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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 13

Susanna Charleson -
"Dog for the Job: The
Expanding Role of Service
Dogs & How Communities
can Support Them"

November 20

Bob May -
"Honoring the Negro
Leagues: The Best Season,
The First Ninety Days"

November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday
No Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Allan Murovitz	Nov 3
Lissa Smith	Nov 3
Olin Jaye	Nov 5
Martin Jackson	Nov 12
Patti Schwartz	Nov 29

Child Sex Slavery

PDG **SECRET SANTA** complains that the *Weekly Reader* sends him to the dictionary at least once per issue. That's nothing compared with the pronunciation of the names of guests today: **Orzechowski & Kisacanin**. They sound like an international high-wire act. **SERGEANT BARBERA** didn't even try.

President Wonderful begged our indulgence at 12:15, petitioning **Earl Simpkins, "Jr.,"** to give the Invocation and **Yoram Solomon** to recommend we help *Scary Bob* with the Pledge. **Jeff Fraumenheim** was Greeter.

SERGEANT BARBERA welcomed a Rotarian visiting from Churchland, VA, **Howard Matson**. **Alan Feigenbaum** introduced **Chris Orzechowski**, and **Yoram Solomon** had no difficulties pronouncing **Branislav Kisacanin**.



For **INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO**, Nathan chose a newly-elevated Senior Vice President and Director of *Frost's Business Banking*, **Kelly Palmer**. Kelly immediately called upon his attorney to help with what Nathan denied was a deposition, but **Howard Shapiro** surmised he couldn't afford the services and **Judge Johnny** said he was on his own.



Kelly was born in Fort Worth. His Dad began working for *Southwestern Bell* and climbed to a position of President and CEO of another company. His confirmation that he was a "well-behaved child," drew "answer based on advice of counsel" from Howard. His childhood nickname was *Jelly Belly*. He attended *Western Hills High School* where he went out for football, basketball, field and track. Following college he served four years in US Navy, mustering out to *Stephen F. Austin University* for a Geology curriculum which led inexplicably to a Masters in Finance. That led to a career in banking, but he'd rather be a Guide (for what remains uncertain).



Favorite movie: *Casablanca*. Performer: **Johnny Cash**. Athlete: **Johnny Unitas**. First vehicle: an *International Harvester* Jeep. Cola: **pepsi**. Favorite restaurant: the kitchens at the *Southfork Hotel*.

A Rotarian (family tradition) since 1986, Kelly's favorite Rotary Memory was going to meetings with his parents.



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Earnest awarded **ROTARY ATTENDANCE PINS** to **Alex Johnson** (11), directed by Photographer *Scary Bob* to “get over there!”, **Mark Johnson** (22), who needed no coercion, and **Larry Flannery** (32!), who was awarded the mic for his usual bad joke but had none to deliver.

President Wonderful also warned us that the Badge Box had been reorganized by Exec. Secretary **Karen Sheldon**, so we were to exercise caution or inadvertently pluck someone else’s ID.

Camille Ussery gushed about how successful our 2014 **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** had been. 30 children in 10 families were treated to dinner and presents for their kids. One set of parents were in tears, not being able to afford gifts for their children.

This year, shopping will be done at **Walmart**★ (Spring Creek & Coit) starting at 7:30 am on 3 December. That evening, we’ll wrap presents at Kenny’s **alphaGraphics** (NW corner of Coit & Park) courtesy of **Kenny Wilson**. Details of the holiday **ANGEL TREE** party will be forthcoming, but our **SECRET SANTA** will come out of the igloo for the event. Volunteers & donations sought.



Enigmatic to the core, **Nancy Humphrey** said she doesn’t have “what *Larry Flannery* thinks from last time.” She thanked golfers, volunteers, donors, everyone in the Club for a successful Golf Tournament, even in the rain. We exceeded our goal by almost \$18K by raising \$69K. Earnest remarked, “That’s how we **LIGHT UP ROTARY**.”

Kelly Palmer rose to extol Nancy’s virtues as the ultimate Tournament Planner, prompting Earnest to chant, “One More Year! **ONE MORE YEAR!**”

David McWhorter introduced the day’s speaker, ex-Sex Slave, **Melissa Woodward**.

Melissa is a survivor of Domestic Child Sex Trafficking. Melissa is currently an activist for benefit of enslaved children, and has spent countless hours researching, speaking, and assisting organizations in the fight of this horrific situation.

Melissa was sold into sex slavery at the age of 12 by a close family member. Once her captors were finished with her, she was left for dead. Through her faith, she found love, restoration, and a life she never dreamed of. Since then, Melissa has married and become a mother.

Melissa founded *For the Sake of One* to prevent, rescue, and heal underage children currently enslaved in domestic sex trafficking. Her vision is to open a *Safe House* in her home state of



Texas, where these children can receive the support and protection necessary for a brighter future.

Here in the “*Home of the Free*,” Melissa told us, there are 3,100 children aged 11-13 sold into sex slavery. Next to firearms, “it’s the *biggest business*,” grossing (how appropriate) \$32 billion annually. A 9-year-old virgin sells for \$5-7,000 in Dallas. You can rent one for \$10 per minute in your backyard (preferably not during the Balloon Festival).



She was here today because “*God has allowed me to be the name and face*” of child-sex slavery.

She was first rented out at age 4 by her Father, a Fort Worth Baptist Pastor. He conditioned her via molestation and pornography to understand what to expect and explain her position in life. She became “a *slab of meat*” for countless men to devour. She endured it by concentrating on “a *speck on the ceiling*,” dreaming of release.



After seeing a sex video in school, she was moved to report her enslavement to her counselor, who immediately reported it to her parents, as required by State Law. Her mother, complicit in her enslavement, was a teacher at her school. Since she refused to name her abusers, nothing was accomplished by her reportage. Her abusers now knew she was untrustworthy.

She left school after the 6th grade, engaging in dancing, Camp-fire Girls, and church by day, and being handcuffed to the bed of predators by night. Nowadays, psychological chains replace physical ones.

Finally, at age 13, one John told her, matter-of-factly, that his fantasy, with which she was obliged to help him, was “to see a child burn to death.” She remembers thanking him for the release of death. He calmly removed a can of lighter fluid from his pocket, sprayed it all over her, and struck a match. She remembers only awakening in a garbage can and being taken to the Parkland Burn Unit.

No one believed her story. They considered her a drug addict, as her parents had been doping her up since the age of 5. At 14, she was considered a runaway, and “they don’t look for runaways.” She survived utilizing her only marketable trade: the oldest. 90% of teenage streetwalkers are approached by a trafficker and 50% succumb. Only 1% survive, and there are 99 survivors in Texas alone.

At 17, she entered the Adult Entertainment Industry, having been weaned on porn. Statistics show that the majority of abusers begin their descent with pornography. And, by and large, they are the “*Pillars of the Community*,” the only ones who can afford the service. If caught, the Johns are remanded to the custody of a morals school then are let off with their records expunged.

By age 27, she was “introduced to Christ,” and had “3 amazing kids, two of them in Plano schools.” But God had grander plans. She has been interviewed by the likes of *The 700 Club*, and *Good Morning America*. Her charity has rescued 210 children, rehabilitating them at a ranch in Montana. She is proudest of sending an unschooled child off to UCLA on scholarship with two year’s schooling!

She wanted to be a police officer when she grew up. Instead, she's been jailed 28 times by the age of 25. *"Do the math."* Fortunately, her record has been erased at the direction of **Gov. Rick Perry**. And she now works as an investigator of child-sex crimes. And she's working to pass new laws to create the same criminal charges for the buyers as for the sellers of child slaves.



Currently, child rape earns you a \$500 fine. It costs \$2000 per month to house a child, so she does a lot of speaking and other fundraising. She was pleased to learn that Plano Rotary Club is awash in attorneys. Much *pro-bono* help is needed at *Isaiah's House*. She asks that we put a link to a *For the Sake of One* video on our Facebook pages.

In response to "Why Dallas?" in the Q&A, she explained that the highway system funnels kids and Johns together. *"During the Super Bowl, 580 kids were sold."*

A query about her parents elicited a response that she is now has "good relations" with her mother even though she was complicit. Her Dad went to county jail for 90 days for his part in her degradation, and he has since been sent to prison for abusing other minors.

While the abuse started at age 4, it became full-time at age 12. It took her decades to be able to talk about it, but now she offers training to Texas police in the trafficking of minors.

That traffic consists of 50% runaways, 25% abductees, and 25% sold by their families.

Questioned as to why she did not name her abusers, she explained the hot wire torture up and down her back as her reward. *"So we don't tell."*

Then too Stockholm Syndrome, the victim's belief that they love their abusers, keeps the kids "indebted" to their pimps.

Earnest offered Melissa the "coveted and often-sought perpetual calendar," and he apologized for his missing photo. **CAPTAIN KIRK** told her she could find one "at most post offices."

Earnest then awarded a 22-year Attendance Pin to **Vance Bryson**, led us in the Four-Way Test, and hustled us out at 12:56.



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Next Social:

Vickery Park

1011 E 15th St, Plano

Tuesday, TBD @ 5PM

Socials are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5PM and will count as a Rotary make-up.

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