



## SUMMER Weekly

# Reader

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Jul 13**  
**Bob Wehrmann**  
DFW - USO

**Jul 20**  
**Rick Amsberry**  
Club Assembly



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sara Akers	July 10
Howard Shapiro	July 12
Dave Bowman	July 15
Larry Bisno	July 16
Matt Jackson	July 22
Jim Monroe	July 22
Maria Mott	July 23



## Torch



## Passing

**I**T was **President's Day** a bit late. And eight Past (or soon-to-be) Presidents were on hand to celebrate the change of leadership from **King David** to



**Rick BBQ Horne**. Fully 50% of them were still in the Club, and all were male. (The rest were off at competing functions.) But that put no damper on the celebration.

**King David** opened his ultimate meeting at 12:12, summoning **Johnny Lewis** for the Prayer & **Alan SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum** for the Pledge. **Howard Matson** was credited with Greeting while **SERGEANT KRAMER** strode forward toward his "last" At-Arms gig.

**Mike Booher** (who was also substitute photographer this day) introduced a **PISD** dyslexia coach at **Jackson** and **Carlisle Elem.**, **Karen Courtney**. In **Ric Kasmiskie's** absence, his guest, **Clark Seymour**, introduced himself. **Sara Akers** (AWOL) would have welcomed **Peggy Jackson**.



Visiting Rotarians included **Shaheen Salam** (Metro) and **Howard Templin** (Dallas) as well a quartet of Past Presidents, **Earnest Mr. Wonderful Burke**, **Rick Christmas Elf Maucieri**, **Lenny LED Schwartz**, and **Ean SECRET SANTA Sullivan**.

Jason teased us with the "super secret" plan that the incoming Sergeant "has up his

sleeve." And there was neither **3 MINUTES OF FAME** nor an **RI FOUNDATION MINUTE**.

Instead, **King David** dove headlong into the announcement of the **BATTLE OF THE BADGES**, highlighted in a recent email. We were to support **Chief Greif** in his efforts to win the coveted prize for the first time "in 10 years!" In order to encourage the Firefighters Union to stump for maximum blood-

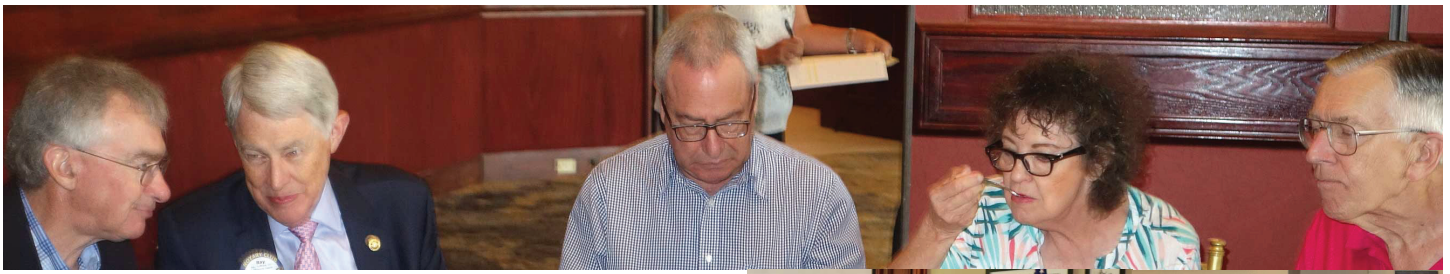


letting, he's volunteered to let its President shave his head on the steps of City Hall if they win. (Sainted Editor offers a jaunty cap.)

**King David** then proudly pointed to the double sheet of Club accomplishments during his reign. (Double-sided would have been more economical but less impressive.) It was modestly labeled: "**Partial List of Club Accomplishments, 2016-2017**" (emphasis added). The dozen activities listed gave **David** the opportunity to recognize those who spearheaded each event. So, for example, Jason was fêted for Camp RYLA, **Kirk** was honored for SCOTY, **Camille** was highlighted for Angel Tree, **Mary Jo** (and Camille) were recognized for the accessible playground at **Jack Carter Park**, and **Rick BBQ Horne** (who has yet to report) was hailed for **Blues, Brews & 'Ques**.

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And the Club came in for praise too for participation and sponsorship of all of the above and \$25K toward *PISD* Health Sciences, *Student of the Month*, the Annual Holiday Party and Coat Drive, *Minnie's Food Pantry*, the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, 5810 Service Projects, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Mentioned, but not listed, was the Club's striving for 100% *Paul Harris Fellowship*.

**David** had mementoes of their service to award to Board Members and Committee Chairs. The **Real Men** got handsome pocket knives; the women, *Scary Bob* (AWOL) and *Sainted Editor* got pretty picture frames (*con reloj*).



Recipients were to come to the stage for their prize. The first went to an AWOL **Jerry Kezhaya** for being the Club's Social Director. Jerry snagged it when he turned up late. (**David** touted Jerry's choice of BUFFALO BLUEZ as "highly recommended.") Blair Ritchey received his for being our New Generations Chair. **SPiRiTWARE** received **David's** empathy for Program Chairmanship. **Larry Bisno** was going back for seconds, but returned to scarf up a knife (to go with his fork and spoon) for At Large Board membership. Sara Akers will get hers later as will **Justin Roche** and **Mike Robnett**. But **Maria Mott** was on hand for hers. RI Foundation Chair, **Jamie Schell**, was home nursing a sick daughter back to health.



Public Relations Chair, **Carrolyn Moebius**, was grateful for her giftie. Howard Matson received his for being "my hero," according to **David**. Howard had eschewed the coasting attendant to (Rotary) retirement and "given blood, sweat and tears" to *Plano Rotary*. Jason Kramer was awarded a knife as much for lowering the average age as for being **SERGEANT AT ARMS**.

**David** honored Past President **Kelly Palmer** as his "drinking buddy and crying buddy." He noted the importance of Treasurer, **Jim Cooper**, and thanked Secretary, **John Caldwell**, for his services. With great relief, he welcomed President-Elect Rick Horne, and thanked him for learning the job and still being up for it.

Lastly, he called up **Karen Sheldon**, Executive Secretary, without whose assistance the Club would've faltered.



He was "blessed to have the opportunity" to serve with her and said she's "worth every penny we pay her!" She also received a gift certificate to **David's** "buddy's restaurant."



Next he called upon all Past Presidents to stand and deliver their year of service. Kelly couldn't remember his but Earnest, who was 2014-15, said "you were after me." Johnny Lewis must've done a bang up job in 1994-5 because he was re-elected for 1997-8. Lenny couldn't remember. Ean was 2001-2. Kirk: 2013-14. Rick Maucieri 2008-9, and **David** 2016-17.

**David** was eager to turn the Club over to Rick Horne, who has demonstrated willingness to "give of himself, his time, and treasure," leaving **David** to believe he'll do "a lot of good things for us" and "take good care of the Club." Then he left it for Rick's sponsor, Rick Maucieri, to roast the incoming President. (Wait a minute; then **David** escaped the traditional outgoing roast?)



Maucieri first noted the silent "e" in Horne; you would not want to mispronounce that. He said he first met Rick as a superhero working at *Magic Time Machine*. Horne corrected him: he wasn't a superhero; he was a "Peanuts character," Snoopy, to be precise. Later their "sons were on the same baseball team," which they jointly coached. Neither son made baseball his meal ticket, so that speaks to their coaching skills.

Horne married Miss Watkins, turning her into Ms. Horne and having two children, one of whom serves in South Korea. Rick is an usher in *Christ Church*, and they shared a stint as Zone 2 coordinators and "food critics" for **Jo Via's Plano Balloon Festival**. Horne took on the festival for 10 years, four as Board President. Maucieri introduced him to Rotary 7 years ago, and is proud of his accomplishments, helping guide the "mother-ship" Club.

Rick Horne then presented his manifesto:

Fellow Plano Rotarians, thank you for honoring me with the responsibility of being your President for this club through the next year. I want to thank each of the presidents that passed along the gavel in showing your support! Truly, I stand of the shoulders of great men and women who make this on the finest

Rotary Clubs in the Nation (if not the world). Fellow Presidents, you know how I feel. Anxious! Nervous! Afraid that I'm going to "break" the Club.

I pledge to you that I will strive not the waiver from the 4-Way Test. I'll speak the truth and respect you, the Club, and Rotary International. I want to offer true transparency to the Club on future decisions and will respect the entire Club's opinions. I serve at the pleasure of the Club.

I wish to thank a few people who supported me to where I am today.

First, the lovely Mrs. Horne. Though she couldn't be here today (she is taking PISD leadership training), Karen has stood by me through the past 28 years. Stood by and supported me wholeheartedly on every volunteer effort I have taken on. Without Karen, I would not be the complete man you see before you.

Rick Maucieri, thank you. Thank you for bringing me on with the *Plano Balloon Festival* ("Hey, it will be fun!") and encouraging me to join Rotary. You truly saw someone with a serving heart.

Ean, thank you for encouraging me to join the Board of the Plano Rotary Club. Who would have thought that I would be standing here today, to lead this great organization? Though you chose a different path, your guidance and insight, as past district Governor, proves to be invaluable knowledge that I can use as I journey down the Rotary path.

And finally, David, thank you for working with me this year as President-Elect. Your strength and unwavering devotion to the Club has set a high standard for which I hope to meet. You have been through a lot this past year, and your devotion has never wavered. Thank you, David!

And to the Plano Club, thank you again for honoring me to be your President. I count each of you as friends, and I hope that during the upcoming year, we can only strengthen that friendship.

From the beginning of the Club's inception in May of 1945, The Plano Rotary Club has gone through 77 years of providing support in the local and international community. All of us strive to live by the motto of "Service Above Self."

During that time, our club has supported:

- Elementary schools in COM and COY;
- Memorial Elementary School,
- Plano MLK Celebration,
- Scholarships to RYLA for high school juniors,
- Shelter Box tents & supplies for Haitian relief,
- City House,
- Children's Clinic (with the help of other district clubs),
- Hope's Door
- Plano International Festival
- Plano's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Hendrick Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament
- Fully-accessible playground at Jack Carter Park,
- PISD Foundation for Health Science Education
- Teacher of the Year,
- Food Drives, and
- Annual Angel Tree and Coat Drives

But there is much to be done:

- Grow the Club to the prominence in which it once reveled. To do this, envision a circle where you have speakers that draw attendance; recruit individuals who have serving hearts; and revisit the dues structure.
- Draw absent Rotarians to attend weekly to support networking, fellowship, and gain new ideas on service projects

- Involve our more experienced member with activities---let's not just come to Rotary for the lunch, but let's get involved. Share your experiences with the younger members. Network!
- Involve younger members with activities---feed off their energy, learn new ideas while also gaining insight from the experienced members. Great source of knowledge. Network!
- Support the local and international community with meaningful service projects.

We cannot grow unless we have the entire Club's participation. I, we, need each of you for the success of this Club. We need your support: volunteer for committees to provide better programs, increase membership, and develop service projects and social events. The time has passed for us leaving these areas to just one person. All of us are expected to support and participate in committees.

Wrapping up: I like to think, with your support, I can continue to do good work by following in the tradition started by Jack Harrington, the first Club President back in 1945-6. I will strive to do my best while keeping in mind the memories of past and present Rotarians. Names that are widely recognized on City buildings, streets, parks and libraries that have served this community and the world: names such as Harrington, Hendrick, Schell, Brodhead, McCall, Haggard, Parr and others living by the 4-Way Test.

This is not my Rotary year; it is our Rotary year. Envision that we are all on a large sailboat, traversing a great ocean. As President, I am just minding the tiller. Steering us along the plumb line, encountering a great wave now and then, but always heading toward a home port. We need each other to get us to port. Some handle the navigation and plot the course, some man the sheets, some support all types of repair, and, I hope, all enjoy the ride. I'm here to support the Club, support you, support the community and to serve others.

I am humbled and honored to be elected as your President for the upcoming year. Remember, we are THE PLANO ROTARY CLUB. We set the standard for which other clubs are measured. Let's keep moving forward and grow our great Club.

And last: Let's have FUN. When the meetings cease to be fun, other outside life activities will keep us away from meetings. I want you to be excited about attending the meetings and participating in the Club. So, have Fun, DARN IT!

As always, I'm available to talk anytime if there are issues you need to address. I stand before you ready to serve as your President of THE PLANO ROTARY CLUB.

After the applause died down, Rick noted Club approval needed for a motion to replace (at his request) At Large Member **Mike Jobe** with **Nathan Barbera**. It passed over Nathan's "*nay*" vote.

That out of the way, Rick introduced his new Board and gave outgoing President McWhorter a gift. Then Rick Maucieri pinned Rick Horne with his Rotary Presidential Pin.

Horne then noted **NO MEETING** 7/6 and next meeting 7/13. Then he led us in the 4-Way Test (which should now be the 5-Way Test...#5. Have Fun) and dismissed the assembled throng.



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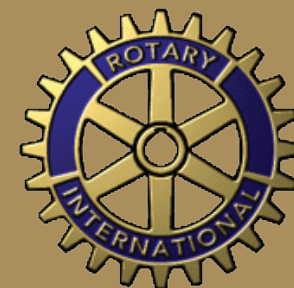
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Clark Seymour

Peggy Jackson

### Visiting Rotarian

Earnest Burke

Rick Maucieri

Ean Sullivan

### Guest of

Mike Booher

Rick Kamiskie

Sara Akers

### Home Club

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Shaheen Salam

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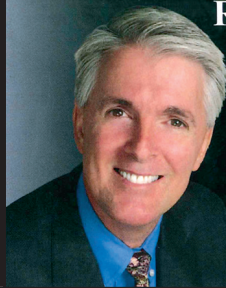
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