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CLUB ASSEMBLY, Jeers & Surprises

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 10
"Dr. Shea Kramer"
Torque Release – Revolutionizing Health Care

May 17
TBD

May 24
TBD



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Huffines	May 01
John Priest	May 05
Chris Parr	May 06
Howard Matson	May 11
Kelly Palmer	May 20
Mary Jo Dean	May 27



Carolyn had thought someone else would agree to edit the next *Weekly Reader* as Sainted Editor is galivanting with his Sainted Wife

...to Carolyn's dismay all "regular relief" editors are also galivanting. So, hang on to your seats and the *"5th string player"* will make an attempt to capture the goings-on in our last meeting. Thankfully, Blair Richey captured today's events for Carolyn's misuse.

Sir Rick Horne, opened festivities at 12:00ish (1st failure), calling upon **Blair Richey** for the Invocation and **Randy Langford** for the Pledge and as always thanking **Maria Mott** who served as the ever-friendly Greeter. **Nancy Humphrey** served as Sergeant of Arms, practicing for next year's role. Nancy noted ZERO Visiting Rotarians and only a single guest. Guest of Jason Kramer, Hena Rafiq, shared her years of involvement from RLYA District 5810 Camper days to serving as a Rotary Ambassador in Sydney. She graduated in 2016. She spent time in Kosovo teaching English on a Fulbright scholarship. She is *currently seeking sponsorships* for her next journey with Rotary, which will bring her to London for studies. She is applying for a Global Grant for Students who will focus on areas Rotary supports. Currently she's

been awarded 10k. Hena's looking for \$4k more to be able to pursue international degree and social policy. She already has a host club in London!

Hena noted she's "Checking off" all the AWESOME youth programs Rotary offers.

Nancy invited **Maria Mott** owner of *Signs By Tomorrow* to officially start our 1st Commercial by one of our bulletin advertisers. Maria demonstrated the mastery of delivering an effective Short Commercial noting the numerous ways her company can help create and produce signs.



Sir Rick asked all to recognize Paul Hernandez for 9 years of service. Also recognized and given the honorable 1 clap Nathan Barbera, Paul Harris +1 and Mark Johnson, Paul Harris +2.





New Member, Heather Corton, was welcomed to our club by Sir Rick (Howard is one of the one's that is galivanting about). Heather is Executive Director of Harbor Chase, Plano Assisted living facility. She is transferring into our

Rotary from Rotary Club of Wildwood Florida. She invited the fellow Rotarians to come and take a tour of Harbor Chase. Nathan noted New member was excited because of the potential clients. Another comment from the gallery stated "Didn't take a gerontologist to figure that out!" Ever witty Kirk Bell added he would be making an appointment with Heather soon...



As the long-awaited club assembly was about to begin, **Visiting Rotarian, Sanjiv Brahme** was recognized (he and his son appeared out of nowhere). Greetings were delivered from Rotary Club of Thane North End. He shared a brief history of his club and of District 3142, formed in 2016. Their humanitarian projects include areas of medical, education, water & sanitation, environment conservation & protection, vocational guidance & training services as well as care for people who are physically and mentally challenged. He expressed their clubs interest in pursuing a relationship with The Plano Rotary Club. In closing, Sanjiv shared "I



on behalf of my club invite you to my country India and visit Rotary Club of Thane North End. It will be our pleasure and honour to welcome you". (We may have a prospective member! His son lives in Plano).



Capt'n Kirk asked for an opportunity to put off the Club Assembly just a little longer to catch us up on the latest regarding the

Citizen of the Year Banquet. The Ceremonies will be held on May 22nd and 23rd. He is still looking for some donors to recognize the kids. He noted that the schools were wrapping up selections of the students who will be honored. He reminded us that the puppeteer **Darren Collins**, who educates kids in Africa regarding HIV awareness, will be the Entertainment for the evening. Someone from the crowd said he should come and entertain us!



Jeff Beckley was asked to announce the latest regarding Interact. Low and behold, **Jasper's Interact Club** WON! **Small club of the year!** Anyone surprised? Not me, with those kids.

So, yes, we still had time for the much-awaited Club Assembly. Sir Rick shared his goal of being "**steady at the tiller so we may go forward**". He praised the Board and their leadership but noted this is your club...He shared the club financials as of 3.31.18. He noted the use of the Fine Bucket funds going to Paul Harris and noted that maybe the Club would want to consider using the funds in a different manner. He reminded us of the past when we were 100% Paul Harris and expressed the Board's desire to once again be 100% Paul Harris Members.

The Foundation finances show that the Birthday Fund hasn't been pursued as we had in past. Sir Rick stated we need to decide what we are going to do for a fundraiser. "We're known to be a check writing club". Is there any other fundraisers we should consider? Sir Rick threw Carolyn under the bus by sharing her idea of Curling with Frozen turkeys. ...Hatchet throwing was raised as a suggestion by Nancy "ever-funny" Humphrey.

Rotary Club of Plano



The Heart of Rotary is our Members, dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship



Service projects The Plano Rotary Club participated in this past year were discussed. These included Minny's food pantry donation drive, Hendrick's Scholarship, Health Science Academy and Samaritan Inn.

Camille brought up Jack Carter...and Our Club was able to do something so meaningful for our community during the change in membership. Our club was Celebrating 75 years. Mary Jo and Camille worked with Parks & Rec for a fully accessible playground. She noted The Plano Rotary Club is and has always been a Caring, strong club willing to financially commit to our community.

Sir Rick noted we, The Plano Rotary Club, have a rich history to offer. We are dependent on growth and the energy of new members. **What is it that will attract new members?**

He noted we need growth and we need our members to participate in socials and service projects. In closing, he asked for his fellow Rotarians to share ideas, concerns via email or call him. He's always available.

We ended a little after 1:00



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Guests & Visiting Rotarians

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Hena Rafiq

Guest of

Jason Kramer

Visting Rotarian

Sanjiv Brahme

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