



## WINTER Weekly

# Reader

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**March 22**  
**Tamara Dreger**  
"Boy Scouts of America"  
Circle Ten Council

**March 29**  
TBD

**April 5**  
**NO NOON MEETING**  
Please Plan to attend  
"The Great American Cleanup"  
April 14th



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



## Interact with the Super

**ROY REEVES** was tagged by **Alex Johnson** as *Photographer du Jour* this day. Using *Sainted Editor's* wee Point-'n'-Shoot, he knocked out **4x** as many shots as his next leading competitor! Way to overachieve, Roy!!

Prince Charming opened the festivities at 12:14, co-opting **Larry Bisno** for the Prayer and **Hayden Padgett** for the Pledge. **Howard Matson** received thanks for Greeting, and Rick called upon **SERGEANT KRAMER**.

**Nancy Humphrey** welcomed the VP of *Children's Advocacy Center*, **Lori Geer**. Rick Horne fed wife, mother of two, and *Hendrick Middle School* teacher, **Karen**. Jason bade us greet Metro Rotarian **Terry Weiner**, and then he put **Maria Mott** on-the-Spot. Maria told us of her service on the *Plano Chamber of Commerce* Board.



Rick pushed the **Interact Spring Fling** happening 10:30 on 21 April at the *Shawnee Trail Sports Complex* in Frisco. (Sorry, **Bruce**.) He also mentioned 5810's District Conference 31 May through 2 June scheduled for the *RI International Peace Symposium* in (wait for it...) Evanston, IL. Our next sweat equity opportunity will be to join the 1,799 other participants expected at Plano's *Great American Cleanup*, 9-11 on Saturday, 14 April. As a bonus, a (no such thing as a) Free Lunch will be provided from 11-1:30 at a "**Beach Party**" in the *Chase Oaks Church* parking lot.

**Jeff Beckley** extolled the virtues of the *Jasper High Interact*



Club, chartered on 31 March 2017, and already chosen as one of five groups to be sent to the *Peace Symposium* from 5810. (Five of only 57 groups nationwide; we are vastly over-represented!) The team, present today, is composed of **Alysa, Edward, Shawn, and Taylor**. Credit for their success lies, of course, with the students, but a portion is due to their coach, **Terry Weiner**!

The seven Interactors present introduced themselves and their functions within the Club. They included:



President **Julie Johnson**  
Secretary **Julia Taylor**  
Pgm. Dev. Chair **Alysa Ismail**  
Team member **Shawn Wang**

They are all excited about the Symposium and the projects they've accomplished while the Club is not yet a year old. For example, in February, they put in 15 hours cleaning up *Legacy Trail*. In January, they had a presentation by **MacKenzie Baldwin** about cyber-stalkers. They will participate in the **Spring Fling** and hold a Fundraising Event: **Wyatt Bingo Night**, the proceeds to "solve hygiene issues." In the model UN, they are to represent Israel, so they're now studying up on Middle East issues.

**Carrolyn Moebius** recommended that they hustle to add underclassmen to their ranks for institutional memory purposes. **Olin Jaye** pleaded with Jeff to tell the group that the "four years you spent in 8th grade were the best of your life." Instead, Jeff assuaged Carrolyn saying **Edward Benitez** is a soph but all the rest are freshmen.



Prince Charming presented all the Interactors with Four-Way Test medallions and charged them to return this summer to tell us how the program went. He promised them a free lunch...one free lunch, the skinflint!

Former Chair of the PISD Board of Trustees, **Nancy Humphrey**, introduced PISD's new Interim Superintendent, **Sara Bonser**.



Ms. Bonser's career, leading to her recent placement in *Plano ISD*, includes serving seven years in *Rockwall ISD* as Chief Academic Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Superintendent for Student and Family Services, and Director of Student and Family Services. Her leadership in *Rockwall* included instruction, accountability, strategic planning, and continuous improvement efforts, to name a few. As *Rockwall ISD*'s first Director of Student and Family Services, she created that Division from the ground up.

Prior to her leadership in *Rockwall ISD*, Ms. Bonser served in *Plano ISD* for 19 years as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal of *Williams High School*.

Nancy told us that the words most used to describe Ms. Bonser were Heart, Collaborator, Trust, Relationships, Communication, Mission-driven, Thinker, Confident, and Stability.

Ms. Bonser demurred that "*It's always hard to follow the students.*" She glanced around the room and commented upon the familiar faces, pointing to Olin. Olin responded by asking, "*Dinner tonight?*" Unfazed, Ms. Bonser continued that it's "*nice to be back home in Plano,*" regardless of Olin's crack. (I didn't know he was a plumber.)



She asked, rhetorically, "*Who am I?*" Then she answered that she was a mother of two and a wife of 26 years, married to the man who offered her "*the best blind date ever.*" Her daughter is a senior at OSU and son is a sophomore at *Texas Tech*. The family came to Plano in 1992 to "*find a home and raise our kids.*" She admitted to dismay at the thought of the daily commute to Rockwall.

Ms. Bonser felt obliged to defend the "*interim,*" saying that her role was to live up to a "*legacy of high expectations,*" while the City grows and the "*finances dwindle.*" She's especially interested in ESL (English as a Second Language) and seeing to it that "*every student has the opportunity to succeed.*" That apparently includes their "*emotional and health security.*" Since "*the Internet makes kids vulnerable,*" PISD must "*equip them to be healthy adults.*"

Since future workplaces will be different from what they are today, she wants PISD to "*rally with the business community*" to ascertain what the differences may be.

Ms. Bonser wants to focus on four things:

1. Under **School Safety**, she said "*the staff should teach,*" and "*not have to learn*" how to defend the School. All should understand "*lockdown drills.*" And, because the senior highs are designed like open college campii, "*no safety measure should be off the table.*" She wants to use "*community engagement*" to prevent crises by "*knowing what to look for*" and "*speeding up interactions and communications.*" She praises **Chief Rushin's** department for checking security officers and encouraging "*see something, say something.*"
2. **New construction.** Hail damage to roofs has been addressed "*to some degree.*" Building additions have been made to ensure "*childcare for teachers*" through an *Early Childhood Center* at *Barkley*. *PESH* portable buildings "*should be gone*" soon, and *Shepton's* renovation will conclude in August (even while "*school is in session*").
3. **Dual Credit** with Collin College leads to degrees and certifications in 60+ different fields. A Business Management and Health Science Center is arising at Ridgeview and Alma, Allen. (Sorry, Bruce.)
4. **Robin Hood** means that PISD gives **\$155M** back to the State next year. There's been property valuations increasing by 6-8%, and student populations are holding steady at 54K. (She accidentally banged the gavel, joking that it was for "*everybody to pay attention.*") With Robin Hood at **\$209M**, there will be a \$10M deficit next year.



With PISD making a Strategic Plan to determine how to keep its promises to children and the community and prepare kids for the future, she's "*proud and honored to be part of that work.*"

In Q&A, Hayden had three. He wanted to know what part technology played. Enigmatically, Ms. Bonser answered, "*Time is constant and learning variable. Technology reverses that.*" Technology frees up teachers' time.

His second question involved the role of education instilling citizenship. Ms. Bonser said that she wanted to "*develop good people,*" via social and emotional development. She wanted to infuse them with a "*compassion to contribute something greater*" to the community.

Hayden never got to his third as **Alex Johnson** asked what efforts were being put forth to address the \$10M deficit. She responded that PISD is looking for ways to cut expenses that have no impact on students or staff.



It was **Janis Allman's** personal opinion that students need to be the front line solution to bullying. What was PISD doing in this regard? Ms. Bonser reiterated the need for social and emotional learning; there should be explicit education in the need to communicate with one another. *"Bullying and safety tie together; we want to prevent rather than react to them."*



Rick called **David McWhorter** (Foundation Chair), Carolyn Moebius, and Nancy Humphrey to the fore for presentation of the final \$20,000 of the \$100K commitment to PISD. Ms. Bonser thanked the Club and promised to return to tell us how the funds helped our schools.

Prince Charming, emphasizing Plano Rotary Club's commitment to education, told the Interim Superintendent that PRC has been the Rotary home for past Superintendents and, he hoped, future ones. <Hint, hint.> With that, he led us in the Four-Way Test and sent us scurrying for the doors at 1:07.



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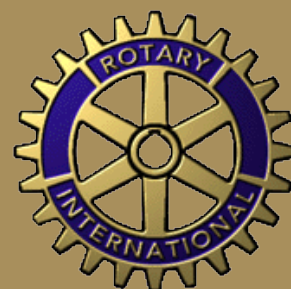
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Terry Weiner

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 2018**

**Shops at Legacy in Plano**

**5:30-8:30pm**

**Progressive Dinner, Drawing, and Giveaways with Proceeds Benefitting**

**Plano Children's Medical Clinic**  
**Health Services of North Texas**

**Tickets: \$125**



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