



## Fall Weekly

# Reader

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Oct 1

Judge Keith Self -  
"State of the County"

#### Oct 8

Jim Leonard -  
"Employing People of  
Different Abilities"

#### Oct 15

District Governor Visit

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rick Maucieri	Oct 5
John Caldwell	Oct 6
Justin Roche	Oct 7
Rick Horne	Oct 8
Jan Sullivan	Oct 10
Dennis Hogg	Oct 16
Janis Allman	Oct 18
Bob Botts	Oct 20
Gene Murray	Oct 22
Debbie Watson	Oct 25
Jessica Jackson	Oct 26
Marc Lewis	Oct 27
Casey Sewart	Oct 31

**S**OUTHFORK went all out today for our final meeting in the doomed hotel. The staff had festooned the hall with balloons, ribbons, glitter, and posters wishing us well and declaring that "We will miss you." Contrary to *Sainted Editor's* prediction of vintage *Swanson* TV Dinners, they trotted out meaty ribs to send us on our way well-fed!



The Club reciprocated, thanking them profusely for years of service (above self?) to us and giving them all a farewell gift. **Kelly** even offered awkward hugs to each, sufficiently cringe-worthy as not to be reproduced here. But they got over it.

**President Paperweight** struck the final inception at 12:16, summoning **Ean SECRET SANTA Sullivan** to pray and **Brad Keith** to lead us in the Pledge. The *Southfork* staffers were thanked for greeting at our last meeting. Then Kelly relinquished the lectern to **Nathan Barbera** who insisted upon being called by his title: **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**.



Nathan welcomed *Plano West* President **Daniel Long**. **Mary Jo Dean** introduced *Hendrick Scholarship* denizens **Karen McDonald** and **Nancy Boyd**. **Olin Jaye**

bade us welcome Rep. **Jeff Leach's** right-hand (wo)man, **Maria McClure** and **Doug Reese**. Nathan razzed any *Alabama* alumnae within earshot on the occasion of their humiliation, yet again, by *Mississippi*.



There were at least two unaccredited guests: Fire Chief **Sam Grief** and another. In the interests of time, Nathan forewent his beloved **INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO**.

Prior to fêting the *Southfork* staff, **Randy Wright** delivered a stirring history of our involvement with the hotel. In 1977, we held court in the Community House near the ice house. That facility was jointly owned by the *Geriatric Club of Plano* and the *Lion's Club*, but eventually there was a falling out over the details of that ownership; we read the handwriting and moved into Collin Creek Mall's Community Room then the *Harvey House*, newly-built by **Harvey Huey** and managed by **John Becker** then **John Longstreet**.



Randy waxed ecstatic over its disco, *Solo's*, to which he would repair, of an evening, to drown his happiness in beer, living across the street as he did. He was divorced by Daddy **Roach** who had divorced **Diana** as well, so it was only fitting that he should marry the two of them in the *Harvey's* Chinaberry Room. It was in the *Harvey* that the *Plano Balloon Festival* was born, and Randy





estimates that he must have personally consumed 900 cans of beer over the years, and he's "sad to see it go." It was unclear as to whether that referred to the hotel or the beer.



**Howard Matson** attested to Randy's powers of persuasion as he related an assignment given him with regard to membership. He told us of the revised policies of New Member Orientation, managed jointly by **Debbie Watson** and **Dennis Fuller**. The orientations involve club history, member responsibilities, and the *Paul Harris Foundation* program. Newbies get a check-off (not a **Cherkov**) list for loss of their Red Badge, and sponsors are responsible for escorting their charges to their first make-up club meeting. The newbies take on committee assignments and are reminded (rather harshly in *Sainted Editor's* judgment) that "*sometimes members need Rotary more than Rotary needs members.*" (The necessity of a Membership Committee belies this assertion, but what do I know?)

Howard also referred to a Member Outreach Committee that was the genesis of the assertion above.



**SECRET SANTA** had a plaque with the Four-Way Test inscribed thereon. Naturally, it bore a Rotary Wheel. But it was not always so. Beneath the Rotary Wheel, Ean contended, was a **Walgreens** logo. It turns out that the Founder of **Walgreens**, **Charles Rudolf Walgreen**, was a close friend of **Herb Taylor**, author of the Four-Way Test, and the chain story got permission to post the test in all their stores.

**Nancy Humphrey** called upon "*Vanna White*" to hold up **Kenny Wilson's** posters detailing ways in which we could contribute to the *Hendrick Golf Tournament*. Kelly played the role to perfection even though he had never starred in a pornographic movie to our knowledge. (Vanna has had a checkered and dishabille past.) A cheap \$250 sponsor needs to be found for the Helicopter Drop, and volunteers are still needed for sweat equity upon the day of the event.



Donning his President's Cap, Kelly announced the October 1<sup>st</sup> edition of **BEST OF PLANO**, the Plano Chamber of Commerce event which will honor Olin Jaye, **ARTA Travel (FLASH)**, and "*the entire Haggard Family.*" Someone asked if "*Merle will be there?*"

**Jason Rice** mentioned the cooperation between **Juergen's Bavarian Grill** and **Rover Dramawerks**.

And Olin Jaye got to make good on his previous announcement of **Dr. Neil Matkin**, the nascent President of *Collin College*, as a program speaker. Neil said that if he'd known he was scheduled for last week, we would have appeared. Olin was forced to admit, it slipped his mind.



From his curriculum vitae:

Dr. H. Neil Matkin became *Collin College's* third District President on 6 April 2015. He previously served as Executive Vice President of the *Louisiana Community & Technical College System* where he was the Chair of the Board of Regents Articulation and Transfer Committee. Previously, Dr. Matkin was President of the Central Campus of *San Jacinto College* in Pasadena, Texas, Vice Chancellor and CIO for the *Virginia Community College System*, and CAO of *Illinois Century Network Interagency Governance Board*.

Dr. Matkin currently serves on the *Collin County Business Alliance Board* and the *Congressional Veteran's Commendation Selection Board*. He holds Associate Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration degrees. Dr. Matkin earned his Doctorate of Education from *Texas A&M University-Commerce*.

Neil concluded, "*You're my people,*" after witnessing our honoring of the *Southfork* staff. Declaring education in Louisiana broken, he thanked Collin County for bringing him back to Texas.

He chronicled the dramatic growth of *Collin College*. It draws from far enough afield that the average drive time is 25-35 minutes. That's worrisome since studies show that a greater than 22 minute drive time is a strong disincentive for students. So new campi are contemplated in Sachse and other communities. And in addition, capacity at *Spring Creek* is going to increase. All this is to aid not only students but "*business and industry*."

He declared satisfaction with the Hendrick Scholarship and our role within it.

Dr. Matkin spoke of an auto mechanic as a "*car whisper*" who diagnosed a worn axle by simply listening to the car as Neil drove it. He was stunned to find out Toyota's Top T-10 Certification holders command \$150K annual salaries! So he's expecting to implement such a certificate. (The technician concluded, correctly, that Neil had driven it off-road!)

Neil spoke of his minder killing him with Death by Calendar (akin to Death by 1000 cuts.)

He crowed about having the lowest tuition in Texas and the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest in the nation. Then he opened the floor for questions.



Dr. **Yoram Solomon** wanted to know when Collin College would go four year. Dr. Matkin said that he followed **Cary Israel** to Austin to interview **Senator Seliger** who told him in no uncertain terms that he was, is, and will remain utterly opposed to any such empowerment of *Collin College*.

Daniel Long thanked Dr. Matkin for his Rotoract Club and their members who helped with the Rotary Booth at the Plano Balloon Festival.

Neil praised a student who won a grant to study the efficacy of service dogs to help students focus on their studies. But then she turned around and asked him to act on her results and permit dogs on campus.

**Lenny Schwartz** inquired about students beyond Collin County and was told that there are students arriving from west of Fort Worth, attracted by the nursing program. Indeed Collin College has ~75 acres each around

Celina and Farmersville. So presumably we may see satellite campi there in future.

**Bob Botts** asked about campus populations. Neil told him: 52K per year, 29K in a semester. 40% transfer to a 4-year college and 15% stay for the Associate of Arts. Neil seeks better partnerships with 4-year universities, especially with *UNT* coming to Frisco!

Kelly wanted to know specifically about the Nurse Practitioner Certification. Neil said the nursing program is in its infancy with only 140 students. Before CC tackles Nurse Practitioner, it will be expanding Police and Fire Science that draws from 100 miles away.

**David Bowman** inquired about what fraction of operating expenses comes from tuition. Neil said it was less than 50%. He said that tuition now is different for the three classes of students: in-county, in-Texas, and out-of-Texas. Eventually, CC will raise tuition, and even if it raised it by \$19 per credit hour, it will still remain the lowest in Texas!

**Scary Bob Epstein** postulated that Cyber-Security will be a most important field, and Neil agreed and said that CC is seeking three bachelor degrees touching on that.

**Earnest Burke** suggested that precedence has been established *vis-à-vis* the *Collin College* Presidency and *Geriatric Club of Plano* membership. Neil said he'll consider it as soon as "*I get Death by Calendar of my back*," but we all knew that was never going to happen. And we have no members on his Board.

**DANIEL LONG** announced a Blood Drive at *Collin College* which captured 100 units the day before and is scheduled to continue this day. He encouraged us to participate.

**Rutledge Haggard** asked if student receiving university credit pay university fees. Neil asked Rutledge if he'd paid him to ask that question. All participating universities except Texas Tech pass along campus parking fees to such students even though *Collin College* charges them no such fee. He's asked them to stop.

**President Paperweight** offered up the item that kills credit card magnetic strips. He noted that "*the EXIT sign's about to fall*," and concluded it was "*time to go*" to *Gleneagles*. He led us in the 4-Way Test and closed at 1:01.

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