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2018-2019

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**May 16th**  
**Susan Hergenrader**  
 Sam Johnson Rec Center & Senior Programs

**May 23d**  
**Ben Harris**  
 West Nile Disease can happen to Anyone Damn those Mosquitos

**May 30th**  
**Judge Chris Hill**  
 State of the County Collin County update

**June 6th**  
**NO NOON MEETING**  
 (1st Thursday of the month)

**ENDPOLIONOW**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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



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# Reader

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## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR POVERTY

**CAPTAIN KIRK** took charge of the photographs this day. We're building a large "bench," as **Randy Wright** used to like to say, of photographers. But you'll notice that the **BULLETIN PHOTOGRAPHER** entry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page is empty. Would anyone like to take the lead and the credit?

Absent *Carrollyn the Petite*, *Jeff the Handsome* took the reins, cajoling **John Caldwell** to Pray and **Eric Eisenhard** to Pledge. Way to work off that **RED BADGE**, Eric! **Brad Keith** was our redoubtable Greeter, and, lo, **SERGEANT NANCY** rose with the comment, "I'm actually *here*!"



There being no Visiting Rotarians (halitosis, maybe?), we moved right onto guests. **Joe Camarena** welcomed his friend, **Ron School**. Jeff Beckley introduced Chamber associate, **Kelly Marsalis**. **Johnny Lewis**



announced that the recent Board meeting approved membership for former Plano Rotarian, **LaNell Morold**, proposed by Randy Wright (now a member of *Plano East*). Fun Fact: LaNell won **\$300** betting against the horse that came in first at the Derby!

**SERGEANT NANCY** struck out twice, seeking **3 Minutes of Fame** interviewees who had been subject to that humiliation in her absence. But the 3<sup>rd</sup> time being the charm, she nailed **Robert Reed**, Executive Director for the **PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**.

His 1<sup>st</sup> car? '72 Datsun 210. Favorite singer or musical group? Oddly enough, not the **PSO**, but **Ella Fitzgerald** instead, which garnered murmured support from the room. His most embarrassing moment at work?



He traveled to Asia with the **NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC** (dropping no names), and, all over that continent, the denizens thought him to be **Eddie Murphy**, to the point where he began signing autographs! He gave up trying to educate them with "Not all Black people look alike." He has no tattoos (except when he plays his clarinet in Scotland). Something we don't know about him: "I'm not the best at technical things. Don't make me repair anything. But I cook!"

Jeff recovered the lectern with the comment, "I loved you in **Trading Places**!" He then read us the birthday list, insisting that we serenade those on it, finishing up with a mock, "Yea!"



**Johnny Lewis** returned to center stage to tout the RI Foundation, stating, "May is Rotary month...one of 12." Then he passed on pinning **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** who had just earned her 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Harris Fellowship. Ours is just the latest Club to host her as a member.

**CAPTAIN KIRK** put down his Brownie long enough to encourage us to attend our **ANNUAL STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**.

He began the litany by offering the dictum, “*All white guys from Indiana don’t look alike*,” to which Robert replied, “Yes, you do.” Getting down to business, **KIRK** gave the sponsors of the event credit before enticing us with *Cater-ing by Collin College!* As if that weren’t enough, he’ll have a Barbershop Quartet. Come to *Collin College* and bring a friend or two at 6 pm on May 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year.

Jeff seconded the invitation. And, noting **KIRK’S** yeoman service with these events over six years, he also noted that there will be a change in Club Policies soon. **Sara Akers** will lead a nomination committee to get multiple members to volunteer for not only Citizen of the Year but also Angel Tree, Service Opportunities, Social Events, everything we do as a group. It is only appropriate that we reinvent ourselves now since 2020 marks our 75<sup>th</sup> year of existence. (Sainted Editor has that beat by 3.)

Joe Camarena noted a Club Social on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of which no one appeared aware. We are going to the Roughriders’ game that day. New emails will urge us on.

Olin Jaye introduced the speaker, **David S. Vanderpool**, Director of Development, Marketing, and Agricultural Services for **LIVEBEYOND**, a charity trying to reduce the depredations of poverty in Haiti. Olin began by saying, “*Larry and I will be awaiting the baseball injuries at hospital.*”

**LIVEBEYOND** is an international nonprofit organization that is headquartered in DFW. It works full-time in Thomazeau, Haiti. **LIVEBEYOND** was originally founded by **Dr. David Vanderpool** in 2005 as a response to Hurricane Katrina. Since then, Dr. Vanderpool and his family have been responding to disasters all over the world. In 2010, after the earthquake in Haiti, Dr. Vanderpool went to Port-au-Prince (capitol) and set up mobile clinics. In 2013, Dr. Vanderpool and his wife, Laurie, moved to Haiti permanently. Since then, **LIVEBEYOND** has transformed from disaster relief into community development. It has a 63-acre base in Thomazeau that is equipped with a medical clinic, guest house, church, school, and demonstration farm. Today’s David is Son of David.

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David began by saying that Olin had “*said my entire speech.*” He admonished us not to take for granted the blessing of the good food and good fellowship which surrounded us. Poverty moves people to think “*the Taliban looked like a better life in Afghanistan.*” One slum there covers 500 acres holding 1 million people in “*four-story huts.*”

In Ghana, poverty is so endemic that it convinces parents to sell their children into slavery (or warlords’ armies). And Haiti, the poorest nation in the Americas, hosts poverty on an even higher level. “*It strips the dignity away from the individual.*” And Haiti is just a 90-minute flight from the U.S. So the richest country in the world sits cheek-by-jowl with the 3<sup>rd</sup> poorest.

After the 2010 earthquake, Dr. Vanderpool spent the 1<sup>st</sup> year in the capitol and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a suburb. And they operate as a three-legged stool.

## SURVIVAL

In this country that means clean water, so **LIVEBEYOND** built 96 wells pumping 220 million gallons per year. It created a medical/dental clinic as well as a de-



livery service that made a 66% dent in infant mortality. Also, through education, there are now fewer pregnancies, and the clinic ensures fewer orphans.

An exacerbating problem in Haiti is the prevalence of Voodoo which glorifies cursing and oppression. Voodoo suggests the sacrifice of one child’s life to permit the survival of its sibling.

## THRIVING

Meals and education follow. For the former, BMI (body mass index) data have been collected to document effect. For the latter, **LIVEBEYOND** has set up an American-style education in place of the French-style there present. French-style emphasizes rote; American-style, comprehension. And all teachers have doctorates in contrast to existing Haiti schools where your only qualification to teach grade N is having graduated from grade N+1.

The **LIVEBEYOND** School teaches English, French, and Haitian Creole. It serves 100,000 meals annually, and they’re hoping to get to 250,000 at two meals a day. They even have enrichment via Skype with **St. Marks!** And the kids that need physical or occupational therapy are treated with a program called *Johnny’s Kids*. Under Voodoo, you acquire good luck by raping a handicapped child. David waxed eloquent about what he’d like to do to Voodoo addicts, but “*that’s outside our mission.*”

**Agricultural development** efforts teach farmers “*improved methodologies*” to grow food beyond subsistence and increase its availability in the community.

The base employs 100 Haitians. They learn and teach finance and house-building classes. **Ki Pou Timoun** (Creole: *for the children*) started as a nutrition program for starving students, but it has now morphed into a school teaching leadership training.



## SUSTAINABILITY

Once poverty is dealt with, hope must be given. David told of a mother-to-be, 8 months pregnant, who walked 6 km (4 mi) from her cliff home to the base to attend. She was given a job and declared that she left Voodoo “*but was not ready to become a Christian.*” The problem is that she sees now that Voodoo thrives on poverty and oppression, but she was a “*pillar of the Voodoo community,*” and she would be killed if she left it. “*Voodoo keeps people down. We are trying to bring Life and Hope.*”

Some 800 American volunteers every year work to supplement the base’s efforts as a team in Haiti. “*Any of you can come on our team.*” “*If you have some free time, I’d love to talk to you [about volunteering or donations] over [another] lunch.*”



In Q&A, Larry Flannery commented that Haiti shares an island with the Dominican Republic. David told him that the difference between the two is obvious from the air. The forests still stand on the 2/3 that is Dominican Republic. 98% of trees in Haiti are gone. The state has been run by “dictators and tyrants” ever since “the French were thrown out.”

**Roy Reeves** wanted to know where the trees went. According to David, the French ripped them off to build Versailles! But France only started the decline of the forests; more trees are cut to supply the demand for charcoal. **LIVEBEYOND** plants trees that are not good for that purpose.

In response to a question about coffee as an export, David said that the volcanic soil is perfect for coffee, and Haitian Blue Mountain Coffee once competed successfully with Jamaican Blue Mountain Coffee (the 2<sup>nd</sup> most expensive coffee in the world...remember *Kopi Luwak*?). They have begun a 10-15 year program to replant the plantations.

Jeff thanked the speaker with our “highly-coveted multipoint charger.” Before he could begin the Four-Way Test, Olin violated all of them with the question, “Speaking of tyrants, when is Carolyn back?”

Jeff ignored the outburst, led us in the Four-Way Test, and gave us the bell at 1:04.



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## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

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Ron Schoof  
Kelle Marsalis  
LaNell Morold

### Visiting Rotarian

None

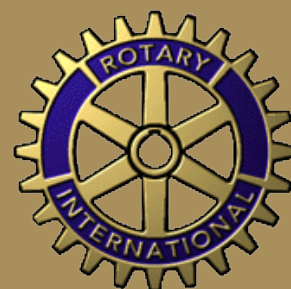
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## NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS



**Proposed Member: LaNell Morold**

Proposed by: Randy Wright

Classification : Management Consultant - Property Acquisition

LaNell is the President & CEO of Morold & Associates which is an operations and performance consultant firm that works with title, real estate, and mortgage companies; as well as, oil companies and sales organizations. She and her husband have lived in Plano over 35 years. They have a grown daughter, son in law, and 3 grandchildren. She also has a non profit rescuing abused women and children and those affected by human and sex trafficking , and are active in their church.