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## STAR CHAMBER

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**May 18**  
Steve Stoler  
Emmy Award Winning Reporter

**May 25**  
Nancy Humphrey  
PISD Teachers of the Year

**Jun 1**  
Janet Montealvo for  
Mary Pat Higgins  
Holocaust and Advancing  
Human Rights



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Huffines	May 01
John Priest	May 05
Chris Parr	May 06
Jason Rice	May 09
Howard Matson	May 11
Kelly Palmer	May 20
Robert Epstein	May 21
Mary Jo Dean	May 27



**K**UDOS to **John Caldwell** who sprang to the task as *Scary Bob Pro Tem* and, noting the failure of *Sainted Editor's* camera to autofocus, used his iPhone™ to capture this day's photos.

**King David** convened the **STAR CHAMBER** at 12:12, sentencing **Blair Ritchey** to Pray (for forgiveness) and **Paul Hernandez** to Pledge (fealty). There being no Greeter, **David** summoned **SERGEANT KRAMER** to announce Visitors and Guests.

Of Visiting Rotarians there were none. **Howard Matson** welcomed **Daniel Askari's** guest, **Hayden Padgett** (*Capital One*), **Jamee Jolly** introduced her



**PCoC PR guru, Catherine Riggle**, and **Sam Greif** fed his wife of 20 years, **Rosemary**.

Mercifully, there was no **3 MINUTES OF FAME** victim this day, but **Bob Bauer** was tagged for the following week.



**King David** awarded Rotary Service pins to **Cathy Fang** (6) and **Paul Hernandez** (8).



He thanked "**Dr. Parr**" for his bday buck\$.

**CAPTAIN KIRK** passed around a sign-up sheet for (non-sponsored) tickets to our pair of **STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**



Banquets, May 25-6 at *Collin College*, where we will celebrate 48 worthy students (28 and 20, respectively) from 12 schools.

**Kelly Palmer**, Chair of our **Plano Rotary Foundation Committee**, presented **Mary Jo Dean**, President of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*, a check for **\$1,000**. He noted other members who were current or past members of that institution.



**David** announced the passing of **PDG Wally Bailey**, whose funeral will be held this Saturday at *Grace Presbyterian Church* (Parker & Preston). An email will be sent to all of us.

**Janis Allman** announced a commemorative birthday check in honor of her Mother on Mother's Day.

**Jeff Frauenheim** announced his distribution of 10 tickets to each of us for our purchase or sale for the **Blues, Brews & 'Ques** event. The prices go up from \$15 to \$20 on May 16<sup>th</sup>. **David** invited us to sign up for sweat ("*in the sun all day*") equity and noted his placement of posters (with permission) in **URBAN CRUST** and **urban rio**.

King David announced the “winners” of seats at 5810’s RI Foundation Anniversary Gala at the *Frontiers of Flight Museum*. They were **Alan Feigenbaum**, **Roy Reeves**, Howard Matson, **Sara Akers**, and **Jerry Kezhaya**.



**SPIRITWARE** then stepped up to introduce Jamee Jolly, President and CEO of *Plano Chamber of Commerce*.

Jamee Jolly joined the *Plano Chamber of Commerce* as President and CEO in September 2010. Under Jamee’s leadership, the *Plano Chamber* received **5-Star Accreditation** from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 2015. This is the highest rating awarded to local chambers of commerce. Jamee is a mission-driven, senior executive with a proven background in delivering results. Known for her ability to manage

cross-functional teams and bring together partners to deliver high-quality solutions, Jamee strives to provide the resources necessary for businesses in the Plano community to thrive.

Previously, Jamee served as Executive Director for the *Greater Dallas Restaurant Association*, a chapter of the *Texas Restaurant Association*. Prior to that, in her role as Director of Public Affairs for *The Real Estate Council*, Jamee was key in securing funding and support for the *Woodall Rodgers Deck Park* (now referred to as *Klyde Warren Park*) in downtown Dallas. She also served as lobbyist for the *Collin County Association of Realtors*, an organization focused on the protection of property rights.

Jamee is a member of the *American Society of Association Executives*, *Plano Rotary Club*, and board member of the *Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives*. She is a *Leadership Plano Class 30 Graduate*, *City of Plano Government Academy Graduate*, and named *Collin County 40 Under 40* by the *Collin County Business Press*.

With a masters degree in Sport Marketing from *Florida State University*, Jamee is an avid *Florida State Seminole* fan. She has an undergraduate degree in kinesiology and sports studies from *Texas A&M – Commerce*. She and her husband, Marvin, a residential Realtor, “live, work and play” in Plano.

Jamee noted that, in common with **Queen Elizabeth II**, she is a “new mother” of a Yorkie, just in time for Mother’s Day. She also warned us that NOW is the time to sign up for **Leadership Plano**, if you can scrape together the **\$1200** tuition (\$100 discount for Chamber members) by 5 pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Plano Chamber of Commerce* (PCoC) has 1200 member companies representing 155K employees in both Plano and adjacent Collin County businesses. The CoC is the “Voice of Business.” It brings business issues before the Plano City Council and, presumably, downstate, when warranted. It runs many programs besides **Leadership Plano**, such as the Young Professionals program and the Women’s Division.

Its Mission Statement: “The Plano Chamber of Commerce is committed to maximizing business development and economic growth of the community through **advocacy, education, innovation, and collaboration.**”

“*Innovation*” entered the Mission Statement a few years ago, and its influence had led the PCoC to a ☆☆☆☆-accreditation from the *U.S. Chamber* organization two months ago. That rating puts PCoC in the top 1% of the ~7,000 chamber organizations nationwide. And on June 15<sup>th</sup> (while tardy applicants rush to get into **Leadership Plano**) PCoC finds out whether or not it becomes the **Chamber of the Year!**

“*Collaboration*” seeks to connect members to utilize their goods and services to the benefit of all. So that part of the Four-Way Test is built into PCoC’s Mission Statement.



PCoC uses its “*vision*” to promote strong, prosperous businesses, and “*education*” is vital to providing a skilled workforce, ready for jobs that are coming into existence, because PCoC has eyes on the future, seeking “*opportunity in the long-term*” to create a “*sustainable regional economy.*” And it’s doing so through the third year now of a 5-year

plan with the help of community leaders such as those in the room today.

Beside Jamee, the Board also includes **Joe Camarena**, and **Bruce Glasscock** and **Sally Bane** sit on the Advisory Panel. Past leaders of PCoC have included **Camille Ussery**, Mary Jo Dean, Kelly Palmer, **Olin Jaye** and others. **Craig Perry** heads the Board with **Jeff Beckley** in the wings for next year. **Carole Greisdorf** is on staff (**Leadership Plano**). Someone cruel (probably Olin) suggested that the favorite position is Past Chair.

This fiscal year PCoC has hosted 139 events, and each managed to drag Bruce out of City Hall.

In a survey of critical business issues, members offered

1. Regional Growth (transportation)
2. Skilled, qualified workforce
3. Healthcare
4. Fiscal Policy

Since Plano has been growing to the west, the 15<sup>th</sup> & L Avenue location is no longer central, so PCoC has moved to the SE corner of Independence and Spring Creek. And its 75 ribbon-cuttings are the envy of Detroit (with 17).

While the vast majority of members are “for profit,” there are 85 representing non-profit organizations for which PCoC organizes helpful seminars. Of the rest of the 1200, 55% are small businesses having fewer than 15 employees. Yet 52% of the City’s tax base is paid by Plano businesses.

The earliest efforts of the prehistoric chamber were to lobby for the placement of US75 to Plano’s benefit. Another early program was the Plano Balloon Festival! It was instrumental in the creation of a Federal Sub-courthouse, and, as if to balance that out, it was the successful lead plaintiff in a suit against the Department of Labor.

With Catherine’s help on the presentation, Jamee tossed out growth maps which showed Texas to lead the nation in job growth and DFW leading Texas in population growth. Of that influx, 2/3 is domestic and 1/3 international citizens.

As a heads-up to *PISD* (no disrespect intended, I’m sure), businesses seek better communications and technical expertise (31%) and better leadership training (29%). A whopping 41% have confidence that Texas schools will meet those challenges. In the Q&A, **Nancy Humphrey** was quick to point out expansion of an Advanced Industries Academy funded by the new bond package. The Academy High School will also benefit from bond monies.

Population influx creates its own problems, and employers can help with those, encouraging staggered work hours, work from home, and flex-time. Jamee also sees “*an expanded role for DART.*”

She advocated for greater utilization of the Mayor’s Summer Internship Program. And she praised “*industry specific*” offerings by *Collin College* in Construction Management and Hospitality.



Their new digs offer private workspaces and a conference room for members. Indeed, the building hosts 900 users a month!

She closed her talk with a call for more ideas from the community. The first offered was "Could you add donuts to the free coffee?"



With that, **King David** offered Jamee the much anticipated Desk Organizer and promised one for Catherine Riggle. He noted that at 8 pm that evening, *Plano Rotary* makes its first presentation to the Cultural Affairs Committee for City funds for next year's **Blues, Brews & 'Ques** event and asked for members to come show the flag. After leading us in the Four-Way Test, the **King** closed this session of the **STAR CHAMBER** at 12:58.



Kudos too are due John Caldwell for substituting for **Sainted Editor** while the latter was zip-lining in Costa Rica. He has noted three omissions in his **Weekly Reader**:

1. Bob Bauer should have been credited with a Paul Harris +2 pin.
2. **Kenny Wilson** earned his eight years Rotary Service award.
3. **Mike Booher** got his 18-year pin. Lose no sleep over it, John. They haven't.

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Catherine Riggle  
Hayden Padgett  
Rosemary Greif

**Visiting Rotarian**

None

**Guest of**

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Daniel Askari  
Sam Greif

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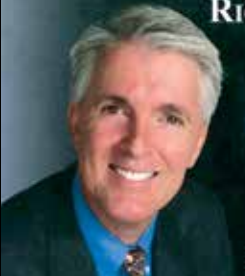
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