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Weekly

# Reader



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The Plano Rotary Club  
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## STEALTH-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 11/11 Mike Simpson  
"The Arts of Collin County  
and Performance Hall &  
Arts Park"
- 11/18 Krista Gibson  
"Children's Medical  
Center Foundation"
- 11/25 Thanksgiving - No meeting

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/2 .....SHAWN FOSTER
- 11/5 ..... OLIN JAYE
- 11/12 ..... MARTIN JACKSON
- 11/22 JAMES YOUNGBLOOD
- 11/23 .....G.A. DAVIDSON
- 11/24 ..... GARY MUELLER
- 11/29 ..... PATTI SCHWARTZ



EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

**N**orth Texas Food Bank with **Jan Pruitt**, its President and CEO, were supposed to be the topic and presenter this day, but, as explained by Club Administration Chair, **Octavio Ortiz**, a mix-up in the dates had been responsible for Jan not showing up, so she will be rescheduled at a later date.



So, as a last minute, quick and dirty, surprise, underhanded substitution, Prince John had elected to get the obligatory **CLUB ASSEMBLY** out of the way for the year. This had the advantage of not telegraphing its scheduling to the membership. They had no option to flee this fascinating program. Even so, as someone noted, we were at an alarmingly low attendance. Could it be that the missing were psychic?



Prince John found the gavel long enough to thrice gong the "assembly" to order at 12:15, calling upon Reverend Mueller for the Prayer and



**Hugo Esparza** for the Pledge. **Ben Criste** and **Walt Meyer** were credited with greeting. Then **SERGEANT SKIP**

took to the podium to help us welcome the Visiting Rotarian (singular) and Guests. The latter included **Shawn Foster's** Dad, and a new staff member at **Susan Shuler's** Plano Children's Medical Clinic, **Janet Davis**.



Perfect Attendance pins went to **Susan Shuler** (9) and **Jo Via** (19). John mused that next year would be two decades for Jo. When someone commented, "That's a score," John commended him with "That was fast!"

**Scary Bob** mercifully eschewed amplification to tell us of a program to send firefighters to Israel **IN TIMES OF WAR** to aid with rescue operations. Some 60 firefighters have drunk the **Kool-Aid**™ so far. **Scary Bob** was seeking volunteers from our geriatric membership to volunteer as aids to distribute food and medicine while the **Katyushas** rain down. There'll be a reception November 19 to honor the volunteers.

Prince John inquired, "Do I get to carry a gun?" The answer was an immediate "NO!" Someone complained that **Scary Bob** was camouflaged, disappearing against color scheme of the **Pitchfork**.

Sainted Editor rose to roast **Diana Wright** for turning off **Randy's** Hot-Air Ballooning career.



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But Chris and wife **Pat** wanted to ease the pain of loss of Randy's blessed **Peacock** with a watercolor by **Jean Godfrey Newman**. Randy said that he and Diana collect Jean's paintings, and thanked Chris and Pat. (At meeting's end, Chris made a video phone call to Pat so she could share the moment.)

Prince John locked the doors then admitted that we were actually going to have a **CLUB ASSEMBLY**. It was an exercise in spontaneous elocution since none of the Committee Chairs had been warned that they'd need to speak. Wouldn't want to give them a head start in the exodus, would we?

So **Nathan Barbera**, Public Relations Chair, was called upon for his address *extemporaire*. He conceded that the Club's PR is healthy. He commented upon the Plano Star Courier's coverage of our political coup, the address by Democratic Gubernatorial candidate **Bill White**. Nathan's job is to see that we get noticed for our "*bigger functions*." He apologized for failing to get the Fantasy Football Scores to **Sainted Editor** in time for the *Weekly Reader*. (Let's hope there's no repeat performance this week, as the abbreviated meeting will mean an abbreviated *Reader*.) But, since he isn't leading the pack, it doesn't matter. It means even less to the guy who's bringing up the rear, **Gerald Brence**, who ought to know better.

We got our weekly *Michigan State* report from Skip: 8-1, because they had "*fared as well as UT*" in their last game.

Octavio urged us to report back good programs that we hear when we make up at other Clubs. He said that we're booked through next March, but considering the cancellation this day, he's always on the lookout for last minute programs. **Ean** offered to reprise his discussion of the web site, but that was firmly rejected by a vocal *Scary Bob*.

Ben Criste reported a New Member Orientation last week with one target member in attendance, and noted that the next will be in a month or so. He retired from the podium before reporting the total membership (118).

**Earnest Burke** reiterated his 100%



Paul Harris Fellowship goal. He also invited us to a seminar on volunteerism at the Frisco campus of Collin Community College. He called on his cochair **Thad Stammens** to give a Classification Talk. Thad told us that he was a web site creator. Someone suggested he talk to Ean. Thad suggested that he give the presentation next time. He grew up in Southern California. Although his wife is a Dallasite, they were only in Plano by 1999. Thad said that he only really discovered Plano when he joined Rotary. He suggested that **Kendra Lee**, a guest today, would make an excellent speaker (on her business consultancy).

Prince John admitted to being a Northern Californian, saying they've "*not associated with Southern California*."

**LB THE RADIANT** with co-chair Alan **Feigenbaum** spoke of a Rotary Foundation seminar at the Biblical Arts Center on Saturday. He indicted Prince John's leadership style saying, "*We asked John what we were to do (as Service Above Self chairs) last summer, and we didn't get an answer.*"

John said that he had met with the other five Plano Club Presidents, and they had agreed to spend \$1,000 each to help renovate Hope's Door. With a matching grant from 5810, their \$6,000 became \$12,000. It was the first time since PCMC (10 years ago) that all the Plano Clubs had cooperated on a project. (He neglected RYLA.)

So, having served the community, the Adult Clinic, the Children's Clinic, Hope's Door, Memorial Elementary, and others, we're proving that "*service is the most important thing we do.*"

Ean announced that he's looking for (Plano's Got) Talent for the Adult Clinic fundraiser. John said that last year's program featured 8 acts, and that the youngster received the \$1,000 prize to help defray expenses involved with seeking auditions on America's Got Talent. The auditions for Plano's version will be held at his original Adult Clinic. They are building one now on the West Side. Although Collin is the richest county in Texas, Plano is the richest city in Collin, and West Plano is the richest district in the City, still a charity pantry there is doing a land office business, indicating that poverty coexists with wealth. (Remember, the wealthiest 1% of Americans control 80% of the nation's wealth. That leaves 99% to squabble over the remaining 20%. That also makes the wealthiest 1%,





# STEALTH ASSEMBLY REQUIRED *continued...*

80x99/20 ~ 400 times richer than the average American. But it's all right; we'll all cycle through the top.)

After leading us in the Four-Way Test, John dismissed the "assembly" at 12:38!



*Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?*

*Invite them to be your guest at Rotary!*

## **The 4 Way Test:**

*Of the things we think, say, and do:*

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



## Plano Rotary Club Fantasy Football Standings

### NFC Division:

Brad Shanklin	6-3
Octavio Ortiz	5-4
Mark Waterbury	5-4
Nathan Barbera	5-4
Gerald Brence	5-4
David Allison	3-6

### AFC Division:

Martin Jackson	6-3
Mark Johnson	5-4
Ean Sullivan	4-5
John Ernst	4-5
Kyle Walters	3-6
Ben Christe	3-6

## *Member NEWS*

### AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award

Chris Parr

Athena Award

Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award

Richard Butterfly

Business Executive

of the Year

Gary Base

### Kersey Can Holder:

Vance Bryson

### Citizen of the Year:

Beth and Duncan Webb

### Rotary Make Up Website:

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

### New Member Proposals:

Jerry Curtis

Proposed By: Tino Trujillo

Classification: Software Sales

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