



## Summer Weekly

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# Reader

The Plano Rotary Club  
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## PREPARING PISD STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 18th**  
**Celeste Cox, CEO Habitat**  
**for Humanity**  
Overview of the Habitat Programs

**July 25th**  
**Sean Terry**  
Redevelopment of Collin Creek Mall  
Mixed-Used Project

**Aug 1st**  
**NO NOON MEETING**  
(1st Thursday of the month)



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Camarena, Joe	Jul 01
Akers, Sara	Jul 10
Bisno, Larry	Jul 16
Fenwick, Peggy	Jul 19
Jackson, Matt	Jul 22
Monroe, Jim	Jul 22
Mott, Maria	Jul 23



**JEFF BECKLEY** was the MC, **Robert Reed** gave the invocation (asking for a productive meeting), **Olin Jaye** lead us in the pledge, and **Maria Mott** was the greeter. **Roy Reeves** was the photographer and emailed me the images from his Apple iPhone before he left the room!

**Jamee Jolly** got her **TWO MINUTES OF FAME**; the highlights were: **1)** her favorite music is Bruno Mars and Hip Hop **2)** she worked with **Laura Miller** and others to create the **Klyde Warren** elevated park (a lot of politics was involved) **3)** she has a flower tattoo on her foot as a souvenir of a college sorority trip **4)** she was in FFA in high school and can weld. **Nancy Humphrey** got her 9 year pin and **Jo Via 27!!** **Steve Matthews** was **Jeff Beckley's** guest. Steve is a former trustee of Collin College. Jeff enhanced the Birthday Celebration by putting names of the July birthdays into a hat. **Sara Akers'** name was drawn; she decided that the bucket money should be donated to Rotary's 'End Polio Now' program. <https://www.endpolio.org/> Johnny Lewis also spoke about the Rotary program. We have it easy in the US and Europe. In Nigeria, Rotary has to bribe the warlords to be able to inoculate certain areas. **Maria Mott** got her Paul Harris pin. We are on track to be 100% **Paul Harris** by our 75th anniversary. To raise a lot of money at the 75th celebration, we need a strong cause. **Roy Reeves** wants everyone to submit worthy causes to him. **Sam Greif** suggested the "**Battle of the Bras**" breast cancer program that is supported by the Plano Firefighters. <http://battleofthebras.com/index.html> It will be 10.17.2019 at the Plano Event Center. Our program was about Plano ISD; here are the key education players (plus Jeff): Jeff Beckley (Rotary President), Sara Bonser (PISD Superintendent), Jamee Jolly (Senior Executive Director - PISD Education Foundation), Kulsum Mzee (PISD Teacher of the Year- Elementary) and Daniel Cox (PISD Teacher of the Year - Secondary).

An impressive collection of talent!! To start our education program, Plano Rotary recognized PISD's two teachers of the year. Here's the link to the PISD 2019 Teacher of the Year Gala: <https://www.pisd.edu/Page/18534> **Kulsum Mzee**, Plano ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year Shepard Elementary School - Special Education Teaching Philosophy: I have been a teacher at Plano ISD for the last six years. Teaching, in my opinion, is not only



about academics, grades or data. I believe in unlocking my students' potential. I believe that my students are ready to learn when I can help them unlock their hearts and I can find purpose in the content I'm trying to teach them. My approach to teaching is holistic. One of my top goals as a teacher is to ensure that I can provide every student an opportunity to grow physically, mentally, emotionally and socially to their full potential and, at the same time, make them feel valued and **safe**. For example, I ask my students for permission to share their mistakes with the rest of the class. Their willingness to let me share demonstrates to me that I have created a **safe environment** where they feel valued and, in turn, value their contribution. When a student, who is usually too shy to speak willingly, wants to share their experience in our community circle, I know they feel **safe**. **Daniel Cox**,

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Plano ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year Plano West Senior High School -Special Education Teaching Philosophy: Through teaching special education, I continue to learn what it means to be an outstanding teacher, not only for my students, but for the entire school. I have found that building a strong rapport with my students and creating a positive and **safe** learning **environment** is the best model a teacher can establish. In addition to what I do for my students, I collaborate with my colleagues and the community to create a universal learning **environment**. At the beginning of each year, I focus on building relationships with my students. Before they even enter my classroom, I look through the grade book to memorize each student's name and face, to which the students' reaction each year is one of surprise. An effective way to build rapport with students is to care and listen to them. In the beginning of each week, I like to start class with hearing what each of my students did that weekend to provide an opportunity for them to have a voice in the classroom to help establish an accepting and comfortable **environment**. This allows them to build up their confidence in my classroom and beyond. **Sara Bonser**, PISD Superintendent, discussed PISD's Strategic Plan for 2019-2023. We want our graduating students to be ready for college, career and life. Our 53,000 students have 95 different native languages and represent 127 different countries. We welcome diversity because it prepares our students for the global workforce (aka the real world). Here are **Plano ISD's 11 Beliefs**: **1)** ALL students are at the heart of our decisions. **2)** High expectations lead to growth and achievement of each student and staff member **3)** Graduates must possess the skills and knowledge that prepares them to become responsible citizens and successful leaders **4)** All students will utilize social, emotional and academic skills in order to become resilient and resourceful lifelong learners. **5)** The highest levels of learning occur when students are engaged in work that is relevant, authentic and challenging. **6)** Equity and access to equal opportunities are essential to reaching the highest levels of student achievement **7)** As good stewards, we provide access to resources that enable each student to reach their potential. **8)** Our diverse, innovative and future-focused employees are our most valuable resource, vital to the growth, care and success of each student. **9)** We embrace families, staff, students and our community in the shared responsibility of educating our children. **10)** Developing meaningful, collaborative relationships in a welcoming, **safe** and caring **environment** is essential for student success. **11)** Quality public education is the foundation of a thriving community. The 11 Beliefs are words, here are examples of **PISD's actions**. **1)** High expectations – 96% of seniors graduate **2)** Academic skills – 112 National Merit 2019 semifinalists **3)** Relevant work – there are 2,800 students in AVID, which teaches study skills and college readiness. **4)** Reaching aspirations – PISD has the challenging IB World School, Academy High School for STEAM students, and the Health Sciences Academy in cooperation with

Collin College. Also, PISD provides summer meals at no cost to children 18 years and younger. No identification is needed. Adults over the age of 18 can purchase a breakfast for \$2.25 and a lunch for \$3.75 **5)** Employees – Teachers average 11+ years of teaching and 35% have a Masters or higher degree. **6)** We embrace families – The Plano Family Literacy School teaches parents to read, so they can better help their children. They can also prepare for their GED. PISD PTAs have almost 24,000 members. Lawrence of Arabia wrote the book “**Seven Pillars of Wisdom**”; **PISD just needs five**. **1)** Learning and Teaching – All students will have access to a culture of high expectations coupled with an engaging, innovative, personalized and supportive learning **environment**. **2)** Life Ready – PISD graduates will possess the skills and knowledge that enables them to be life ready citizens and leaders in the global workforce. **3)** Talent Acquisition, Support and Growth – To ensure a quality school system, PISD will hire, train and retain a highly effective and talented workforce. **4)** Culture of Community – PISD embraces the diverse community in which we live and work and will foster partnerships that are beneficial to the education of our students and meet the needs of our families. (Last year, PISD was supported by 44 corporate partnerships.) <https://www.pisd.edu/Page/425> PISD is also supported by the PISD Education Foundation, which has provided \$18+ million dollars since 1993. One source of income is Ski Plano. **5)** Strategic Resource Management – As good stewards, we will strategically and equitably manage our resources to meet identified student needs and align resource allocation with district goals. The presentation ended with an inspiring video that showed three different aspects of PISD life. Isabel Lawrence, a 7th grader from Frankford Middle School, was first. She put them in five different cages and gave them a variety of toys that had different sounds, colors, sizes, and textures.





She and her science project went to state! **Karyn Wynne** was her science teacher. Isabel also had praise for **AVID (Achievement via Individual Determination)**. The class helped her with time management and multitasking. The second segment featured three Clark athletes that helped save a woman's life. **Julie Coon** dropped dead of a heart attack near the school. **Riley Winkler**, **Christy Winkler** and **Levi Helms** ran to the school and alerted Tom Kailey. He brought the AED and re-started her heart! Amazingly, Riley and Christy had been studying about CPR and AEDs. The third segment featured **Brooke Ward**, who was diagnosed with dyslexia in elementary school. PISD uses the Herman program to help students with dyslexia. The multisensory program uses the major components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension to create good readers. Brooke will be studying nursing at the University of Arkansas in the fall. John Caldwell – Editor & PISD Substitute dropped dead of a heart attack near the school. **Riley Winkler**, **Christy Winkler** and **Levi Helms** ran to the school and alerted **Tom Kailey**. He brought the AED and re-started her heart! Amazingly, Riley and Christy had been studying about CPR and AEDs. The third segment featured **Brooke Ward**, who was diagnosed with dyslexia in elementary school. PISD uses the Herman program to help students with dyslexia. The multisensory program uses the major components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension to create good readers. Brooke will be studying nursing at the University of Arkansas in the fall. **John Caldwell – Editor & PISD Substitute**



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Plano Rotarians,

On June 8th, a wonderful European vacation came to an abrupt halt -- a broken are, surgery in Frankfurt, Germany , an extended hospital stay, etc. You can imagine, I hope, what an incredible sense of gratitude filled us when we were finally able to return to the United States after a 10-day hospitalization. And we want everyone in the club to know how much we have appreciated the many meals you brought to us. Your care was great medicine!

Thank you, Plano Rotary Club, for the gift of "Service Above Self"

Johnny & Sharon