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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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



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IT'S (not) MAGIC!

GIVEN LaNell's AWOL status, **Blair Ritchey** stepped into the Photographer slot. **Sainted Editor** will himself be AWOL, missing the last meeting in June but returning for the last meeting in July. **John Caldwell** has volunteered to do the honors. (LaNell needs a camera, John.)

Carolyn the Petite gaveled us to order at 12:14, summoning Blair Ritchey to give the Invocation and **Eric Eisenhard** to lead us in the Pledge. **SERGEANT NANCY** made it two in a row!

Although **NANCY** thought there to be no Visiting Rotarians, **Maria Mott** introduced her guest, **Fernando Avila**, who had founded a Rotary Club in Mexico City. She foolishly handed Fernando the mic, as he began his speech, "I hope you have a couple of hours!" but concluded immediately, "Thank you very much."



Cathy Fang bade us welcome her two guests, **Helen Yu** and **Julie Shi**, who thanked us and told us what a joy it was to be in a room with "a bunch of beautiful people."



NANCY went prowling for the next 3 **Minutes of Fame** victim and found him in the incoming President, **Jeff Beckley**, politely asking if she could "grill" him, to which he replied that he was "eminently grilleable."

Or "imminently grilleable," for it began immediately. Jeff's 1st car: '76 Chevy Silverado truck, destroyed on a trip to the woods. His favorite band: **SQUEEZE** or **SPOON**. The Weirdest Thing happening at his job: "I looked a customer in the eye." More interestingly: trying to get **The Dallas Morning News** out on 9/12. Most interesting: holding the presses while the **DALLAS STARS** won the Stanley Cup. Less interesting: he has no tattoos. One thing we don't know is that he not only has done the **IRON MAN TRIALS** but also ran "a 50 miler two years ago." His TARDIS moment: "here and now in the Greatest Club." He apparently doesn't know he's a shoo-in for the Presidency.



Carolyn next fêted Years of Service for **Roy Reeves** (3), **Robert Reed** (6), **Randy Brodhead** (34), and she tried to honor **Hubert Aaron** for 13 years but the pin was dyslexic as it should have been closer to 31! She will have it fixed by next meeting.

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She next read the June birthday list (page 1, left column) and had us sing (!) [HB2U](#) to them all.



Jeff arose, intoning, "*Hear Ye. Hear Ye! Sign up for the Defrocking, Dismissal, Good Riddance*" of Beloved Tyrant, *Carolyn the Petite*. It will be (last, as you read this) Saturday evening at **Sara Akers'** home. Also we were to sign up on a sheet at our tables for committee assignments related to our 75th Anniversary bash next May. He cautioned us not to make him come after us, saying, "*I know where you live.*" (You haf relatives in Deutschland, yah?)



Olin Jaye rose to do the honors of introducing speaker **Sonu Varkey**.

Our speaker today has spent his life learning how to make the impossible possible. Whether being a competitive athlete, a veteran sales and training manager, a top-rated magician, and independent real estate broker, or as a corporate entertainer and speaker, Sonu has handled some major challenges. Today, when he's not helping clients find their dream home or amazing corporate audiences, he is a semi-pro golfer with a 25 handicap at Golden Tee...*video golf*.



Introductory music began wafting from the back of the hall as Sonu drags guest, Julie Shi, up to the front. He mystified her and the audience by floating a napkin between his hands, then had her tear it up before reproducing it whole after suitable misdirecting manipulations.

He motioned her back to her seat while telling us that "*Making the Impossible is crap.*" The trick is to make you think things are impossible. The only thing impossible about that trick was how "*a guy like me got a lovely lady to help me!*"

He told us the story of **Sarah** who was readying the house for Christmas 1987 when her son's cardiologist said that her 15-year-old wouldn't live to see the holiday. She steadfastly refused to make funeral arrangements; instead "*my Mom believed in me...*" and with good reason, as he's alive over 30 years later.



Sonu called on **Varun Joseph** "*in the blue scrubs*" to stand. After verifying that they had not colluded on the next trick (and collusion is historically difficult to prosecute), he asked Varun to "*think of a mythological creature*" and "*what it would be doing.*" He was going to read Varun's mind and scribbled down his reception from him. "*Was your creature a centaur?*" he asked. "*No,*" came the reply, whereupon Sonu whipped around his tablet to show the audience "*NO,*" thus completing the prediction.

So reading minds is crap as well. (*Asa nisi masa* notwithstanding.) It's impossible. But whenever we are confronted with doing the impossible, we must be...

MOTIVATED, whereupon we'll "*have the right to proceed and be great.*" So we have to believe in ourselves to deny the impossibility.

Sonu asked Roy Reeves to stand and think of a comic book Superhero, and, in particular, what (s)he would be doing. He wrote something down, not shown to us, and asked Roy which Superhero he had in mind. "*Mighty Mouse.*" Sonu crumpled his "prediction" in exasperation, "*Mighty Mouse? REALLY?!?*" Looking at the crumpled paper he said, "*See, I'm now motivated to get it right!*"

After motivation, we must take...

ACTION, even if we take it "*one bite at a time,*" because that will reduce a problem "*too big*" to digestible pieces. He said, "*Mom told me to save \$5 a day,*" which, at 5% interest for 5 years garnered the **\$10K** he needed on a down payment of his car.

Sonu had Randy Brodhead stand and asked him if he liked to play cards. "*No.*" Well, did he like to go on vacation? "*Sure*" for the sake of playing the game. Randy was to think of what he's doing on a "vacation in your mind." Sonu committed his "thoughts" to the pad, and asked Randy what it was. "*Riding a motorcycle around the U.S.*" Sonu crumpled the paper without revealing that he'd written "Mighty Mouse" on it. "*One of these days, I'm going to get it right!*"

If we're Motivated to take Action, we need...

GUIDANCE in the form of every resource at our disposal: books, experts, even **Google**, which "*knows everything.*" Only then can we not use the excuse of ignorance.

Cautious to the core, Sonu asked John Caldwell, "*Do you like to eat?*" John affirmed he'd got that right. OK, now he was to imagine that he's eating his favorite food, where he's eating it, how he's eating it. John told him that this would never work because "*You're digital and I'm analog.*" Sonu wrote "Motorcycle" sight unseen and asked John what he was thinking. "*Carrot cake with a fork.*"

Sonu threw the crumpled paper on a pile, complaining, “*You’re the only person I know that likes vegetables for dessert!*”

Motivation and action informed by guidance is insufficient unless we...

I **GNORE** the naysayers. As an ill-considered example, Sonu cited his Father’s disinterest in his son’s dreams of becoming a public speaker. After all, Sonu wasn’t dreaming of restaurant ownership nor a Computer Science career, but to assuage Daddy, he took a course in programming. Then he promptly abandoned it. “*You gotta ignore the naysayers,*” even though they’re telling you that “*for your own good.*”



He asked Jeff Beckley to think of “*a famous person that we’d all know, living or dead.*” Moreover, he was to think of why they’re famous, as with MLK for giving a speech about having a dream. He wrote “Carrot Cake” on his hidden pad and enquired the correct response. It came as “Olin Jaye.” Olin asked, “*Is my wallet still here?*”

After crumpling his fourth (and 3 of clubs) “failure” onto the pile, he told us that we will, of course, experience failure, but having fallen, we have “*to get up and...*”

C **ONTINUE**, persevering in the face of adversity. “*The universe may seem against you,*” but keep trying. Sonu had hired **Melissa** to book kid’s shows at first, and they were “*a lot of fun.*” But now he’s “*the highest ranked magician in the Metroplex.*” Such is the efficacy of perseverance.



As time was running short, he called **Carrolyn the Petite** to “*pick a card,*” any card, and not show him. He wrote “Olin Jaye” and crumpled it to the pile. He then asked for her 3 of clubs and invited her to inspect the crumpled pile, which, to her utter amazement, contained “Carrot cake, Motorcycle, Olin Jaye, Mighty Mouse, 3 of Clubs, and NO.”



Sonu said that now we understood that if you **Motivate, Action, Guidance, Ignore,** and Continue, you too can work **MAGIC.**



Carrolyn gave Sonu our thanks and our **Petite** USB flash card, led us in the Four-Way Test, and gaveled us out at 12:57.



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