



## WINTER Weekly

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# Reader

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## PASSING THE TORCH

### SAD NEWS



**Herb Hoxie**, fellow Rotarian of 53 years (!), is now obliged, by dint of infirmity, to resign from Rotary. (That may not be the real reason; he has been heard to comment obliquely upon the growing size of his birthday checks!) At the next Board meeting, discussion will be had about how best to commemorate his long tenure, during which he sponsored many new members, **Sainted Editor** included. But we cannot speculate here on the nature of the commemoration as he reads these drafts.

**KING DAVID** opened our convention at 12:10, convinced the MLK Program would run long and **Chris Parr's** soliloquy would run longer. He appointed **Blair Photographe du Jour Ritchey** to the Invocation and **Andy Sayers** to the Pledge. **Nancy Humphrey** was chided for Greeting with ulterior motives, which she denied saying, "Everyone knows I'm running."



**SERGEANT KRAMER** had returned to duty, cheerfully tallying **zero facebook** check-ins and a like number of Visiting Rotarians. **Chief Greif** welcomed **Jason Storer**.

Today's **3 MINUTES OF FAME** fell to **Sainted Editor**. He began by offering to reduce it to **1 MINUTE** in deference to **Ear-nest** and his MLK Program then proceeded to vitiate that offer. He said he was born with another disaster, Pearl Harbor, and his mother named him "**Christopher Alan Parr**," because that sounded literary, and she was convinced he was destined to write the **GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL**. The closest he ever got to his name in a book was in **EVERY BOOK** in the **Christopher A. Parr Library**; that'll have to do. He didn't do sports in either high school or college, concentrating on a major in Nerd. (Major nerd, **Robert Reed**, pulled his fist down, "Yes!") As proof (were any necessary) of his nerdism, he offered his academic interests in **THEORETICAL PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY**, because real chemists die a decade ahead of everyone else, having at one time characterized the compounds they produced by "**schmeken**," German for "**taste**." In contrast, his worst threats were "**paper cuts**." He identified his specialty as "**choreographing molecular ballet**." Worse still, he touted his development of a re-entrant assembler program for numerical integration on an ancient PDP 11/45. (Gasps erupted from the two in the audience who knew what that entailed.) He told of his employment as an Associate Professor, rising to Undergraduate Dean at **UT Dallas**, and sat down.



**JASON & David** chose **Ric Kasmiskie** for next week's **3 MINUTES OF FAME**.

Rotary Service awards went to **Maria Mott** (2), **Jerry Aris** (8), **Casey Stewart** (13), and **Charles Milby** for **22** years of Rotary attendance.

**David** noted the circulation of a Get Well card for **Bob Bauer**, recovering from open heart surgery. Reports on his progress would be forthcoming.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Mar 16**  
**Plano Children's Theater**  
*Sara Akers & Darrell Rodenbaugh*

**Mar 23**  
**Louis Jacobs**  
*Lone Star Dinosaur*

**Mar 30**  
**Mark Liebman**  
*How to Get Published*



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marshall Johnson	Mar 10
Jamie Schell	Mar 18
Bruce Glasscock	Mar 31





**John Caldwell** held aloft a photo of our 4-Way Test winners headed by **Caleb Cummings**, who has gone on to ace the 5810 4-Way Test competition! This means that Plano Rotary has “won” 2 out of 3 years, a tribute to the efficacy of (not only Plano students but also) our Judges. Caleb is a home school student. (No offense, *PISD*.)

**SPRITWARE Feigenbaum** rose to note the circulation of sign-up sheets for Rotary paraphernalia.

**David** reiterated his announcement that our 13 April meeting will be at **Capital One's** conference center where we'll jointly host a Mayoral Candidate Forum. It will run from 11am to 1 pm. Registration will be possible “in a few weeks.” **He** touted 5810's May 13 gala at *Frontiers of Flight Museum* in honor of RI Foundation's anniversary, then turned the meeting over to its Master of Ceremonies, **Mr. Wonderful!**

**Earnest** said, “Someday I'll earn that title.” He first noted that **Martin Luther King** is normally celebrated in January, ahead of **Black History Month**, but this year Plano is celebrating behind **BHM** as a consequence of the “re-engineering” of the program. He commends the City of Plano for the part it plays every year in the MLK events. He recalled being pushed into the program by **Earl Simpkins**, who said, “You need to be part of this!” And he felt it necessary to justify the annual reference to MLK.



He said that MLK arose at a time (as today) when the “country was torn.” “Dr. King was a man of peace,” a “non-violent man of the cloth,” but also a “protestor in the vein of love and peace.” His appearance was “timely.”

Earnest grew up in the cotton fields of Alabama and was in the first class to integrate Birmingham's high school. He “saw things a young person should not see,” and wondered “why did I encounter all of this?”

He felt that he was “compelled to be what my parents raised me to be,” and to “give testimony” based on how God molded him. The 60's were different, but “we've all evolved to understand” that “**Unity makes us stronger.**”

1. “*We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal*” If we forget that, politicians can pit us against one another to do their bidding. We should protest that since “the United States started with a protest,” the *Boston Tea Party* “No taxation without representation.”

Just as Earl passed the baton to Earnest, so Earnest now passes it to **Charles Terry, Jr.**, whom he recalls as a child, the son of local minister **Charles Terry**. Charles Jr. is now Chairman of the Plano Community Celebration and continued the presentation.



2. **UNITY FIRST**, “Connecting the Citizens of Collin County.” Charles touted over 30 years working with the City of Plano and looked forward to including all of Collin County. He invited us to join the monthly planning meeting (on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday). And he extended the invitation to “join us at the 1/13/18 Expo to support the leaders of our community.” He anticipates over 600 attendees including the Mayor and City Councilmen to enjoy

presentations by Collin College students “and a fantastic free breakfast for all.”

3. **Join us at the 1/14/18 Night of Unity**, a “dynamic worship experience” with a “thought-provoking panel dialogue.” “A safe place for discussions.”
4. Join us at the 1/15/18 UNITY FIRST, leading the change. The walk ends at McCall Plaza.
5. Pledge to become a sponsor or partner. Stay connected on social media @COLLINCOUNTYMLK

Nancy Humphrey asked about wheelchairs for disabled walkers. Charles promised those and thanked **Ray Huffines** for his donation of cars to the march.

**Larry FLASH Flannery** asked where the walk commences and was told that it starts in the parking lot of the **Hobby Lobby**.



To a question from Charles Milby, Mr. Terry said that Dallas has a large MLK Program. McKinney too has a program with which Charles hoped to cooperate. Milby asked about sponsorships and was told to ask Earnest about the various tiers.

He said that the City has been “integral to the program” ever since it was initiated by then Mayor **Florence Shapiro**.

**King David** advised Charles to “guard [the desk organizer] with your life.” Then he recognized **Larry Bisno** who touted *Plano Children’s Medical Clinic’s Cuisine for a Cure*, a progressive dinner held on 26 March starting at **Seasons 52**. The \$125 fee can be paid to Larry (lbisno@plano-cmc.org).

**CAPTAIN KIRK** noted that this year’s **CITIZENSHIP BANQUET** will occur on two nights because we are “recognizing 48 students” from more schools than in the past. It will be held in May; info will be forthcoming.

**David** warned us that we’ll all participate in that and **Rick Horne’s Blues, Brews, and Q**. Then he led us in the 4-Way Test and whisked us out at 12:58.



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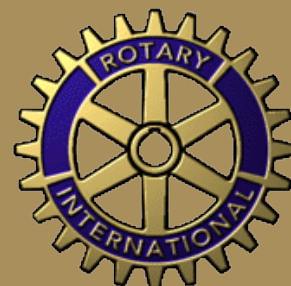
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Jason Storer

### Guest of

Sam Greif

### Visiting Rotarian

None

### Home Club

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### Proposed by:

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