



BE THE INSPIRATION 2018-2019

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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

Oct 25th **Bill Slicker** Dist 5810 Governor

Nov 1st **NO NOON MEETING** 

Nov 8th **Chris Wallace** 

North TX Commission & Impact on DFW Economy



### **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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# Wayne, Wayne, Come Again!

**OY REEVES** was Photographe du Jour for having sat next to Sainted Editor. That'll teach him.

Carrolyn the Detite charged into the meeting at 12:13, drafting Blair Ritchev for the Prayer and Nancy Humphrey for the Pledge. She credited Charles Milby with Greeting and recalled **SERGEANT NANCY** to introduce Visiting Rotarians. There were none except Larry's guest.

Sainted Editor gave NANCY the ironic clap, and she responded, "Just one?" whereupon another appeared from the Peanut Gallery.



Larry Bisno welcomed Habitat for Humanity COO Gary Garza, commenting that he was a member of four Rotaries and is seeking to take the fifth.



Channeling Nathan and Jason, NAN-CY sought a member to "grill" and settled on PDG Brad Keith. Her first question (favorite musician or band) stumped Brad, who was unsure how many of us would remember



Scatman Crothers, but, after prompting from NANCY. answered, "The Beatles." He fared better with "first car," identifying a "1932 Chevrolet four-door." She asked about

his most interesting job; that was easy, "District Governor." Challenged to tell us a favorite travel spot, he said that he wanted to go "back to Hawaii," specifically Maui. Apparently, something we didn't know about him was his obtaining a private pilot's license at 16, the youngest in Kansas! He admitted to no tattoos and concluded that, having visited many clubs, foreign and domestic, he thinks the Plano Rotary Club is "a very good club."



Carrolyn the Petite recalled Brad to award him his 47-year Attendance Pin! She went on to honor Sam Greif (3) and Justin Roche (4) likewise.



Janis Allman announced the sad news that the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** was scheduled to be rained out as the BALLOON FESTIVAL had been. The Naturalization, Wellness Fair, and India Meme screening



will all be moved into the Courtyard Theater. But our booth will not be set up in the park. (As Sainted Chitor types this on Saturday morning, his backyard is flooding, so the prediction has come to pass.)

Carrolyn the Petite announced that our Meals of Hope event has been postponed. She also charged Nancy to introduce the day's speaker, noting that she'd have to take on Olin's role. He responded, "That bar is so damned low!"



Having all the fun of which she was capable on the *PISD* Board of Trustees, Nancy had apparently flailed around for something to do with her life and settled upon the Presidency of the Board of Directors of the **HENDRICK SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**. It was in that capacity that she introduced the Board's discovery of the Foundation's newest Executive Director, **Francesca Rolando**.

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Ms. Rolando has proven experience in executive leadership of nonprofit organizations, most recently in Dallas and Austin. She has a Master's degree in Human Relations from the *University of Oklahoma* and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from *Methodist College* in Fayetteville, NC.

Ms. Rolando is a solutions-driven individual with goals to transform operational outcomes and collaborate with various community stakeholders to expand opportunities for our students. She is personally driven to the mission of the Hendrick Scholarship Foundation to promote success in life for the students in our program. She is multi-lingual, speaking English, Spanish, and her native Italian

Ms. Rolando has begun learning all about the organization and is working to prepare for the upcoming *Pros for a Purpose Golf Tournament* to be held November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Francesca began by apologizing for her charming accent. (Why <u>is</u> that we Americans fall in love with European accents...save German, of course?) She has recognized "the importance of scholarships" because she came to America on one! So she is predisposed to work passionately for the **HENDRICK FOUNDATION**.

Having introduced us to the **HENDRICK** mission (Provides Plano ISD graduates who have overcome adversity with scholarships and support services to promote success in life), Francesca regaled us with statistics:

- **79** students served in 2018
- 17 new students to begin this fall
- 300+ scholarships awarded
- Totaling over **\$1,000,000** invested

She advised us to pump **John Caldwell** on his techniques for coaching and tutoring the scholars. That kind of activity distinguishes **HSF** from other scholarship programs. In addition, **HENDRICK** provides a complete course in education planning, as well as career guidance and life skills workshops. Francesca praised Plano for its wealth of community services to which **HSF** can refer its wards.

A "vast majority" of HSF scholars graduate with a 2 or 4 year college degree. She estimated that to be north of 70% compared with the "national average for similar demographics" students of 28-58%. She cited examples of success, e.g., Vincent Nguyen's baccalaureate in UTIMISTRY from Columbia University!

Francesca also gushed about the cooperation of **HSF** with *Collin College*, which funds several scholarships and

offers special advising and orientation sessions for **HSF** scholars. Indeed, a former scholar has returned to be a Student Advisor at *Collin College*. She'll make life easier for the 10 students starting there this year.

She preached to the choir, pointing out the advantages to society of an educated populace then solicited our help.

- More likely to vote and volunteer
- Have lower unemployment rates
- Make healthier life choices
- Emphasis education for their children



She also hinted that Nancy has a sign-up sheet for the Golf Tournament. Then she introduced the two **HSF** scholars she had brought with her, **Faith Cockrell** and **Nancy Guevara**. They took the stage.

Faith gave an example of HSF being "Plano's Best Kept Secret;" she said she didn't find out about it until the application deadline had almost passed. She's majoring in Nursing and planning to



transfer from *Collin College* to *Texas Tech*. She characterized her **HSF** counselor as "forceful," and said, "She didn't beat around the bush," but dictated schedules and prerequisites. But Faith liked that; it's evidence that someone cares about her success. She also likes that the scholarship lessens the burden of support on her Dad, working two jobs to put two daughters through college.



Nancy Guevara said that **HSF** "gives me hope" that "there are still good people out there." People who "don't see kids by labels" or expect impractical goals. "If it wasn't for

HSF," she might have missed two semesters. The scholars are "limited by family and grades," and yet HSF "holds your hand" and "keeps you on track," but most of all "motivates me to dream my most impossible dreams." They do this by using "our backgrounds to show us how much we've [already] achieved." HSF "doesn't say you're a success because of us" but rather "it was [always] in you." Nancy was working two jobs and going to school full-time. She was told "you can't afford to get lazy," so she left one job to make it better for herself "in the long run."

"We can make mistakes," and HSF "won't point fingers" but rather "tells you that you can learn and grow from them."

Carrolyn the Petite said, "This is one of my favorite times of year" when HSF presents. She gave our itty, bitty flash cards to the three presenters, wishing the students "good luck on your midterms." Then, since we had

the time, someone suggested a Q&A which Carrolyn had forgotten.

Someone asked Francesca, "What's it like working with Nancy Humphrey," a question that went thoughtfully unanswered.

When asked their fields of study, Faith Cockrell answered, "Psychiatric nurse practitioner," and Nancy Guevara responded, "Broadcasting."

roundtable discussions identified our venue as the topic of greatest interest. The Board is finalizing a survey to pass out to gather ideas. We chose *Gleneagles* because, at the time, there were no other venues large enough to hold our membership. Now that only about 1/3 of our original membership attends meetings, we are in financial trouble since the 34 attendees do not meet *Gleneagles*' contractual minimum of 45, so we pay for 11 meals no one eats. But we'll fix that.

She led us in the Four-Way Test and dismissed the gathering at 12:51.



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**Guest Guest of**Gary Garza Larry Bisno

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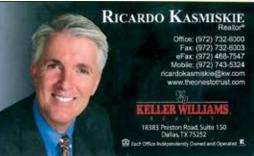
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The Plano Rotary Club is working with Samaritan Inn and Foster Friends this year with Santa & Mrs. Claus as a special treat. There will also be a school choir to perform. Donations can be given to Karen and Volunteers can call Camille Ussery at 469-964-6844 or email Camille.ussery@bthbank.com

### 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 2:00 pm to 4:00 BTH Bank Plano 1801 Preston Rd

