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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 15 Sara Bosner PISD Superintendent

March 22 **TBD**

March 29 **TBD**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marshall Johnson Mar 10 Myrtle Hightower Mar 11 Jamie Schell Mar 18 Bruce Glasscock Mar 31



ARELY recovered from his affliction, John Caldwell staggered forward to take today's iPhone®TM© photographs. Sainted Editor thanks him, profusely of course, but fervently hopes he'll adopt a "real" camera, a notion at which John bristles.

Princely Mien opened the meeting at 12:12, graciously permitting Blair Ritchey to Pray and Kyle Walters to Pledge. He thanked John Caldwell for his infectious Greeting and called **SERGEANT KRAMER**.



Jason thanked us all for the "warm and fuzzy" accolades showered down upon him via the ironic claps. In a concession to his scratchy throat, John Caldwell urged his guest, Steve Palma, to introduce himself. Steve recounted his life story which included stints at JCPenney and CVS Pharmacy. Today's speaker, Sara Akers, had brought reinforcements in the form of Mike Mazur, PCT's Managing Director, and Ron Saffer, Volunteer of the Year! Blair welcomed back LIFE CARE CENTER OF PLANO Executive Director Randy Langford.



Today's Visiting Rotarians were Shaheen Salam (Plano Metro) and Swarangit **Singh** (Roopnagar Rotary). Shaheen was here pushing a recall petition, but Swarangit came to put us to shame with his Club's



many community projects. So he accepted the invitation to "step forward and share" with gusto.

Roopnagar (or Roop Nagar or Rupnagar) is a city (of about 50,000) lying ~180 miles north of New Delhi, India. Mr. Singh is its Rotary's Past President.

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He has been a Rotarian for only 10 years, joining because "I was lonely in retirement."

His 87-member Club has built dams and canals, helped the homeless, trained the mentally-retarded, built public toilets, harvested groundwater, staffed blood donation camps, etc. They have cooperated with Rotary Clubs in Finland, Australia, and Norman, OK!



Swarangit's son works in the DFW area (thus his visit), and he intends to bring his son (hopefully not kicking and screaming) to our next meeting. Rick exchanged banners.



Jason claimed to be casting around at random, seeking his next victim. He settled on **Joe Camenara**, recently returned prodigal son. Joe admitted to being a serial Rotarian, joining "five or six" clubs "across the country." His first, he joined

straight out of college. He has been heavily involved with the *Plano Chamber*, as Past Director of its Ambassadors' Committee, a member of its Retention Committee, and now a Director on its Board.



Claiming himself to be the first since Sainted Chitor to return with another club's banner, Alex Johnson presented the Kirkland, WA, Rotary's banner. He was impressed with their student involvements, be they Interact or their STUDENT OF THE MONTE. Kirkland keeps track of these SOTM recipients and gives them

scholarships. Alex admitted to never having submitted a banner in 15 years of membership. Rick Horne complained that <u>he too</u> had done the deed.

Then Rick fêted Rotary milestones including **Maria Mott** (3), **Jerry Aris** (?), and **Kyle Walters** (18).



He also read us the birthday list, concluding that **Jamie Schell** was "79 years old," but Jamie wasn't there to defend himself. The non-singing club sang HB2U.

Under "Announcements," he was relieved to note that the 4-Way Test Speech Contest is fully staffed. With "John in charge, we may win again!" He reiterated April's Spring Fling. He swore all four participants had a roaring good time at the Archery Social; more to the point, "no one was shot." Promoting another sweat equity project, he ballyhooed The Great American Cleanup, a city-wide event scheduled for 14 April from 9-11 am, following which there's a "Beach Party" in the Chase Oaks Church parking lot until 1:30. (Register at cleanups@plano.gov)

Carrolyn Moebius then recounted her experience at PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar). She was "glad for the opportunity to attend" and meet with other clubs shar-

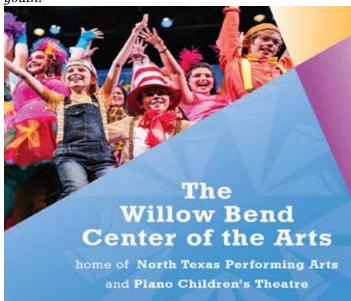
ing our difficulties. Rick invited her to "brag" about the event, but she declined.

Hayden Padgett made an announcement about a Rotary Conference in May and June. He alluded to Alex's comments about five of the 171 Interact clubs attending RI's Model UN program coming from 5810. Hayden suggested that we support the students by LIKING



their facebook page and sharing their posts on our own. You can find the link on 5810's Interact page.

Prince Rick introduced Sara by commenting that she had graduated high school with his wife's sister. Then noting that Plano Rotary Club had "invested in NTPA" (North Texas Performing Arts), he told us that she's the Executive Director and Founder of NTPA and PCT (Plano Children's Theater), "the largest producing theater in Texas for youth."



Sara then took the mic to explain that NTPA & PCT mounted 60 major productions in 2017 and had awarded \$150K in scholarships while raising \$800 in donations. She lauded *Willow Bend* and *Starwood Properties* for providing them three times the performance space for less rent. She said that 60-70 volunteers designed and built the WBCA space. Chief among them was Board President and Theater namesake, **Darrell Rodenbaugh**. Donating his name to the Dance Studio is **Rutledge Haggard**, whose prowess was suggested to be the Two-Step.

Undaunted, Sara pressed forward on 2018 Key Imperatives:

- Continue to grow program diversity and quality
- Roll out a formal system of "credentialing" for our students
- Grow our "non-production" revenues
- "Mainstream" Repertory and Star-Catcher Theater Operations
- Drive Daytime/Homeschool facilitiesuse Program Success
- Refocus on outreach to disadvantaged youth

As useful as PRC was to *Samaritan Inn*, Sara has some challenges with regard to PCT.

- Shop Willow Bend first!
- Tell Willow Bend that you like their support of the arts.
- Mentor a special-needs actor in rehearsal and performance in Star-Catcher Theater
- Join NTPA Repertory Sawdust Club and build sets, usher, and introduce your friends to NTPA.



At the conclusion of her remarks, Rutledge stood and thanked Sara for "what she's done for kids in theater." His granddaughter "found her tribe" and support

team at PCT. Her experience led to her getting the lead in her school play.

Sara answered a question about the group's name saying that its legal name in *Plano Children's Theater*, but since it serves additional cities, the broader name has been adopted.

"Graduates" of her program have appeared on Broadway and in Nickelodean.

Alex commented that his daughter was in her program and found it more professional than her high school program.

Nancy Humphrey said that her son, a PCT graduate, is now on-camera with the campus TV studio of *Mizzou*.

Sara invited us to come build sets for *The Producers*, scheduled for June. She and Rick

are "in discussions" about suitable sweat equity events.

Larry FLASH Flannery, given the opportunity of the last word, squandered it by asking us if we'd heard "about the two Irishmen who walked past a bar? It could happen!"

Warning about next Thursday morning's Board meeting, Prince Horne then led us in the Four-Way Test and pounded us out into the cold at 12:52.



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest	Guest of
Steve Palma	John Caldwell
Mike Mazer	Sara Akers=
Ron Saffer	Sara Akers
Randy Langford	Blair Ritchey
Visting Rotarian Swarangit Singh Shaheen Salam	Home Club Roopmagar India Plano Metro

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