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The Plano Rotary Club
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LEADERSHIP PLANO "PRIME" TIME 3.0

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nov 16

Scott Hensley

Collin College, Community and Employer Services.

Nov 23

NO MEETING



Nov 30

TBD



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Olin Jaye	Nov 05
Martin Jackson	Nov 12
Tamara Dreger	Nov 28
Frank Mesina	Nov 28
Ross Shamshiri	Nov 28



Parking was definitely not an issue as we gathered on a shady and cool November 9, with dampness lingering from a rain event the previous day and temperatures in an autumnal mid-fifties range. Not many golfers chose to compete with us for parking spaces. A representation of our 73 members gathered in the cavernous main dining room, battling the poor acoustics. **Chris Parr** has decamped once again, continuing his effort to visit every corner of the world. Back-up editor John Caldwell was doing his bit for Plano education, so he was similarly absent, leaving the Rotary Reader to the C Team.



Rick Horne vigorously rang the bell at 12:11. **Blair Ritchey** was called upon for the prayer as usual, thanking our good and generous God for his blessings to us, for Rotary both locally and worldwide working to make the world a better place, and invoking his blessing on our meeting, food, fellowship, and ongoing efforts. Led by **Paul Hernandez**, and still feeling inspired by **Bob Epstein**, the club enthusiastically pledged to the flag. Blair Ritchey then took up his photographic duties for the Reader, and Rick Horne offered praise to the Greeters, **Maria Mott** and **Daniel Askari**. President Rick then permitted **Jason Kramer**, our youthful Sergeant-at-Arms, to take possession of the microphone, urging him to move things along quickly due to the plethora of agenda items. Jason



thanked the president for boosting his ego with the enthusiastic intro, and the club for its uncharacteristic applause. Jason introduced a strangely familiar visiting Rotarian, **John Ernst**, from the St. John's club.

Jason called famous fireman **Sam Greif**, a 2-year Rotarian as of last month, to the podium. Sam claimed golf as his hobby outside of Rotary, taken up to get him out of the house. Satisfied with the personal info, Jason asked for a totally random report on the clubs Fantasy Football League. Sam admitted he is in a tie for first, and he confirmed that Commissioner **Nathan Barbera** continued to trail along in last place.

Alex Johnson would have received a 14 year pin had he been present.

President Rick reminded us that we would hold a meeting on December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) and December 14, but the Plano Rotary Club is **not meeting December 21 or 28**. Jason called unsuccessfully for a hoorah. Look for a lonely lunch if you come in late December.

The club **holiday party** will be held in Rutledge Haggard's party barn on December 6 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Be there or be square.

Rick thanked the members for their time, donations and efforts in the **food drive**. Last week, we helped Minnie's Food Pantry

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to distribute 5,295 pounds of donated food. All the Plano Rotary clubs participated in that project.

Plano East will hold their Field of Honor 2017 event at Oak Point Park this weekend honoring veterans, with flags flying to memorialize honorees with names, pictures and branch of service, starting November 10 at 2:00 p.m. and continuing to Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Ian H. S. Risley, President of Rotary International, will speak at the DFW Joint Districts Rotary Foundation dinner November 18 at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Terminal D, DFW. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Purchase tickets on the district website. Tell Jason if you have items for the silent auction.

Monday, November 13, the **Hendrick Foundation golf tournament** will be held at Gleneagles Country Club. An urgent last minute appeal for volunteers was made.



Two **new members** were called to the front for induction into the club. **Francis Cartwright** was pinned by his sponsor **Ross Shamshiri**. Francis' classification is Real Estate.

Howard Matson did the honors for **Matt Riahi**. Matt's classification is Auto Dealership. Rick briefly explained the meaning and goals of Rotary. The membership rose and enthusiastically applauded the two new members as they received the pins. Whatever happened to the moving candlelight ceremony tradition?

Alex Johnson showed up to claim his 14-year pin.

Mary Jo Dean was called upon to introduce the speakers, **Tom Venner** and **Andre Davidson**. Mary Jo is an alumni of Leadership Plano. Tom is a recent graduate of the program and a member of its board. Andre is a past director. Mary Jo claims credit for Andre's recruitment into civic volunteer work long ago.

Tom Venner expressed the



Leadership Plano's director Carole Greisdorf's regrets that he could not attend our meeting. He called for a show of hands from the Rotarians who had participated in Leadership Plano, and about a dozen responded. Venner explained that **Leadership Plano** was a Flagship Program for the Plano Chamber of Commerce. Leadership Plano is dedicated to educating, developing, and empowering current and future leaders for the community and motivating them to serve civic, charitable, and business organizations. The program

has run for 35 years, and almost 1000 graduates have completed it. Graduates have served on the city council, the school board, and many other volunteer boards. Leadership Plano is designed to enhance

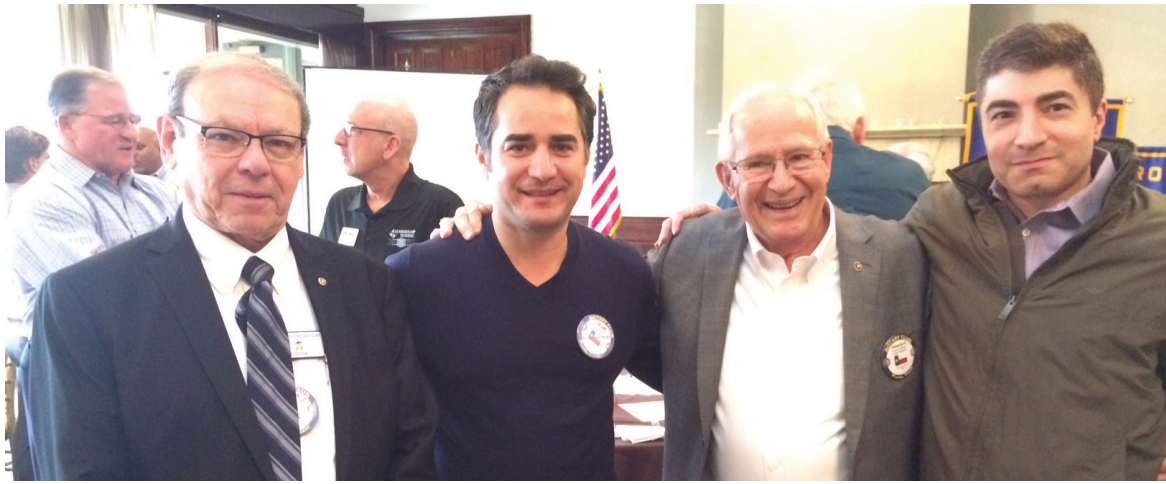
individual and community leadership skills. Leadership Plano introduces participants to the City Council, the School Board, Public Safety, non-profits, etc. It is a 9-month program, beginning with a mandatory 2-day retreat in September. Beginning in October and ending in May, the class spends one day per month examining specific aspects of the community

such as: education, area government, local business and economic development, health and human services, the criminal justice system, the arts, and non-profit organizations. Thirty-six individuals are in the class, with half chosen from business and city leaders. Each class selects a class project in December. (At this point members of the 34th class enthusiastically provided voluntary input, briefly reducing us to chaos.) The class 34 project was supporting the PISD's Adult Transition Program. Practice

to develop interviewing skills during job interviews was provided. Any Rotarians interested in the next class must apply from March to June 15.



Andre Davidson took her turn at the microphone. She is chairman of the committee that developed Plano Prime. (Andre is a petite lady whose head barely was visible over the podium, which she acknowledged.) The success of Leadership Plano has encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to expand the program. She spoke about a new program, **Plano Prime**, designed for citizens over the age of 55 who had not found the time previously to participate in Leadership Plano. This new program gives them a belated opportunity for involvement. It also is open to older citizens who have just



recently moved to Plano. Plano Prime is similar to Leadership Plano, but it is accomplished in only 6 sessions, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., every 2 weeks. It is scheduled from mid- January to March. The cost is \$500 for an individual or \$900 for a couple. The application is on-line at planochamber.org. or at leadershipplano.org. The application deadline is November 15, so if you are just learning of it from the Reader, you are too late for this year's session.



Tom Venner tag-teamed back to the microphone to talk about yet another new program, **Plano 360**. This is designed for new C-suite executives moving to Plano. Plano 360 requires one and a half days. It gives new executives the opportunity to meet the city leaders and acquire some insight into the city's operation. It helps new employees in Plano to connect to volunteer organizations. Plano 360 is by invitation only. It will begin in the Spring.

Andre Davidson advised us that the chamber currently plans to alternate Plano 360 with a speaker series every second year. The series will feature high level, motivational speakers. All Plano citizens will be welcome to attend the speaker series. (Sounds a little like Maribelle Davis' speaker series.) Andre asked our help in promoting the new programs to the community.

Rick Horne opened the floor to questions. It was soon revealed that **Jo Via** and **Mary Jo Dean** were alumni of Class 6, which they took immediately out of elementary school.

Rick offered members an opportunity to attend a meeting of the board of directors next Thursday.

Nancy repeated the urgent call for volunteers to work the golf tournament.

The club membership recited the 4-way test.



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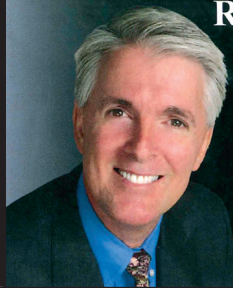
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