



SUMMER
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The Plano Rotary Club
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Shelter To Go!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jun 21st

**Summer Kickoff Meeting
& Trivia Contest**

Please wear your favorite summer
themed shirt

Jun 28th

**Rick Horne & Carolyn Moebius
PRC Budget Review for 2018-19**

July 5th

NO NOON MEETING

Please plan on volunteering or
donating at the Battle of the Badges
2018 - See back of Reader for more
details



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Charles Milby	Jun 07
Blair Ritchey	Jun 08
Mark Waterbury	Jun 08
Mark Geller	Jun 09
Bradley Keith	Jun 12
Bob Bauer	Jun 19



MIKE BOOHER warned his grandson, **Coty Hudgens**, to mind his Ps & Qs at *Sainted Editor's* table or risk being quoted out-of-context in the *Weekly Reader*.



He took the hint and clammed up. And you'll need to heed the same warning with regard to **John Caldwell** this coming week, when he substitutes for *Sainted Editor* as the latter nurses his wife, **Pat**, in recovery from her shoulder surgery.

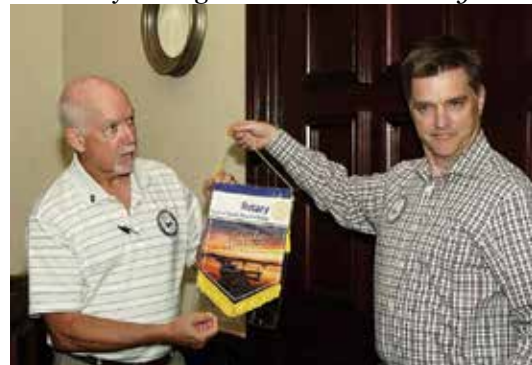
Prince Ricardo Horné the 1st broke the camaraderie at 12:11, anointing **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and "*the visiting*" **Casey Stewart** for the Pledge. Rick credited **Maria Mott** as Greeter and summoned **SERGEANT KRAMER** to greet "no visiting Rotarians." That number was revised upwards twice as both the speaker and **Howard Matson's** guest were Rotarians.

Mike said his grandson just graduated with honors from a Frisco HS and is headed for the Marines. Howard bade us welcome **Jonathan Smith**, a potential new member!



Rick awarded **Roy Reeves** his two-year Rotary Pin, and "**Aaron Hubert**" (AKA **Hubert Aaron**) received a standing ovation for his 26 years of attendance!

Prince Horne read the birthday list, and John Caldwell was cruel enough to question whether the Club was honoring the tradition of donating a check in the amount of our age to the Plano Rotary Foundation. But that cruelty was as nothing compared to our obligation to sing **HB2U** to June's birthday boys and girls. Rick rubbed salt in the wound by noting our "*almost harmony*."



Jeff Beckley offered a Rotary Banner to put ours to shame from his Mother's club in North Mecklenberg, NC.

Rick alleged Sam Johnson to have been "*flabbergasted*" at the outpouring of devotionals from the City, County, PISD, and Plano Rotaries at our last meeting oh so long ago, it seems. He reported that we delivered nine overflowing carts of food to the Plano Food Pantry. So we should pat ourselves on the back. (Rotarians do that a lot.)

July 1-8 is the **Battle of the Badges BLOOD DRIVE**, for which we are to bleed on behalf of **Chief Greif's** Fire Department. There are volunteer opportunities for Rotarians at:

- **Huffines** Chevrolet 12-5 on 7/3
- **TX Health Presbyterian** 9-12 on 7/3
- **Elliott's Hardware** 10-4 on 7/7
- **Prestonwood Baptist** 9-1:30 on 7/8



The Club Budget for **Carrolyn's** Year is under development and will be presented to the Board at its next meeting to be blessed for presentation to the Club on its last meeting of the month. Since it was the row about finances that precipitated the schism with *Plano East*, we would be well-advised to attend and make our voices heard for that vote.

Olin Jaye thanked Rick for the “Trump dictator” meeting, echoing the *faux pas* of *Fox & Friends* co-host, **Abby Huntsman**. Commenting on a fellow commercial real estate broker, he distinguished our speaker, **Bruce Heller**, from himself by saying Bruce was a “*rich commercial broker*.” He has also been on the Board of Directors for **ShelterBox**, a provider of tents and survival equipment for refugees from all kinds of disaster, both natural and (more often) manmade. Bruce is President-Elect of *Allen Sunrise*.



According to Bruce, **ShelterBox** was started by a Rotarian from Hilton, England. It has served 160,000 people worldwide. It deploys to ~24 disasters annually, although it has happened that there were 3 deployments in a week! 2/3 of the deployments are to natural disasters; the rest are to conflict areas. Currently, there are 8 deployments:

- Guatemala volcano
- Bangladesh conflict
- Philippines typhoon
- Somaliland drought
- Kenya flood
- Chad conflict
- Syria conflict
- Iraq conflict

A total of 190 volunteers have responded with tents, blankets, stove, tool kits, etc. **ShelterBox** used to respond with a standard kit of supplies, but now it “specializes to



large families get their accommodations and smaller ones make do with UN tents. Shelter kits include a hoe, shovel, saw, tarps, nails, rope, and other goodies that permit refugees to build shelter near their homes.



ShelterBox monitors worldwide disasters 24/7. **ShelterBox** Response Teams (SRT) “are empowered to get the job done” by helping people not countries. They are on the ground within 48 hours. SRTs make decisions on the spot, while “the big boys” like **Red Cross** and **UNHCR** “require corporate approval” to make decisions.

In Dadaab, Kenya, many refugees have escaped from the failed government in Somalia, next door. The UN has called **ShelterBox** to provide **7000** tents!



the situation.” Its standard tent is double-walled for insulation from both heat and cold. Now it carries four varieties of tent that make for squabbles among recipients when

In Manacamiri, Peru, the headwaters of the Amazon rose 20' above its normal level, flooding homes with 4' of water. Residents were living on boardwalks near their ceilings. While two volunteers lugged each 150 lb. box through the mud, the natives strapped such boxes to themselves, shaming the SRT.



ShelterBox has deployed within the U.S. 16 times. The latest was for the Houston floods in Hurricane Harvey. As with all recipients, these are relieved because *"they have a future and a positive outcome."* But they are initially suspicious, *"What's the catch?"* And, being Rotary, of course *"there is no catch."*

ShelterBox has been around for 18 years, during which 85 million people have been displaced. By 2025, it hopes to assist 1,000,000 per year. 85% of aid to the organization goes directly to people in need. Although there is a paid staff of four (in the USA), the work is done mostly by Rotarians who *"serve as drivers, translators, and fixers."* And Texas has 25 such *"ambassadors"* but could use 100.

Bruce wrapped up with his motto: *"Don't do nothing; do something."* Time for Q&A:

Kelly Palmer asked about the paid staff in the UK and was told *"about 40-45."*

In response to **Alex Johnson**, Bruce said deployments last about 2-3 weeks and **Shelter-Box** pays the airfare. He said the American **Vango** Company offers **ShelterBox** the full tents for \$1,000.

Volunteer Boot Camp takes place in the Texas Hill Country where *"they try to mess you up as much as they can."* They want to see the quality of the decisions you make on no sleep. In the UK, the last part of the training occurs alongside marines! You find that *"you can do things you never thought you could."*

John Caldwell asked the age range of volunteers and was told *"20 through 70s."*

Olin Jay wanted to know about security, since some deployments are to conflict zones. Bruce told him that *"nobody has been killed or abducted,"* but *"every deployment is different."*



Prince Rick thanked Bruce with a multi-port charger that was well-received. Rick then awarded a *"late Cathy Fang"* her 8-year Rotary attendance pin. He told us that the next meeting is the first day of summer, so he'll expect us in summer-vacation clothing and will treat us to a *"Trivia Day."* With that, Rick led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us gone at 12:54.



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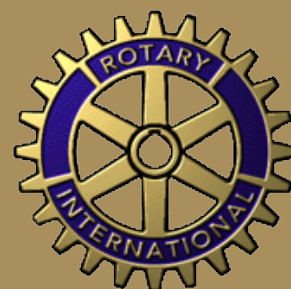
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THIS JULY, DON'T JUST LOVE OUR COMMUNITY BLEED FOR IT!

This July, they'll do it again at the Fourteenth annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Challenge. The Police and Fire Departments go head to head to see which side will collect the most blood and take home the coveted Battle of the Badges trophy.

July 1 - July 8

Sign up to volunteer! Or donate!
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