

Rotary



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2018-2019

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan 17th  
M'Lou Hytinnen  
Heritage Farmstead Museum  
Update

Jan 24th  
Rutledge, Jamie, Johnny & Randy  
Plano Pioneers Forum

Jan 31st  
TBD

"BRINGING IN THE  
NEW YEAR"



ENDPOLIONOW

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Little, Pamela	Jan 04
Via, Jo	Jan 05
McWhorter, David	Jan 15
Aris, Jerry	Jan 17
Brodhead, John	Jan 20
Hernandez, Paul	Jan 25



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## VETERANS HELPING THE WORLD

*C*arolyn Moebius chaired our first meeting of 2019. Blair Ritchey lead us in the invocation. Our greeter was Larry Bisno. NANCY HUMPHREY was SARGENT AT ARMS; WELCOME BACK! Hayden Padgett had his 2 minutes of fame. His first car was a 2006 Chrysler Town & Country mini-van/ babe magnet with power doors. His favorite musician is JOHN MAYER, because of the lyrics. Hayden is a prankster and once encased his boss's desk in wrapping paper. He would like to travel back in time to Scotland during the Enlightenment (1620-1789). Was ARTA Travel in business then?



Hayden did not play basketball, but recently got engaged to Stephanie Behring. In other happy news, Olin Jaye and his wife, Mimi, have been married for 50 YEARS!



WE recognized MANY members for their years of service. Joe Camarena = 1, Mary Jo Dean = 24, Olin Jaye = 25, Jamie Schell = 29, and Howard Matson = 35. Sara Akers received her +1 PAUL HARRIS pin and Rutledge Haggard got his +3.

Casey Stewart's guest was Allen Gottlieb from Miami. Larry Bisno presided over the induction of new member Gary Garza.



He is the new COO for Habitat for Humanity of Collin County. Before that, he was Operations Manager for the Garland Hope Clinic. His experience also includes being Senior Executive Director for BOY SCOUT COUNCIL TRAIL 10.

Nancy Humphrey, the new Hendrick ED, encouraged us to be coaches and tutors.



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**Olin Jaye** introduced **MATT FOSTER**: Director – *Eternal Affairs* AT&T, who spoke about **TEAM RUBICON**, a 501(c)3 nonprofit veteran's organization. **MATT** is an **ARMY VETERAN** who is passionate about the community, with widespread management experience in government relations, public policy, advocacy and public affairs. He holds a **Master's in Public Administration** from **UT Arlington** with graduate certificates in: 1) Urban Nonprofit Management 2) Public Budgeting & Financial Management.



TEAM RUBICON REQUIRES INDIVIDUALS  
FOOLISH ENOUGH TO THINK THEY CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD, AND SMART  
ENOUGH TO HAVE A CHANCE.

**TEAM RUBICON** was established to help returning veterans. When a person is in the military, their goals are to protect their unit, their location, and freedom. When they return home after several years: their friends are gone, they don't have a lot in common with their parents, and many have lost their sense of purpose. According to the **VA**, there are an average of **21 suicides** every day. Of those, **17 are veterans**, and 4 are active-duty service members, guardsmen and reservists. That amounts to **6,100+ veterans** and **1,350+ service members** who die by suicide each year. **Team Rubicon (TR)** gives them a new purpose. It utilizes the skills and experiences of military veterans to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Through this continuing service, **TR** provides our veterans with three things they lose after leaving the military: a purpose, gained through disaster relief; community, built by serving with others; and identity, from recognizing the impact one individual can make. Coupled with leadership development, training, and other opportunities, **TR helps veterans transition from military to civilian life.**

**Founded in 2010**, **TR** has deployed across the United States and around the world to provide immediate relief to those impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises. There are 250 regular members and a roster of over **65,000 volunteers**. Los Angeles is the national headquarters while Grand Prairie is the regional logistics hub. **Southwest and American Airlines** provide subsidized flights.



**TR** provides the following capabilities and services to affected communities

- 1) **Incident Management**
- 2) **Damage Assessments**
- 3) **Disaster Mapping and work order Management**
- 4) **Debris Management**
- 5) **Hazard Mitigation**
- 6) **Quick Home Repair**
- 7) **Management of Spontaneous Volunteers**

8) **Emergency Medicine (international)** 9) **Primary Care (international).**

**HERE ARE 3 PERSONAL STORIES FROM THE FIELD:**

### 1) REPAIRING VETERAN'S HOMES IN PUERTO RICO

Over Veteran's Day weekend 2018, **TR** honored five Puerto Rican veterans by repairing their homes that were damaged by Hurricane Maria last year. Thirty **TR** grey shirt volunteers and one volunteer from the Veterans Administration worked on five homes in **Juncos Arecibo**.

Roofs were pressure washed and repaired, ceilings were repaired, and door frames fixed. The volunteers also painted.

**TR Puerto Rico** program manager **Hilda Vlachopoulou** said "The volunteers loved the experience of giving and honoring veterans with service. It was very rewarding."

**Homeowners Felipe Gonzalez and his wife** said many blessings over the volunteers. **Mrs. Gonzalez** said her doors will always be open for **TR**. She invited Hilda and the team to, "**Always stop by and see her,**" and thanked them for their amazing work. She loved seeing **TR's "Respect for Veterans"** and the grey shirts "**HARD WORK, DISCIPLINE AND DEDICATION UNDER THE BURNING SUN.**"

### 2) HONDURAS

**Brittany Jagfeld** I joined **TR** about two weeks before the **Honduras** leg of **OPERATION CONTINUING PROMISE**. I wasn't sure what to expect, but when I started working at the dental clinic, one thing stood out: the people of **Honduras** are very gracious and giving and I'm proud to serve them. On the third day, a woman came in for a dental cleaning. During the cleaning, she found out I was a volunteer and she was visibly happy and thankful I had **volunteered my time**. When I started to get up, she gave me a hug and a kiss on the cheek. She had tears in her eyes as she said, "**You're my angel. God bless you.**" I was honored to provide her that service, along with the many others that came through the clinic, all showing their thanks by offering us gifts. I was a truck driver in the **Wisconsin ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** from 2005 – 2017, and I'm happy to participate in this operation and look forward to participating in more.



Thanks to **TR**, I can not only continue serving my own country, but I'm able to serve others as well.

### 3) IMPROVING A VETERAN'S QUALITY OF LIFE

Surrounded by million dollar homes with yachts, **TR** volunteers met with a **72-year-old veteran battling cancer** named **Raymond Cooper** who needed help with his home. This veteran lived in a small, **40-year-old trailer**, one of a handful on **Yacht Road** surrounded by million dollar homes. It had a leaking roof due to **Hurricane Florence**. A tarp couldn't be used, so a sealant had to be purchased and applied, but he didn't have the money. **TR** purchased roof sealant and other supplies at the local Home Depot.

The next day, **A-TEAM** style, they rolled up to **Ray's** home. A refrigerator was donated because the old one was moldy and a new couch also, because his was all wet. One of our **TR** members who serves as a **firefighter in Utah** applied the roof sealant with a broom for close to 2 hours with a smile on her face. This was her first operation with **TR**. Other volunteers helped to swap the old couch and fridge with the new ones. **TR** volunteers who were veterans also made phone calls to connect **Ray** to the **VA** and other local veteran service organizations. Everyone teamed up to help improve **Ray's** quality of life. It was a great day!

**Want to help? Contact [Matthew.Foster@teamrubiconusa.org](mailto:Matthew.Foster@teamrubiconusa.org)** **You can help with finance, logistics, coordinating FEMA classes, etc.**

Our photographer was **JANELLE TWYFORD-SILVIS** and the editor was **JOHN CALDWELL**.

*Service recognition and why did you join Rotary?*



#### Guests & Visiting Rotarians

##### Guest

Allen Gottlieb

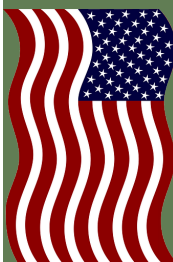
##### Visiting Rotarian

None

##### Guest of

Casey Stewart

##### Home Club



I believe in the service we provide for our local community, our country and the world - projects that no other organization has undertaken; the relationships that I have formed, both business and social; the education I have received from the programs and the honor of being part of a prestigious organization that is truly making a difference in our world today!



Jamie: Service, camaraderie, fun, and 3 generations of family tradition.



Howard: During the 20 years I was in the Navy I was unable to do much to give back to the community. I have been in Rotary for 35 years so I could fulfill my need to help others. I believe you can do more good in less time through Rotary than with any other organization

#### Proposed Member

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bring a guest with  
a serving heart

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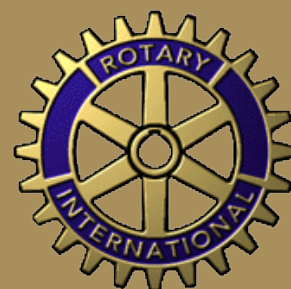
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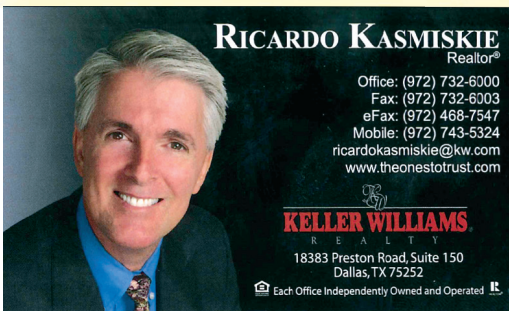
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**CUISINE FOR A CURE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24th, 2019**

Café Intermezzo at  
Shops at Legacy in Plano

**5:30-8:30pm**

Progressive Dinner, Drawing, and Giveaways

with proceeds Benefiting

**Plano Children's Medical Clinic  
Health Services of North Texas**

**Tickets: \$125**

