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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 13th
Sonu Varkey
Inspirational Magic

June 20th
Brad Stewart, Audiologist
ClearLife Hearing Care
What's the latest in hearing issues
and technology these days

June 27th
Jeff Beckley
Anniversary of the Plano Rotary Club
and planning a Year of Celebration

July 4th
NO NOON MEETING
(1st Thursday of the month)



June BIRTHDAYS

Milby, Charles	Jun 07
Ritchey, Blair	Jun 08
Waterbury, Mark	Jun 08
Geller, Mark	Jun 09
Keith, Bradley	Jun 12



H ALLELUJAH! Not only did **LaNell Morold** get herself inducted this day, but she also volunteered to be



PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE FIRST WATER, much to **Sainted Editor's** relief. That's not to say that he doesn't value **Hubert Aaron** (who shot these photos) or any of the other substitute paparazzo!

Carolyn the Petite summoned us to purpose at 12:15, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Kelly Palmer** to lead the Pledge. She gave the Greeter Nod to **Maria Mott** and invited **SERGEANT NANCY** to start another attendance run!



NANCY recognized Visiting Rotarian **Randy Wright** (Plano East), here to sponsor



LaNell for membership. **Janis Allman** introduced **Tracy Carmichael**. Then **SERGEANT HUMPHREY** got one last shot at interviewing **Ric Kasmiskie**, who is moving West, Young Man.



Ric's favorite band is **PINK FLOYD**. There were murmurs of ascent in the room. His TARDIS choice would be Australia/New Zealand, no, Singapore/Malaysia, no, off-shore anyway! Something we don't know about him is he was a State Champion Gymnast in High School! He has no tattoos. And he will "miss all of you dearly" when he's gone. And the changes are "bittersweet." A round of applause let him know how we reciprocate the thoughts.

The first announcement came from incoming President **Jeff Beckley**, who noted this to be our 74th birthday as a club. He'll bake us a Happy 74th cake, but we really should do something for next year's 75th! So he'll examine the history of the Club which has made "such a valuable contribution."

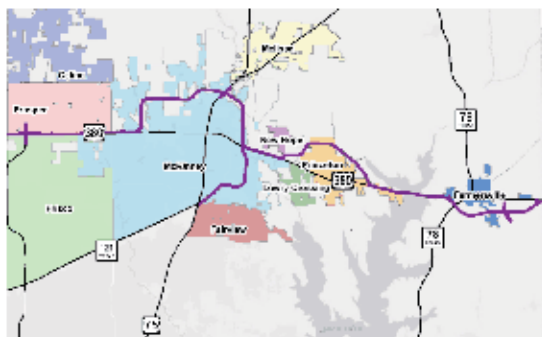


25% decrease in last 10 years
24% decrease in last 5 years

Year	Deficit (\$ Billion)
2000	\$116,512,296
2009	\$129,368,911,930
2010	\$111,217,682,429
2011	\$12,662,314,599
2012	\$15,420,200,190
2013	\$19,253,702,292
2014	\$66,851,450,692
2015	\$98,807,570,204
2016	\$107,237,611,451
2017	\$123,661,612,123
2018	\$137,003,739,093

Nathan Barbera asked how a 1 M population has affected the courts. Judge Hill explained that the county is adding specialized to the general jurisdiction courts now.

Changing general to specialized courts requires permission from the State Legislature, so new specialized ones will appear. Also at 24 courtrooms, the Courthouse is now “close to capacity.” Fortunately, with foresight, the structure was designed with expansion in mind. So new wings will appear to provide additional adjudication space.



The largest project under discussion is the expansion of Highway 380. TxDOT prefers the purple route in the map above because it passes through undeveloped land, so it will cost less to acquire. McKinney’s City Council unanimously opposes that route; it presumably has plans for development that would be compromised by that routing. Collin has proposed the green route to the State, which must, by law, seek local buy-in for projects, but McKinney wants routes thru Prosper.



If the cities change their mind to approve the red route, the county will concur. But, currently, McKinney and Prosper are proposing incompatible projects, so negotiations are ongoing.

Kelly Palmer asked if there are plans for passenger rail in Collin. Judge Hill reminded him that **DART** stops at Plano because cities further north (mentioning no names) refused to tax themselves for it. Kelly said that it seems

like mass transport is the solution for the traffic. Judge Hill said that 45K cars per day is the trigger value for a freeway; Highway 380 is currently at 111% of that.

Blair Ritchey asked about 380’s timeline and was told that the purple route would take 10 years to complete once begun. But studies of the issue (environmental as well as the impact on communities) will take another 18-24 months! Unless the cities change their positions, Judge Hill fears that the entire process might take 20 years! No consensus yet!!

Exacerbating the debate is the expansion of even existing right of way from 150’ to 320’. “Every foot of that must be acquired.”



Judge Hill thanked us for inviting him, and **Carolyn the Petite** gave him our petite USB drive, led us in the Four-Way Test, and belled us out at 1:01.



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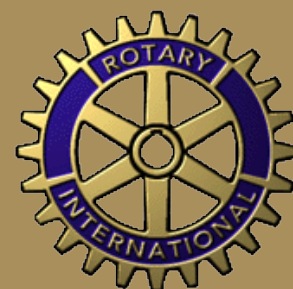
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