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Nov 8th
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Nov 22nd
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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



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Pep Talk

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ROY REEVES leapt to his feet at the first hint of an opportunity to be today's photographer. That's the Rotary spirit! (And a little scary too.)

"*Miss Carolyn*" being out-of-town, attending to her Mom's surgery, PE **Jeff Beckley** took the reins, opening the games at 12:19 and cajoling **Blair Ritchey** to give the Invocation and **Mary Jo Dean** the Pledge. (Presumably, the "*Miss*" was to emphasize to DG **Bill Slicker** our progressive nature in having elected one of the distaff set to the Presidency. But the three others should convince RI we're with #ThemToo.)

SERGEANT HUMPHREY did the honors, citing **zero** Visiting Rotarians, if one didn't count the speaker, DG Bill, and his guest, DGE **John Moser**. **John Caldwell** introduced IT Professional **Indu Dugan** from India, seated conspicuously close to



Pradeep Sumadra. And **Larry Bisno** welcomed back candidate member **Gary Garza**, COO of *Habitat for Humanity*.

NANCY stuck it to DG Bill, calling him out for the *3 Minutes of Fame* segment. He agreed, providing he could pass the "*negative questions*" to DGE John. Ever PC, Bill joined Rotary for "*a lot of young girls*. What's wrong with that?" **NANCY** opined that there were "*not many 'girls' back then,*



right?" which Bill conceded. A little known fact: he raised funds for the *Presbyterian Hospital Foundation*, of which at least Mary Jo was aware. His first car was **NANCY'S** first car: a **Cutlass 442**; his was as fast but green.

Tattoos? "*Heck, no.*" And **The Stones** is his favorite band; "*that's how old I am.*" He is proud of his travels to 75 countries (besting *Sainted Editor* by two dozen!) and meeting Rotarians therein.

Called up with a mouthful of food, **Johnny Lewis** successfully delivered the **RJ Foundation Minute**. The Polio Vaccine was introduced in 1955, and a massive PR campaign was mounted to ensure inoculations in 1956, but only 1.6% of the public responded! So the public officials charged with fixing this arranged to have **Elvis Presley** get the vaccine live on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, and its popularity rose.

Jeff mentioned that **The Stones** were also highlighted on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, but they showcased no vaccine. He also announced the **Angel Tree** presentation at noon on 15th December at **Camille's BTH Bank** (try to pronounce that).

While most of us have submitted our (possible) relocation survey, the remainder us must do so posthaste.

John Caldwell read us the list of our Sweat Equity opportunities. Only 160 of the 200 volunteers needed have signed up for the 10th November preparation of Food for Honduran Orphans to be run in cooperation with the *Allen* and *Fairview Clubs*. The event takes place in the 1st *United Methodist Church* gymnasium. (Churches foster physical fitness now? What's next? Folk rock band sermons?) We also cooperate with *Plano West* and *North Texas Pioneers* in a **HALLOWEEN** event at *Ruisseau Village* on **Oct 30**.

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Also at Ruisseau Village, on 10th November, John announced the **BATTLE OF THE BADGES**. Chief Greif took immediate exception to that saying, *"I'm only getting my butt kicked once a year!"* to which John amended the event to **BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES** for Veterans' Day. Plano East needs our help in the 8-9th put up and 12th takedown of the event.

NANCY stumped for the 12 November Hendrick Scholarship Golf Tournament. We are to see her for our duties as hole monitors and foursome captains.

DGE John mentioned the 10 November 5810 Rotary Roundup meeting at the i-Heart Center across from the Galleria.

As Jeff Beckley returned to the lectern, **Olin** pointed out that **Jamee Jolly** *"did a good job last week with you not here!"* Under his breath, Jeff was muttering perhaps *"because I was not here."* Jeff echoed that early voting was now through 2nd November and that the last day to vote would be election day, Tuesday, 6th November. (Sainted Editor muttered, *"early and often."*) **Janis Allman** noted that the libraries have a *"lot of voting machines and volunteers"* and she did her business there in 10 minutes.

Jeff noted that Olin had *"graciously deferred to me"* to do the introduction of 5810's District Governor.

Bill Slicker joined the Rotary Club of Dallas, TX, in 1999, having previously been a member of the Rotary Club of Roswell, GA, since 1987. Bill has served as Club President of the Rotary Club of Dallas, TX, in 2007-8 and Chair of the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation in 2008-9. He has been a Permanent Fund advisor for the United States and Canada from 2003-5 and District 5810 Foundation Chair for 2016-17.

Bill has participated in several Rotary initiatives, including a 2004 National Immunization Day in India. He formed the William C. Slicker Rotary Endowed Fund in 2002.

Bill has been a community leader in charitable and philanthropic activities for over 40 years. He is Chairman and CEO of The Slicker Family Foundation. He is president of a business consulting company, assisting companies in improving their profitability. Bill is a member of Highland Park United Methodist Church and his district's first Arch Klumph Society member. Bill is a world traveler, having visited 75 countries. He has two wonderful children and three terrific grandchildren!

Bill looks forward to the wonderful opportunity to serve as District Governor in 2018-19.

Bill began, *"It's a Great Day to be a Rotarian!"* Noting that DGE John *"can give my canned speech"* by heart (having heard it at every Rotary Club they've visited), he will (nevertheless) speak about *"changes in the RI Development Process."* Speaking of *"all the things we're doin',"* he praised Plano Rotary Club for *"hitting it out of the park."* <stroke stoke>

He spoke of our good works not only in the community where *"we raise our kids and buy our cars"* but also of all the *"service stuff overseas with friends and fellow Rotarians."* He decried our de-emphasis on networking, because, after all, that was **Paul Harris'** call back when.

He says that we must find out what *"young professionals, 35-40 years old"* want and then give it to them in order to perpetuate RI's good works. RI has helped by liberalizing the rules of engagement, *"giving us a clean sheet,"* but for the last two decades *"we've not been doing it."*

Polio Plus has received 10 pp in the latest Rotary Magazine; polio appears now in only three countries. Rotary's push in this regard goes back to 1987, when RI went to the World Health Organization with a proposal to eradicate the disease. WHO said to *"come back when you know something"* about it. RI returned with \$120M, and WHO asked, *"When can we start working with you?"*

Because of Boko Haram's (Nigerian insurgents) hostility to inoculations, there are 100K children without the vaccine there and in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Those states *"are like the Wild West."* 70K aid workers are delivering the vaccine in Afghanistan. Only women are recruited because men *"show up for work drunk, Nancy."* (He hadn't got over being singled out for the 3 Minutes of Fame.) In one memorable encounter, aid workers stood between Army Rangers and the Taliban; they said they'd be done at 5 pm *"and you can then go back to killing one another."*

Bill recalled driving through killer smog to a slum an hour outside New Delhi. Unsmiling villagers carried kids to the center convinced RI was there to sterilize them. Misinformation like that drives a wedge between the aid workers and the populace.

He remembers walking into a low-ceiling school room with no window panes and dung fire heaters. They placed an infant in his arms *"because Nancy had told them to pick on me."* (Really? Can't let it go yet?) He started to put the two drops in the child's mouth but applied too much pressure and the child choked on the 15 drops that squirted out. A nurse snatched the baby away from him so *"no kid died on my watch."* And thanks to *"everybody in the room for support,"* 120M children were inoculated. He was thanked by an 8-year-old victim of polio *"for saving my little sister."*

450M kids are born every year and need to be vaccinated. Sometimes multiple inoculations are required *"because they are so malnourished."* (Not sure what malnourishment has to do with effectiveness.) Rotary and WHO are monitoring 76 countries against the disease's return.

In addition to Polio prevention, RI is cooperating with private organizations to build medical infrastructure. With Clean, Safe Water, for example, wells break down, so sustainability requires *"people put skin in the game."*





Villagers are charged 50¢ a month for maintenance of the wells so that women and girls don't tramp hours for water, taking them away from productivity and schooling. It's village elders who assess the fee on a pay-to-play basis.

RI has also come up with self-flushing toilets where the hand washing waste water serves to flush the offal.

Bill also touted a ***Pinot for Polio*** event at *Prestonwood Country Club* next February 15th. It will be a fundraiser featuring beer as well as wine and half a dozen virtual reality glasses to see inoculations first hand.

John Priest asked about the mini-epidemic of adenovirus cases that resemble polio, but the DG wasn't aware of any connection.

Jeff Beckley thought that "fun events" like ***Pinot for Polio*** will "attract younger versions of Olin." And DG Bill encouraged us to pass the word on the far-reaching RI effects.



Jeff handed him our **\$200 check**, mentioned that there'd be no meeting next week, led us in the Four-Way Test and dispersed us to the Four Winds at 1:04.

Fundraising Opportunity – Flags of Honor

The Plano East Club is hosting the Flags of Honor Program with proceeds going to benefit veterans and first responders. The event is for 3 days in November. Flags are sponsored for \$50, but sponsorships go for \$1,000 to \$10,000 covering 20-250 flags. To donate and designate an honoree, point your browser at

<https://www.planoflagsofhonor.org/>



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Please add the following dates to your calendars!

Shopping

Friday, Dec 7th

7:30 am

Walmart Super Center
1700 Dallas Parkway
at Park Blvd

Wrapping Party

Thursday, Dec 13th

5:00 pm

BTH Bank Plano
1801 Preston Rd



Angel Tree Party

Saturday, Dec 15th

12:00 pm to 2:00

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