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The Plano Rotary Club
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 19

"Annual Black History
Month Program"

February 26

Paula Land -
"Silence isn't Golden: How
to Make the Most of your
Hearing"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lynne McLean	Feb 01
Jason Kramer	Feb 07
Karla Oliver	Feb 13
Doyle Dean	Feb 19
Jim McGee	Feb 20
Dennis Fuller	Feb 22
Chris Henry	Feb 23
Carrolyn Moebius	Feb 27
Kyle Walters	Feb 27



Call Us Professionals!!!

S CARY BOB wants **YOU**. Not only will you have a Rotary Lunch next Thursday, 2/26, but you are invited to

Breakfast at Glenview

at 7:30 by our intrepid photographer. So while there will never be a **FREE LUNCH**, at least you will enjoy a **FREE BREAKFAST** (on **Bob**) while hearing a presentation by **Capt. (USA ret.) Allen B. Clark** on

ISIS: THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE FREE WORLD. RSVP: macabee1948@aol.com

President Wonderful opened the meeting at 12:14, blissfully unaware that he would be ambushed by his **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**. He arranged for **Yoram Solomon** to give the Invocation and **Alan Feigenbaum** to lead us (and the other half of the Club, **Bob**) in the Pledge. **Alice Hobbs** was thanked for Greeting and **NATHAN** was called to welcome no Visiting Rotarians.



John Ernst introduced us to the Executive Director of **Journey of Hope**, **Reidel Post**. Yoram welcomed his newest employee, **Rex O'Quinn**, who was asked, "You **WORK** with Yoram and **STILL** want to spend another hour with him?" **Randy Wright** launched into an introduction of *The Lady on the Street* (apparently unaware of the implications), who stalks customers for **SIGNS BY TOMORROW** and has been approved



for PRC membership, **Maria Mott**. Then he waxed ecstatic for an author and producer of plays for **Rover Dramawerks** and proceeded to auction off tickets to *Other People's Money's* 1st Friday sellout. **Mark** scored the pair for \$75. When he finally sat down, Randy was fined \$4 (\$2 for going over two minutes and \$2 for violating **RANDY'S RULES OF INTRODUCTION**). He had neglected to identify his second guest, **Lindsay Humphries**. Where's he to be reeducated?

Nathan asked for a show of hands for "Who is going to have a Life Altering Event this Saturday?" The only bite he got was someone who was excited to be tested for what sounded like VD, saying, "It's gonna be wonderful!" But that wasn't what he'd hoped. Instead, he commanded Earnest to



stand before us and explain that we weren't invited to his Valentine's Day Wedding.



Earnest then read the list of **February's Birthdays** and permitted **Ken Roberts** to announce his candidacy for the Place 8 Trustee for *Collin College*.



Yoram made a slightly less self-serving announcement about the need for volunteer teachers of **Financial Literacy** for Middle Schoolers. We were encouraged to come learn about what it entails at **VICKERY PARK** at 5:30 (or volunteer to take such a class!).

Scary Bob said he'd not be here next (this) week, and so pummeled us to attend his *Gleneagles* event (see 1st paragraph). Eager photographer Randy will sub for him.

Earnest wanted us to recognize that **Larry FLASH Flannery** was making the rounds with **Roses for the Ladies** in honor of *St. Valentine's Day*. **David Bowman** noted that **Sarah Akers**, sitting next to him, hadn't received such a blessing, so **FLASH** offered to kiss her in compensation. She accepted a rose on deposit instead.



Earnest then implored us to keep in mind that our **noon March 5 meeting** will be at **Rutledge's Party Barn** instead of the *Southfork*. It will be catered by Angela's at the Crosswalk as a preemptive reward for treating us well at *Happy Hour*. Then, **Bob Pikna** announced that our next Happy Hour would be the 24th of February at Angela's at the Crosswalk.

Larry Bisno arose to introduce the day's speaker, **Kris O'Connor** General Manager of



Unfortunately, each year garage doors play a role in thousands of injuries. Consumer Products Safety Commission is frequently seen online stating that between

20K and 30K people visit the Emergency Room for garage-related injuries. Our speaker today...was published in the *Great Garage Makeover* magazine in 2008-9. In 2009, she was invited to be a guest on the local program *Good Morning Texas* TV Show. Kris has been in the garage door industry for over 10 years and had a passion for teaching and helping parents as well as children understand the dangers of garage doors and garage door openers. Before coming to A-1 Affordable Garage Door Services (972-877-5774), Kris taught in the Wylie ISD as an elementary Art Teacher and School Librarian.

"Who has played the *Beat the Garage Door Game*?" was her opening gambit. You know: where you push the button to close the garage door and then race to see if you can get out of the garage before being crushed (and inevitably trip the electronic eye, sending the door back up to the top of



its run thus losing more than the time you'd gain). "*Not a good game to play,*" she cautioned us. Since her presentation wasn't on display, **Sainted Editor**, having turned the projector off to save the bulb, leapt to correct that while she vamped.

She told a gory story of a kid, who'd hung himself playing the *Ride the Garage Door Game*, to illustrate that toying with these infernal devices can cause brain injury or **DEATH**.

She cautioned that garage doors installed before 1978 might be contaminated with **LEAD-BASED PAINT**, and we should have all such inspected by a Lead-Safe Certified individual such as he on staff at her establishment. Since 2012, all such inspectors are required to be so certified.

"Call a professional for a fix."

That became her mantra for the afternoon; it was repeated countless times, at least once after each tale of garage-door-related horror.

She asked us to confess having attempted to repair the torsion spring ourselves and garnered only two home handymen in response. The spring is under high tension to counterbalance the weight of the door which averages 150-250 pounds as evidenced by "*the loud BANG inside the garage when a spring lets go*. **DDIY: don't do it yourself!**"

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She asked us if we'd heard that doors hit cars. No, she said, "*Cars hit doors.*" Tall luggage racks can dislodge the door's rollers. She told a cautionary tale of one such incident where the homeowner thought to pop the roller back onto its track, and two more popped out. Fixing those dislodged others. "*Don't risk it,*" she said.

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Electronic eyes, she said, are required by law to be no more than 6" above the floor, but idiot do-it-yourselfers put them anywhere they please, thus condemning their children and pets to an early grave. And they only work when they're free of interference such as cobwebs or stray sunlight.

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(I don't think it was too early in this presentation to have labeled it [generously, I might add] an **INFOMERCIAL**. Fortunately for our future sanity, President-Elect **Kelly Palmer** assures **Sainted Editor** that it won't happen on his watch.)

Kris said that we store all kinds of corrosives in our garages and then can't for the life of us figure out why our doors and auto undercarriages rust. Such storage "*must breathe*."

She castigated unlicensed "*tailgaters*," repairing garage doors out of the back of a truck, perhaps because they don't work for her. A-1 doesn't outsource its work. So

"Call a professional for a fix."

20,000 are injured annually by chain or screw drives. So <you know the drill>.

We were admonished to

- Not start our cars inside a closed garage (asphyxiation).
- Never run or play near any garage.
- Reserve remotes for adults.
- Remove the handle from emergency pull cords (so thieves cannot open the door with a simple coat hanger).
- Hide your remote or, better still, take it with you (to thwart thieves who utilize garages as their preferred entry).
- Lock your back door.
- Have your garage door inspected (by a professional, remember?) annually.
- **KEEP THE GARAGE DOOR CLOSED.**

Janis Allman asked about whether or not to replace both springs when one fails. Kris urged her to replace both since

1. The 2nd is as old as the 1st and thus ready to fail, and
2. It's twice the profit.

Earnest presented her with "*our highly sought after and prestigious*" perpetual calendar. "Oooooooo," moaned Randy.

A Rotary apparel sheet was circulated with order forms on each table. We will suffer reminders of spiritware in our emails shortly.

Earnest said that on Saturday, he'll be "*very happy where I'm going to be*," and he offered not to divulge the Honeymoon Site no matter how hard **LE THE RADIANT** pressed. When **PDG Ean** inquired why our Rotary meeting was not the wedding venue, he was shouted down by others all claiming "*that didn't turn out well!*" Earnest assured us that there'd be no Bachelor Party, at least none to which any of us were be invited.

After leading us in the Four-Way Test, he dismissed the congregation at 12:55.



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Reidel Post
Rex O'Quinn
Maria Mott
lindsey Humphries

Guest of

John Ernst
Yoram Solomon
Randy Wright
Randy Wright

Visiting Rotarian

None

Home Club

Next Social:

Tuesday, February 27th @ 5PM

Socials are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5PM and will count as a Rotary make-up.

Please Contact Bob Pikna if you have suggestions for events.

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