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2018-2019

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 11th
Francesca Rolando
Hendrick Foundation

Oct 18th
Jamee Jolly & Jeff Beckley
State of the Chamber

Oct 25th
Bill Slicker
Dist. 5810 Governor

Nov 1st
NO NOON MEETING



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Caldwell, John	Oct 06
Roche, Justin	Oct 07
Horne, Rick	Oct 08
Allman, Janis	Oct 18
Jackson, Jessica	Oct 26
Lewis, J. Marc	Oct 27
Stewart, Casey	Oct 31



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HIS WORDS ARE OUR BOND

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, this day's speaker, sat where all speakers sit: at *Sainted Editor's* table. Someone who has been burnt by that before, warned him that anything he said there was fair game for misquotation in the *Weekly Reader*. His only comment: "So that disqualifies me for the Supreme Court?"

Carrollyn the Petite opened the festivities at 12:11, anointing **Blair Ritchey** for Prayer and Richardson Rotary visitor, *Scary Bob*, for the Pledge. *She* blessed **John Priest** for Greeting and called "substitute, substitute" **SERGEANT OLIN JAYE** to welcome **Sarah Watkins'** overachieving seniors, **Sam Delott** and **Anna Smith**.

Sam is the (Senior) Class President as he has been in 5th, 8th, 10th, and 11th grades! He's aiming at a career in Engineering/Computer Science in a business of his own. He is in Band and hopes to travel in retirement. (He's nothing if not forward-looking.) Fun fact: he nearly drowned as a youth. (What's fun about that?)

Anna is aiming for *Texas A&M* <brief "whoop" from the Peanut Gallery> where she'll major in Education, specifically K-6. Sarah says that she "might talk to her about that." She too is in Band "for years," and she is active in Church Groups, travelling to impoverished countries to assist. Fun fact: she is a "second generation Wildcat."

We were awash in Visiting Rotarians, including *Scary Bob*, **Shep Stahl** (*Sunrise*), **Trent Wayne** (*Sugarland*), and **Jo Rivers** (*West*). The speaker had also brought his cheering section consisting of **Terri Green**,

an attorney from Frisco, and **Ron Leach**, a Realtor™, in addition to *Shep*.



Sara Akers wanted us to know that Samaritan Inn's denizen, **Pam Little**, was running for Texas State Board of Education. Sara also stumped for the **2018 Plano Food & Wine Festival** on 10/6 from noon

Bond Money Disbursement 2019-2023

2018

Pre-construction Tasks
2019 - 2023

Construction
2024 - 2035

2036

Bond Election

Open Freeway

to 4 pm, benefiting (among others) her **PLANO CHILDREN'S THEATER**. Apparently, you're going to get to stomp your own grapes for a really nouveau wine! And



Sara encouraged us to "wear your Rotary tees" for the all-you-can-drink (for \$20) brawl.

Janis Allman proselytized for volunteers for Plano Rotaries' booth at the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** 10/13. Shep said that he notified *Sunrise's* Program Chair, **Linda Bowlin**, to expect Janis for the same chat at 7 am. Janis admitted that to be a terribly early hour.



Last year's crowd was estimated at 19,000, making it an attractive venue to get out Rotary's word. Last year's Rotary booth featured information on Polio Plus and a hand-cranked water pump for its Clean, Safe Water projects. She's asking for volunteers for two-hour timeslots. And RYLA scholarship winners are expected to participate.

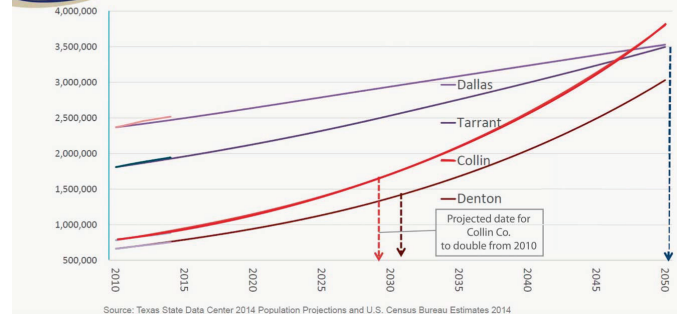
Kelly Palmer wanted us to know that **Jeff Beckley** is scheduled to compete in this year's **IRON MAN** event. He said we should gig him on his return about the **Little Debbie** treats they hand out.

Olin Jaye then introduced Brian *ex-McKinney Mayor* Loughmiller, advocate for the upcoming Collin County Bond Election. Apparently relevant to this is his advocacy for motorcycles. Their safety is at issue on Collin County freeways? Olin remarked that ours has been the fastest-growing county in Texas, and the only one with a Planning Board! Brian is an attorney, but we didn't hold that against him. However, he has been an **IRON MAN** participant and had swum the Ohio River aka sewage.

Brian commented that the **Little Debbie** treats are after you burn 1,000 calories in the competition, so they have little effect. He's grateful to Rotary for getting "my daughter off my payroll." (???)

Collin is the 6th most populous county in Texas with a population of 1 million in 2018-19, but by mid-century, we'll be #1 in population. So the bond issue is planning for that future.

Population Estimates and Projections, Metroplex Counties, 2010-2050

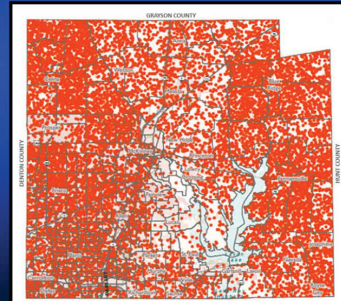
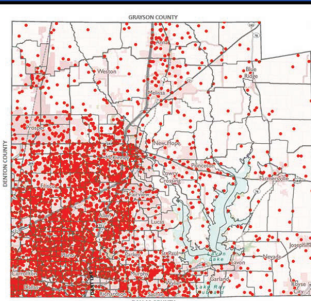


There are 900K vehicles registered in the County, all using our roadways (in conjunction with the several hundreds of thousands passing through).

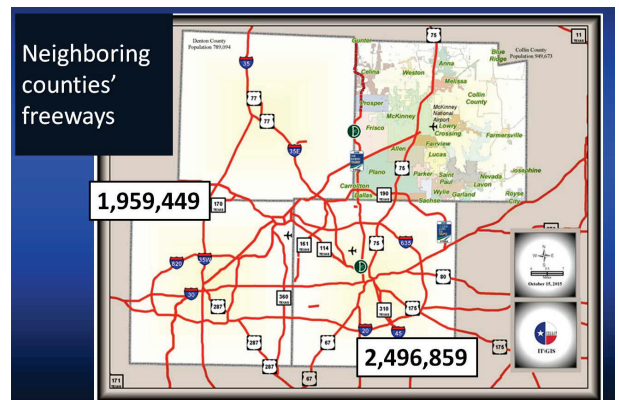
Locally, Dallas and Tarrant Counties "get the bulk of Texas revenues," but Collin will give them a run for their share of those monies, even as we build out around 2045. Current population density maps of Collin show us huddling in the SW quadrant, but at buildout, we saturate.

2020 Density

Build-out Density



Collin County Mobility Plano 2014 Update Addendum 1 grades many of our roads an "F" by virtue of having more traffic than they should bear. In contrast to Dallas and Tarrant Counties, we have but two freeways, 75 & 121. We have to do better.



The ~\$4.7B proposed breaks down to

- Freeway summary **\$2.3B**
- Bus Rapid Transit **\$0.012B**
- Roadway Improvements **\$1.7B**
- Non-Regional Arterials **\$0.6B**

Indeed, **\$4.7B** won't cut it because by build-out (2045), we will have needed **\$12.6B**!

The Bond Package calls for **\$0.6B** for non-tolled freeways and **\$0.14B** for thoroughfares. The new freeways are 20-year projects. So don't plan on moving anywhere quickly until 2038. (The *Geriatric Club of Plano* should only live so long.)

Actually, construction congestion is put off until 2023. The run-up to that date is the Era of Pre-Construction: design, letting of contracts, and acquisition of right-of-way. All of this planned inconvenience is in the name of a free flow of traffic in the County.

As a sop to aesthetics, \$0.01B will be earmarked for open space and parks, with a like contribution coming from cities benefitting. That brings the total proposed for this November's ballot to:

- Non-tolled freeways, **\$0.6B**
- Thoroughfares, **\$0.14B**
- Parks & Open Spaces, **\$0.01B**
- Total: **\$0.75B**

A modest start to the **\$4.7B** required.

And, of course, the take-away was:

If passed by voters, the November bond election will not increase the County's debt service tax rate.

Those wishing to peruse the details are advised to point their browsers to:

<https://www.collincountytx.gov>

Olin asked Brian about the 380 Project, specifically, how to "create mobility." Brian

pointed to the impracticalities of the project as regards freeways: there is not sufficient right-of-way. Perhaps a bypass is needed. But the question is how to route such a bypass for the lowest impact on homeowners in the area. TXdot will hold townhall meetings on the issue (at sites remote from 380 itself).

In response to Olin's second question on the fate of US 75, Brian told him that the expansion into northern Collin and southern Grayson counties will depend on the capture of Texas State funds, and the Council of Governments "needs to be ready to cost match."



Sainted Editor wanted to know how much of the funding was going to be diverted to the **JETSON CARS** pictured. Brian corrected him to "hovercraft," and confirmed none.

Johnny Lewis wanted to know about "reclaiming the HOV lanes of 75." That's not a topic at COG; they talk of "managed lanes," but there are "federal regulations against converting free to toll lanes."

Kelly Palmer said that the County needed 380 and an outer loop. Brian told him that would cost \$2.3B plus another \$B for the outer loop and right-of-way acquisition. It also begs the question "where do you cross Lake Lavon?"

Carolyn the Petite offered Brian our tiny flash drive. Janis praised Jo Via for stoicism in the face of the Balloon Festival rainout. Carolyn led the 4-Way Test and belled us gone at 12:49.



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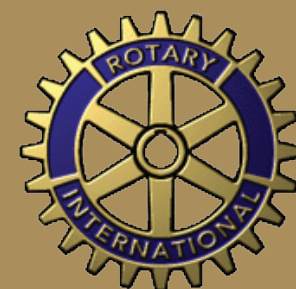
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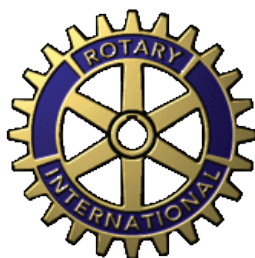
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