

Winter Weekly

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 30

General Rick Lynch -
"Adapt or Die"

February 6

Jamee Jolly -
"Texas House of Representatives District 66 Primary Election Candidate Forum" (Joint Forum with Plano Chamber of Commerce)

February 13

Alex Johnson -
"Four Way Test Contest"

February 20

Earnest Burke -
"Annual Black History Celebration Program. (Meeting adjourns @ 1:30)."

February 27

Carol Mitchel -
"Truth About Hypnosis."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hammel, David	Jan 01
Little, Pamela	Jan 04
Via, Jo	Jan 05
Anderson, Jim	Jan 08
Solomon, Yoram	Jan 08
McWhorter, David	Jan 15
Aris, Jerry	Jan 17
Showalter, L.B.	Jan 17
Millender, Sherman	Jan 19
Brodhead, John	Jan 20
Feigenbaum, Alan	Jan 21
Kilmer, Bev	Jan 24

Our Beloved Editor could not make our meeting, so once again, I have been asked to pitch hit. Hopefully, he will be back in one piece this coming week.



Good afternoon and welcome to the Plano Rotary Club. But Wait, what club is that? Our charter says we are The Rotary Club of Plano, with a large emphasis on the "The".



With the meeting called to order by Captain Kirk everyone looked around for LB Broach to lead us in the invocation. After we were thankful and adequately blessed, Dennis Fuller lead us all in the pledge with Bob and his faithful followers booming to an end. Captain Kirk thanked John Parker for Greeting at the door and called Nathan to the podium to introduce our visiting Rotarians and Guests.

Guest

Gary Thompson
Lori Geer
Robert Kraft
Justin Robinson

Visiting Rotarians

Ed Williams
Mike McAuliffe
Matt Shaheen

Guest of

Tino Frujillo
Nancy Humphrey
John Caldwell
Kirk Bell

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Matt Shaheen encouraged everyone to vote and to watch for his name on the ballot, making our pot of money \$5.00 richer.



Bypassing the Inside Rotarian Studio, Nathan presented the winners and losers of the Fantasy Football League, and all the others who were present.

This was the fourth year that there has been a Fantasy Football League, and Mark Johnson finished in second place.



He has been in the money all four years, but never in first place. Needless to say, he does not mind as long as the money continues to flow his way.



Last year Mr. Walters lost one game. This year he lost 10 games and he had to give up the trophy, resulting in a tug of war over the trophy.



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YEAR

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Jason Cramer was the new 1st place winner and he was given the trophy for this coming year. The last place winner was not present, so when he does appear at a meeting, we will have to go through another ceremony to award him the loser's trophy. Who had the Loser's trophy last year? And on with the meeting.....

Captain Kirk reported that 51 surveys have been taken and it would be very nice if more people would take time to complete the survey online, so a larger percentage of our club could be represented in future decisions. It should only take about 5 minutes.

The Club had 2 extra seats to fill at Ski Plano, and hopefully they were filled, because it was a really great time, in support of the Plano ISD Foundation.

The Club also has 5 tables of 10 people each to fill at the District Rotary Gala coming up on February 22 at the Hilton Anatole. If you would like to go, please send an email to Lynette and she will put you on the list. We would like to be well represented.



Jamee Jolly made the announcement regarding a Candidate Forum on February 6, 2014 for House District 66. If you have any questions you would like to hear asked, please submit them to Jamee Jolly, so she can add them to the script.

Nathan announced that there was a PISD Alumni Association and they are holding a golf tournament on March 31st, at Glen Eagles Country Club. They are looking for sponsors and golfers. There will be brochures on the table this coming week if you are interested in being a sponsor or golfing in the tournament.



Nancy Humphrey was called up to introduce the Plano ISD's 2013 Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, Erin Swain and Ramy Mahmoud. Erin and Ramy are each outstanding role models, excellent mentors and skilled educators who devote themselves to instilling in students a love for and desire to reach their full potential.



Erin serves as a fourth grade team leader at Bethany Elementary School. She has multiple leadership roles on campus and takes an active role in positively impacting her school and community culture.

Ramy is science department chair at Williams High School. He is a leader and a willing risk-taker when it means that his students are engaged and learning.



Erin spoke of the great link between the non-profits in the Plano ISD area and her classroom. There are kids who would not have had dinner the night before if it were not for Minnie's Food Pantry and other food pantries in the area. There are children who have been helped by CASA and Collin County Advocacy Center. There are kids who had to spend the night at My Friend's Place or with their mother at Hope's Door. There are children who received their shots and medical care from the Plano Children's Medical Center, which is one of our Club's non-profits.

It is important to know that our charity within our community is also a reason we have a strong school district, by helping to remove adverse situations from their lives, so they may go to school.

Ramy has been teaching for ten years. The first year he taught was a blur and he lived day to day and worked from his lesson plans. He became accustomed to the fact that if he needed a certain supplies, they magically showed up at his classroom door and he thought much about it. When he became a department chair he then had to prepare and follow budgets, but even then, because the school district was so well supported, meeting the budget and still getting everything necessary to be a great teacher was not a problem. It was not until this year, when he and Erin were given the opportunity to travel around the District talking with the non-profits who give the support to the school district, that they understood exactly what and where this money was really coming from.

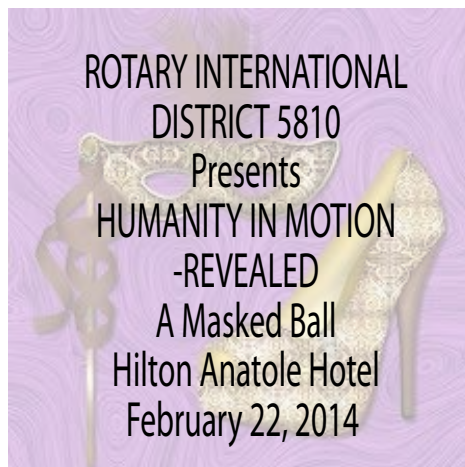
Without the support given to our school, the teachers would not be able to give the level of learning which the people and students of Plano have come to expect. PISD is an exceptional school district because of the community and the schools understanding that education is a community wide affair and they people of Plano are kind and generous and they value a good educational system.

Ramy went on to explain that he works at Williams High School, and that the money we gave to their school for the Health and Science Academy was a much larger gift than can be realized at face value. It has brought in very successful kids from around the district to their school. This boosts the morale of all the students in the school and sets a high bar for all the kids to reach. The kids in this program are getting experiences which will put them far above their peers when they leave Williams High School and enter the real world. What does it do

for the kids not in this academy at Williams High School? It introduces them to occupations which they would not have known existed before. It forces them to stretch their capabilities and learn that with a little effort they can achieve so much more than they thought they could. This has made the children prouder of what they are doing, and happier to be at school and excited to learn.

Ramy has developed a flipped class structure. He video tapes his lectures and the student must go home and watch the lectures as their homework. Then when they come to the classroom there is time to the paperwork and answer questions and do projects while answering any questions the students may have. This has worked very well, and there have been many obstacles thrown up along the way. Kids did not have internet or computers, and other similar problems. Ramy found a way to overcome every obstacle so far and this way of teaching has worked very well for his students.

After answering several other questions from the floor, the teachers were each presented with checks from The Rotary Club of Plano and thanked for their service to our school district. With that the Four Way Test was recited, the bell was rung and we all gathered ourselves to return to work or other activities for another week.



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AWARDS:

2013 Citizen of the Year
Dr. Myrtle Hightower
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