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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 26th **Plano Rotary Club** "Planning for the Future"

August 2nd **NO NOON MEETING**

Please plan to attend this month's service project - See back of reader for more details!

August 9th TBD



JULY **BIRTHDAYS**

Joe Camarena	Jul 01
Sara Akers	Jul 10
Howard Shapiro	Jul 12
Larry Bisno	Jul 16
Matt Jackson	Jul 22
Jim Monroe	Jul 22
Maria Mott	Jul 23





mpress Carolingian

channeled a previous President, ron putterfly, in accessorizing with a pink feathered something to complement her Imperial Pen-

dant. But if she's really a Carolingian, descended from **Pépin** the Short, through Charles the Lame (Charlemagne), to Charles the Fat, she'd have





chosen the **carolingian Cross**. Furthermore, we

would have to give her a sobriquet like grander Carrolvn the Petite. She has promised to shed a

few grams to get back into her School Board wardrobe and earn that title.

The **Empress** required **Blair Ritchey** to do the Invocation and Joe Camarena the Pledge. The Interactor students served as Greeters. SERGEANT HUMPHREY was the Duty Officer du Jour.



Howard Matson welcomed Robert Reed's guest, Janelle Twyford Silves. Sara Akers introduced two Children's The-





Jamie Schell bade us welcome two of his three progeny, Amy and Sam. Amy is studying Early Childhood Special Education, joined $\Delta\Gamma$, and now Board Certified via a degree from UT. Sam, a RYLArian, graduated from the Air Force Academy and is en route to flight training at Enid, OK. Their missing sibling is on an internship in Denton, seeking a Masters degree from U. Missouri. One of them has recently sky-dived. Jamie renounces all interest.

John Caldwell introduced the 5810 Four-Way Speech Contest Winner, our own contestant, Connor McNamara, predictably home-schooled. What are we now? Three for four, John? That sounds almost greedy; we should really give others a chance. Fair to all concerned, and all that.



Visiting Rotarian **Angela Miner** was introduced. Elena was also IDed as a Visiting Rotarian, but that may have been a confusion with Interact.

While it was noted that we've more than our share of past Plano Chamber of Commerce Presidents, **Jeff Beckley**,

the current holder of that august position,

was fêted for having secured a **GOLD** Star as the **Best Chamber of the United States**. Modest to a fault, Jeff explained that last year, the Chamber won **SILVER**. He's justifiably proud.



Carrolyn the Detite offered congratulations and pins to Jo Via (26) and Mike Robnett (28) for Years of Rotary Service. Olin Jaye wanted to announce Jo's "other noteworthy event," but Jo protested. So Olin did it anyway, saying, "Happy 80th Anniversary!" Jo said she's "ignoring it."

Connor McNamara, the Four-Way Speech Contest Winner, said that his Dad was in the audience today. And



his Dad was in the audience today. And participation in the event saved his Dad beaucoup college tuition which will now be paid with his speech contest winnings! In college, he'll study performance to become an opera singer. He thanked **Kelly McNamara**, his father, for his 9-12 home schooling.

Connor's subject was the application of the Four-Way Test to the phenomenon of by-standing. He began with an anecdote of being about to make his first skydiving jump and starting to turn back when the instructor shouted, "*GO*," so he did. It was exhilarating until he grew peckish and hit "pause" to go get a snack. The breathtaking vista on his computer screen froze while he hunted up the Doritos and Mountain Dew.

He decried by-standing as a serious problem, citing the prevalence of videos made of emergency situations instead of calls to 9-1-1. Dictionary definitions of "by-stander" refer to "*mere onlooker*," as when the crowd passes by a fallen elder. Connor spoke of the presence of others on the by-stander effect which "*inhibits interaction*." He exemplified this with a Parent-Teacher conference he attended when an irate parent berated his teacher. Instead of standing up for her, he told himself "*there were already so many adults*" who should've defended her, and "*I have to be somewhere else anyway*."

Reality "is not an Internet video, rather it's a story in which we all participate."

CBS had a series in which actors would portray an abusive episode in public to gauge onlooker reactions. One woman chose to defend the beleaguered "wife," saying to her abuser, "Lorraine isn't going with you." When asked what would have happened had the abuser turned on her, she said, "Then she wouldn't have been alone."



He concluded with the famous quote by **Edmund Burke**, "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.*" It is a benefit for all if you "stand up in the face of injustice."

Empress Carolingian gave Connor our honorarium gift with our thanks and called Olin Jaye to introduce our <u>second</u> speaker, **Ken Schmidt** (kensc@plano.gov), the Lead Planner for Long-Range Planning for the City of Plano. Ken has come to us from that boomtown, Fairview, TX, that hotbed of activity to our north. He served 15 months in Iraq before working in **Bruce** *Mr. Clean* **Glasscock's** Comprehensive Planning Division.

Ken's first reminder to himself was to never again "follow Connor on a meeting agenda." His topic was Envision Oak Point, the planning process for the 730 "vacant" acres on the eastside. Well, not exactly vacant; Lavon and Lucky Layla farms lie within, but the "area is not really connected. There's no complementary road network."



What remains "*has opportunities*" to exploit a vacant land which acts as "*a*

front door to major events" like Jo's **PLANO BALLOON FESTIVAL**. But it offers now a "non-cohesive mix of land uses" with "aging corridors" and "an industrial character."

Development will surely occur; it behooves the City to plan proactively. So it's considering private and public investments, mobility improvements, and opportunities to engage in social activities. The process is "open and transparent." There have been committee meetings with stakeholders and the community at large...and a website:

www.EnvisionOakPoint.com

The plan will be used "to guide zoning requests," not to dictate zoning, even though it outlines use for each subdivision of the area. (Sainted Chitor grumbled, "It sounds like zoning to me.") But, taking a more charitable view, the plan is making recommendations for the consideration of Plano's Planning and Zoning Commission and, of course, the City Council.



The colors above reflect development types. Improved mobility is afforded to traffic, pedestrians, and cyclers. Open spaces and parks are included. The result is "suburban but balanced and diverse" through "revitalization and reinvestment." The plan honors "legacy sites" while suggesting "new growth and infill development." (Spoken like a true City Planner.) It even is cognizant of the need for DART to extend northward.

This is the result of 19 months of information gathering, meetings, and planning. There was a Visioning Workshop on 3/2017. An unveiling open house and a draft plan review took place. Participants were invited to draw their own visions onto the map. And the commission picked ideas that *"had gained traction."* Further feedback yielded this *"preferred vision"* with City Council in the loop.

While single family dwellings "*dominate*" the residential areas, provision for senior and multi-family housing are offered. Although the plan includes new thoroughfares, the extension of *Legacy* to *Los Rios Blvd*. has been scrapped. It is to be considered in the City Council meeting of July 23.

This area is "the only Opportunity Zone in Collin County." In response to Jeff Beckley's question, the reason for that designation was that "the State of Texas identified" it as such.

Guests

Guest

Janelle Twyford Silvas Suzy Jones Mike Mazur Mira Banerji Hayley McCrossan Belle Maucieri Kelly McNamara Amy Schell Sam Schell Guest of Robert Reed Sara Akers Sara Akers Carrolyn Moebius Carrolyn Moebius Carrolyn Moebius John Caldwell Jaime Schell Jaime Schell Sara asked Suzy to promote the Kinsey Exhibit at the Center for African-American Art, which she did via a handout on our tables.

The **Cmpress** led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us out apologetically at 1:04.







Visiting Rotarians

Visting Rotarian Elena Alberti Angela Miner Home Club Italy N TX Pioneers

Proposed Members

New Member: Jonathan Smith Proposed by: Howard Matson Classification: Data Center Solution Specialist

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