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CIRCLE

(THE WAGONS)

10

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mar 29th

Olin Jaye

"Politics and your
Pocketbook"

April 5

NO NOON MEETING

Please Plan to attend

"The Great American Cleanup"

April 14th, see back of reader for
details.

April 12

TBD



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marshall Johnson Mar 10

Myrtle Hightower Mar 11

Jamie Schell Mar 18

Bruce Glasscock Mar 31



JOHNN OF ALL TRADES Caldwell again eschewed Point'n'Shoot in favor of iPhone®™, but, to his credit, he accepted constructive criticism cheerfully about digital zooms (to be avoided) and flash-fill (to be sought).



Princess (sans pea) Carrollyn attempted to call the meeting to order at 12:14, but her mic volume was minimized, leading to a pesky continuation of fellowship. Her 2nd attempt, more forceful, was successful, and she summoned **Blair Ritchey** to give the Prayer and Visiting Rotarian **Scary Bob Epstein** to lead the choir in the Pledge. "Thanks, Bob." **Larry Bisno**, hoping you'll attend his Cuisine for a Cure event (3/25), was the day's Greeter.

In **SERGEANT KRAMER'S** absence, Princess Carrollyn took on his role, welcoming not only **Scary Bob** (Richardson) but also **Earnest Burke** (Plano East). **Sara Akers** introduced **Greg Bruner**, and **Howard Matson** welcomed back **Bob Van der Saar**, founder of an IN Rotary.



Carrollyn surprised **Jamie Schell** with a non-Foundation task. "Wait, *what* am I doing? I get to do something *more fun* than Rotary Foundation?" Good sport that he is, Jamie awarded Rotary Service pins to **Sarah Watkins** (9), **Charles Milby** (23), and "Boy Scout" **Kelly Palmer** (32).



THEN Jamie got to regale us about (100% **Paul Harris**) donating to the RI Foundation, endorsed by no less than founder and (former) CEO of the **Evil Empire** (Microsoft®SM), **Bill** (and **Melinda**) **Gates**. Jamie claimed that vaccinations have slowed due to tribal objections (and assassination of Polio workers) in Afghanistan. (So that's what warlords and "Not-my-child!" moms have in common.)

CAPTAIN KIRK Bell delivered an impassioned (for him) address about the wonders of **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** banquets to occur this year on May 22nd and 23rd. Kirk told us that **Darren Collins** (HIV-AIDS puppeteer) will return (he presented here before) to entertain (hopefully not about HIV-AIDS). A dozen schools will be involved:

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six per night. Kirk expects ~30 people from each school including the Principal who will introduce their students. The event, to be held at *Collin College*, will cost ~\$1,200, so sponsors are needed in order to turn a profit for the Club (and the schools, right?). The **PLATINUM** sponsor is **Genie Hammel, Dave's widow**, whose children

went to East Plano schools. Kirk and **Ray Huffines** are **GOLD** sponsors at \$1,000, garnering six tickets. **SILVER** (\$500) gets four and **BRONZE** (\$250) two tickets. See Kirk or **Karen** to "enroll." "Cough up." "Spend a penny?"

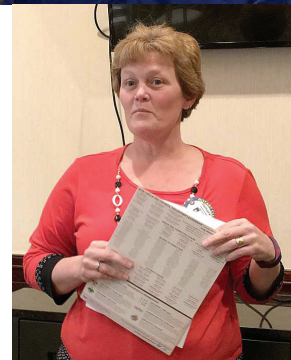
Hayden Padgett proselytized for **facebook** likes to the 5810 Interact representatives to the RI's Model UN.

Nathan Barbera rose to tell us that *Plano Rotary's FANTASY FOOTBALL* had concluded (with the season) in February, and the winners and losers became known then. In a stunning upset, the Toilet Bowl winner from last year, Charles Milby, became the Trophy winner this year! He shared the top spot with (a surely insufferable) **Mark Waterbury** (not present); then too the 3rd place winner, Earnest Burke, appeared to pick up his miniscule check.



Olin Jaye was on hand to give his inimitable introduction to speaker, **Tamara Dreger**, the Golden Arrow Scout Executive for Circle 10. Olin struggled to find a way to deliver his standard insult to **Jo Via**, and found it in comparing the 25 years of PRC sponsorship of Troop 1776 to her age. In a more generous mood, he credited both Jamie and Kelly with Eagle Scout sons. But enough of preamble; the focus was to have been on Tamara.

She has a Girl Scout daughter and two Eagle Scout sons. She has volunteered with Boy Scouts even as she was employed by BSA. Adult volunteers help scouts mature. Tamara intends to volunteer for BSA well after her children graduate from scouting. She claims BSA finds "*relevant resources to develop children*" to become good citizens.



BSA has been guiding kids since the Era of "*President Taft and the first Ford assembly line*." But the kids are not conversant with those nobles nor the fact that we had only four TV channels (three broadcasting companies and a test pattern) as youths.

Circle 10 encompasses 24 counties (from Navarro on the south to Pushmataha, OK on the north). This is from the information sheet she left on our tables. Tamara's Golden Arrow consists of "*all of Plano ISD south of Parker*."

Boy Scouts are aged 11 through 18. **Cub Scouting** begins in Kindergarten and extends to age 10. But there are other programs for both boys and girls. **Venturing** offers children ages 14 to 20 high-adventure experiences. And **Exploring** uses internships to let children 14-21 investigate possible careers. The latter two have always been coed, but now girls are being added to the "*BSA family*," starting with Cub Scouts the 1st of August. They will be given separate (but equal, no doubt) dens but then come together as a pack. They will go on campouts together, and the girls can earn advancements just as the Cubs have always done.

In 2019, Boy Scouts become coed. And the girls therein can earn merits up to and including Eagle Scout. But, in a surfeit of accommodation, BSA is surveying each chartering organization (including *Plano Rotary*) for their opinions on this move. If they and the Troop itself agree, all is well. If they disagree, the chartering organization may lose the Troop, which must then find another.

With the addition of girls, BSA now encompasses "*the entire family*." But the move is not without controversy. It would seem prima facie to cannibalize the market for Girl Scouts! Tamara denies this; BSA is seeking a more adventuresome brand of girl. **Sainted Editor** couldn't resist piping up, "*So tomboys then*." "*Exactly*," chimed Tamara, without missing a beat, and she and Carrolyn proudly proclaimed themselves to having been such.

Circle 10's four camps cost ~\$300 per camper for their experience, but that's to be compared against the ~\$18,000 it costs to incarcerate the lawless.

"I'd rather have them in Boy Scouts," opined the speaker, with confidence in no argument from us.

She spoke of how *"their eyes light up"* when they first don the uniform and how happy they are when first introduced to camping. She said that BSA has reached out to millions of Americans. To prove that, she challenged us to recite the Scout Law, and the room rang with *"A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."* (So, Walden Pond aside, **Thoreau** would have made a poor scout...*Civil Disobedience*.)

Tamara suggested that, if we have a need for volunteers, we call Scouts. Scouting is, in her words, *"The best program"* for *"building the leaders of the future."*

Carrolyn revealed that her father-in-law is an Eagle Scout as is her husband and sons. And *"none have gone to jail."*

That didn't surprise **CAPTAIN KIRK** whose Father was a bails bondsman. He routinely inquired about his clients if they had ever been in Scouts; none had.

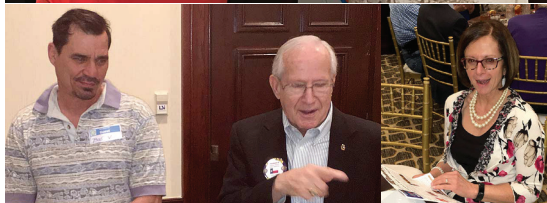
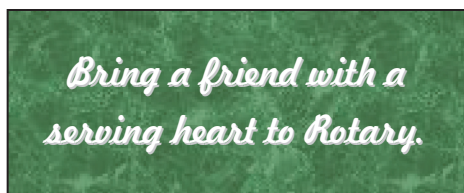
Carrolyn made the obligatory announcement about our next Instead-Of-Meeting, Plano's 2018 Great American Cleanup from 9-11 on 4/14. Since we'll be rooting around in creeks, she suggested waders. She's hoping for 10 Rotarians and a like number of Interactors showing up. (We are apparently assigned the creek along Chisholm Trail from West Parker to Alma.)

She also is looking for volunteers to go to the 5810 Conference in Evanston, IL, May 31st to June 2nd.

And on 4/26, our meeting will be a State of the Club meeting; all should attend.

After leading us in the Four-Way Test, she dispersed the unruly crowd at 12:53.

NO MEETING ON APRIL 5!



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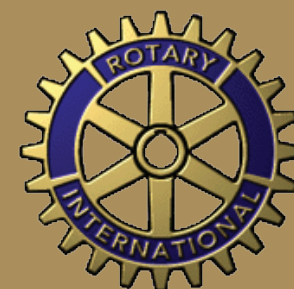
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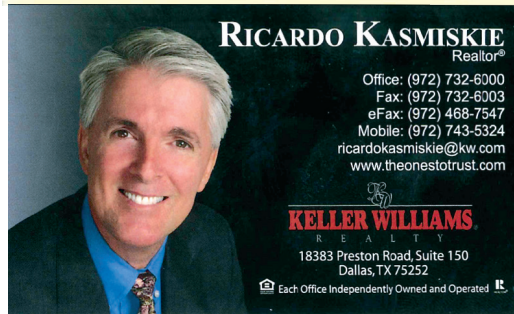
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