) painting the McKinney house built in 1938. He was taking a leaf from *Tom Sawyer*. But, he told us, "no one fell off the ladders!"

JOEFF opened the meeting at 12:17, persuading **John Caldwell** to give the Invocation and **Hayden Padgett** to lead us in the Pledge. **Paul Hernandez** was today's Greeter.



Rick Horne reprised the role of **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, announcing No Visiting Rotarians but opening the floor to **Maria Mott** who bade us welcome member candidate, **Marco Solano**! **Peggy Fenwick** fed her daughter, **Lynley Summers**.



Rick's victim for 3 Minutes of Torture was **Jim Monroe**, to whom he apologized. Nice touch. Jim was born in McKinney and



admitted to riding his bike by the **Painting Party** House back in the day. Rick snidely remarked that he could have ridden it by last Saturday, "Just sayin'." When he was born, the McKinney population was a mere 16K! He moved to Plano in 1978, and he's "been in Real Estate since 1901." His dream job is a race car driver; someone recommended the *Dayton 500*. Favorite candy: **SNICKERS**. He prefers apple pie, dogs, and beach vacations. Hobby: golf.



John Caldwell proselytized for help at the Four-Way Test Speech Contest. (Shouldn't that be the Five-Way Test?) He will recruit us in a later email for jobs of JUDGE or FACILITATOR. (What happened to JURY

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or EXECUTIONER?) It will be held 21 March at *Plano Children's Theater* (**Sara Akers'** facility) in the *North Texas Performing Arts Center* at **THE SHOPS AT WILLOW BEND**. John reminded us of our 3 out of 5 wins at 5810. He attributes that to choosing "quality folk" from PISD, private, and home schools.



Not to be outdone, **Nancy Humphrey** reminded us of **TASTE** (of Plano) this Thursday night, as you read this. Raffle and attendance tickets can be purchased via the website:

<http://www.hendrickscholarship.org>

JOEFF then offered a 24-year Rotary Service pin to **Jim Monroe** (in compensation for his 3 *Minutes of Torture*). He then read the Birthday List and commanded a poor rendition of HB2U. The name drawn for the hat was **Hayden Padgett's**; he put forward his wife's **Wheelchair FOUNDATION** for our **Bubba's Bucket** funds. Who, by the way, is this handsome Rotarian from yesteryear (courtesy **Johnny Lewis**)?



Janis Allman then came forward with a call for a seamstress to sew received Rotary Banners to a giant cloth background to be displayed at our 75th Anniversary. Maria Mott asked how they were to be attached. A: at the seamstress' discretion. So Maria volunteered.

JOEFF noted the smile on Janis' face to be found when the last of the banners is hauled out to Maria's car! Then he noted the Board Meeting to follow our lunch and called **Joe Camarena**, Program Chair, to introduce the speaker.

Tony Keane is a CAE, Certified Association Executive, as well as President and CEO of **EarthX** in Dallas. **EarthX** operates the world's largest event recognizing environmental, sustainability, and resilience issues. Additionally, Tony serves as Director on the Boards of **GLOBAL GREEN** and **Angels Life Skills Center**. He has over 25 years experience in the nonprofit sector. Prior to **EarthX**, he was the President and CEO of International Facility Management Association in Houston. Keane graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from the *University of Cincinnati* with a business degree in accounting and management. He holds a certificate in Executive Leadership from *Rice University* and is a non-practicing CPA.



Keith Nix was also recognized for his help with today's presentation, but he was in danger of sacking, as...

The presentation stalled immediately, as the video that Tony wished to play wouldn't cooperate with sound, although "it worked before."



While Tony and Paul worked on it, **Larry FLASH Flannery** was called upon for a spontaneous joke. (Aren't they all?) It seems that two days in a row, a pet store parrot insulted a passing woman with the comment, "You are ugly." On the 3rd day, she asked for and received an apology from the owner who vowed to reprimand the parrot severely. On the 4th day, she faced down the parrot, who said, calmly, "You know."

When a reboot failed to elicit sound, Tony did a voice-over narration of the silent video. He told us that **EarthX** garners participation from businesses, nonprofits, governments, and universities. His is not a political agenda, as much as "the media tries to polarize us." He tries not to

cater to either the hard-line left of right but instead involve all in a dialogue. *"The environment means something to all of us."* He invited us to attend the next **EarthX** event and share with the group the sustainable efforts in which we have been engaging. And this year is the 50th Anniversary of **EARTH DAY!** In honor of that, there are (or, rather, will be) 50 action items for you to save the planet listed on its website:

<http://www.earthx.org>

Begun by our own **Trammel Crow, EarthX**, formerly known as **EARTH DAY**, is seeking improvement and direction as well as celebrating progress. It is *"focusing on the next 10 years."* For example, what do we do about water conservation? After all, *"without water, we can't survive."* No progress is likely if we continue to love polarization; it's easy to loathe the opposition, but it has led us to political stagnation.

EarthX will hold its major event in April, but *"how do we deal with the rest of the year?"* We must *"bring people together physically or electronically."* He declared himself far from a "tree-hugger," but he is woefully dismayed when he sees litterbugs who *"can't take the extra 50 steps"* to a trash can.

He recalls the deer-in-the-headlights expression on a job candidate's face when asked, *"What are you doing in terms of the environment?"* She froze because she knew not which answer would lead to judgment. He suggested that she was thinking, *"You don't have the right to judge me."*

EarthX *"is a unifier."* Representatives from Iowa have come to Dallas to replicate its success. As a consequence, **EarthX** will have a booth at the Iowa State Fair. That's a start, but we have to discover *"how to build the largest alliance in human history to make a difference."*

Outcome surveys have discovered a 29% increase in understanding after being exposed to the event. It features 450 speakers, 200K visitors, high-level leaders, congressmen, US senators, and even a couple of Cabinet Officers! Last year, Mexico had an exhibit; this year, Canada asked to be included.



"How am I doin' on time," he asked. **JOEFF** noted, *"I'm standing up."* So he talked faster.

EarthX runs on Saturday, April 25. There will be a **MARCH FOR SCIENCE** to City Hall. The **Robert Redford** narrated film, *Way of the Rain*, will be shown. There will be a gala the preceding Friday to raise funds for educational outreach.

In response to John Caldwell's inquiry, Tony directed him to the \$5 tickets via the website (noted previously).

This year, **EarthX** will partner with National Geographic as well as its usual participants: NEC, Bank of America, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ikea, Oxidental Petroleum... *"Don't forget ONCOR,"* piped up Paul Hernandez, ONCOR's local shill. Tony asked for our emails for **EarthX** spam and recommended we take the brochures on our tables.

JOEFFREY offered Tony our *"environmentally-friendly, multiport charger,"* in lieu of a real honorarium, led us in the Five-Way Test, and dismissed us in favor of the Board meeting at 1:00.



Today's Photographer: Charles Milby



Charles "Chip" Stewart

Proposed by: Nancy Humphrey

Classification: Electrical Engineer

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

CHARLES "CHIP" STEWART

Chip is a graduate of Texas A&M and works as an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon in the missile systems department. He has been married for 20 years to Lezlee and has 2 children.

He is a Boy Scout leader in Troop 1776. During his 3 years of service, he has matriculated 21 Eagle Scouts. He hopes to serve as The Chartered Organization Representative, so that the goals and aims of the Rotary can help guide the scout that our club charts.

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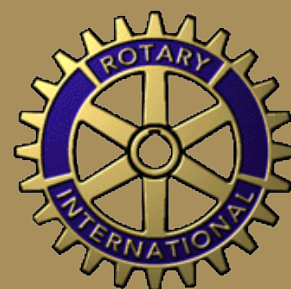
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Guest

Marco Solando

Lynley Summers

Guest of

Maria Mott

Peggy Fenwick

Visiting Rotarians

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none

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