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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 16**

**Harry LaRosiliere**

*Plano Mayor - Plano 3.0 - Latest  
2016 Plano Developments*

**June 23**

**Jason Treu**

*Extraordinary! Relationship  
Building*

**June 30**

**Greg Willis**

*Collin County DA - Local  
Criminal Justice Issues*



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Frauenheim	Jun 01
Charles Milby	Jun 07
Blair Ritchey	Jun 08
Mark Waterbury	Jun 08
Mark Geller	Jun 09
H. Wayne Hendrick	Jun 09
Bradley Keith	Jun 12
Bob Bauer	Jun 19



## Pirouette Point Crisis Center

**L** **OUQUATIUS** Rotarians visiting from Naivasha, Kenya, **Joseph** and **Joyce Gitau**, exchanged banners, read Club Mission Statements, touted



Club accomplishments, and would cheerfully have provided a program had we not already secured one. Naivasha is 56 miles northwest of Nairobi, but, such is the traffic, it takes



almost two hours to make the trip. The *Naivasha Rotary* meets in the *Naivasha Sports Club* on Wednesdays for dinner.



**President Paperweight**, unaware we'd have two programs, opened the meeting at 12:22, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invoca-

tion and **Rick Boyer** for the Pledge. Again there was no apparent Greeter, but **SERGEANT BARBERA** was on hand.

**Joe Camarena** welcomed **Olise Atenaga**. **Jamee Jolly** greeted member candidate **Paul Hernandez**. **Lenny Schwartz** fed **Joshua Schwartz** and **Shawn Ketterick**.



Nathan explained to Joshua and Joyce his **INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO** tradition then proceeded to interview them. They are making up here in DFW because they went to their child's graduation ceremony in Fort Worth. Their stay in the area is four months, so that's a lot of make-ups! They've been Rotarians for four years now that their "hectic life in Kenya" has calmed a bit. Now it's time "to give back to the community." And they do so by supporting a school for students unable to afford education.

- *Naivasha Club* began 12 Sept. 2002
- Currently at 21 members
- <Age> members = 35!



They made a point of noting that their Club's projects are "partnered with other clubs abroad." They have rehabilitated a colonial jail into a safe house for abused children. Their club has sunk water wells on Masai lands, near an orphanage, a school,

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and a hospital. They've also built toilets for schools in Naivasha and surrounds. The Club has "adopted" the village of Nyamathi where they've sunk wells and are seeking outside funding to continue their maternity hospital. They are seeking authorization to set up a Cancer Ward at the *Naivasha District Hospital*.



Kelly recognized Rotary tenures for **Wanda Russell** (1), **Chris Phillips** (1), **Lynn McLean** (4), and **Mike Robnett** (26).

**Howard Matson** then called **Blair Ritchey** and **Roy Reeves** to the podium for an induction ceremony. Blair emphasized the "strong bonds of friendship with your fellows and world-wide;" the Gitaus must have perked up.



**David McWhorter** had the second defection in as many meetings to acknowledge. **Larry Bisno** has followed **Bob Pikna** out of Administration, leaving another opening, the Club Secretary's position. (Sainted Editor's poison pen not required.)

**John Caldwell** has volunteered to take over. His appointment was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously.

David also announced that some of his emails inviting members to participate in an all-day Strategic Planning meeting had been bounced back. So he's in need of further volunteers on 6/14 from 7:30 on (and on and on and on).

**Alan SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum** noted that ordered items have arrived and can be picked up at the check-in desk from Executive Secretary **Karen**.

Kelly then introduced **Wendy Hanna**, Executive Director of **The Turning Point** Crisis Center—Plano, an agency serving survivors of sexual violence through advocacy, counseling, and education. Prior to joining **The Turning Point** in October of 2014, Wendy spent over 25 years in healthcare, most recently 12 years at **Children's Medical Center** as Director of Ambulatory Services for both their Plano and Southlake campii. In her new role at **The Turning Point**, Wendy oversees the daily operations of all services and programs to include advocacy, education, counseling, as well as fundraising and development. Wendy has a passion for volunteerism and has worked with many local agencies including BODY & SOUL homeless mission, **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER** of Collin County, **Ronald McDonald House**, and various other agencies through Outreach Mission. Wendy has a baccalaureate from *Oklahoma State University* in Sociology with an emphasis on social work.

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Wendy mentioned having sat at the Cool Kids' Table where she was informed that Rotarians aren't above heckling, but she assured us that she could give as well as take, so we were all on abnormally good behavior!

She acknowledged that "crisis center" has a "gloomy" sound to it; it could easily be "depressing" were it not for the fact that negative outcomes are rare. It would be facile to dwell on the Stanford swimmer cases, but she prefers to



focus on more positive ones. Her counselors and forensic investigators are working every day and she has to work to remain positive! Nevertheless, Wendy maintains a strong sense of satisfaction in an agency that has been working for 45 years and still remains "a best-kept secret." She demonstrated how a positive attitude is possible by playing a "video" of a victim's history. Since the victim was in shadow throughout, it was really an "audio."

In the ER, following her rape, **REDACTED** was told she could have an advocate. Two volunteers arrived and left her and her husband with information on how to proceed. She eventually had to reach out to them to help deal with "the aftermath of sexual assault." Even the "loving support of family and friends" was insufficient; she was "desperate for help not to be found anywhere else."

There were "so many unknowns" that specialized advice was most welcome, and there were many times when the victim needed the 24-hour crisis line. "The Turning Point was my map. I came lost and broken and left with my voice back." It "helped save my life."

Wendy acknowledged that this person now volunteers for **The Turning Point**. She is one of 80 volunteers that provide help for sexual violence, crisis intervention, and serve as advocates. Among them are SANEs, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, who gather forensic evidence via rape kits. In 2015, TTP received 1,349 calls to its 24-hour hotline: 800-886-7273. They are on call (316 times last year) at all Collin County hospitals, many of whom cannot adequately satisfy the Texas State Mandate for 24-hour availability. TTP maintains the only mobile unit in the State!



SANEs receive 96 hours of training and serve even though it's "not their day job." But there's also legal advocacy; victims must sometimes break the lease to apartments where they were raped. By law, all communities must have a Sexual Assault Response Team from the "Attorney General on down."

Potential victims are cautioned about the dangers of social media as a stalking ground. But education must "change ideals" and "give positive messages" toward being a primary prevention model.

"Counseling is at the heart of everything," she said. The center even deals with PTSD offering "safety and hope." She is encouraged to discover "a 98% improvement" via assessment of the center's work.

82% of rape victims know their attacker. That must make it doubly hard to take. Perhaps that's why one victim praised her counselor saying, "She listened to me and never judged me or asked why." That victim and others celebrate their "path to healing."

Wendy acknowledged the help of her Slide Advance Maiden, **Liz Enniz** (LEnnis@theturningpoint.org).

Asked about the crushing backlog of rape kits, Wendy said that local crime labs are doubling their manpower to get through that crush.

**Herb Hoxie** asked about victim compensation, and Wendy told him that the Attorney General maintains a fund for that purpose. Although there's no charge for a rape kit, the ER venue comes with an invoice with which the AG can help. But compensation was often tied to successful prosecution so only 18% of victims qualified.





Apparently that impediment has been resolved of late.

Wendy was so taken by the Lethal Paperweight that Kelly offered her two! It fell to *Sainted Editor* to caution her about the *Terrors of Strong Magnets*.

Kelly told us that our **Dues Structure** was to receive a Board vote at its next meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at *Gleneagles*) and that it would be

presented to the Club at the Club Assembly July 21<sup>st</sup>. Since that falls after the “*transitional meeting*” (7/7), David McWhorter has drawn the black jelly bean and will have to present it. (Good luck, David.)

After cautioning us to preserve our blood until the (7/7-8) Battle of the Badges, Kelly led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us out at 1:06. ✂



#### Guests & Visiting Rotarians

##### Guest

Olise Atenaga  
Paul Hernandez  
George Jones  
Josh Schwartz  
Sean Ketterick

##### Visiting Rotarian

Joseph & Joyce Gitau

##### Guest of

Maria Mott  
Jamee Jolly  
Hubert Aaron  
Lenny Schwartz  
Lenny Schwartz

##### Home Club

Naivasha Kenya

Please send photos and or contributions to share with the club in the Weekly Update to

lpieper2@aol.com

Rotary activities/ volunteering, vacations, family additions or any interesting activities or events are welcomed.

**The more you share  
the more you connect!**

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GATEWAY 3 Year Strategic Planning Meeting, Saturday, 06/18/2016- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.  
(Breakfast served between 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM). Lunch also provided.

Location: Plano Housing Authority, 1740 Avenue G, Plano, TX.

Thank you to Club Members who have committed to attend this important meeting on behalf of the Club!

If you are not currently registered and would like to attend, please contact Dave McWhorter @ (972)303-8239 by Thursday, 06/16/2016.