



FALL Weekly Reader

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Birthday ★ (Cow)Boy!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct 26

Nancy Humphrey
"Hendrick Scholarship
Foundation Presentation"

Nov 2

Keith Self
"Collin County Judge"

Nov 9

TBD



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



We were relegated to a small meeting room this day. The good news is that it was not cavernous, so we could understand what was spoken without difficulty. The bad news is, we fit.



Princelet Rick opened the meeting at 12:14, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Roy Reeves** for the Pledge. In the absence of the current and several backup **SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS**, Rick did the honors himself, having the traditional ZERO Visiting Rotarians to welcome.



Ross Shamshiri introduced an auto mogul, currently in negotiations to purchase CREST Cadillac, **Matt Riahi**.

Rick commended **Janis Allman** for her efforts on behalf of all Plano Rotaries to ensure their presence at the recent **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** which garnered some 20-25K patrons. She was onsite from start to finish, setting up and tearing down the exhibit which included a water pump symbolizing Rotary's push toward potable drinking water for the Third World.

He also noted fellow Rotarians convalescing (**Mike Booher** from ankle surgery) and **Nancy Humphrey** soon to be convalescing from rotor cuff surgery.

Rick announced he'd met with the other Rotary Club Presidents to discuss joint efforts. They are cooperating with **Minnie's**

FOOD PANTRY. We are to bring canned goods starting next week (today, as you read this) or cash donations, help pack the donations on 11/5, and distribute the items on 11/18. For the latter, a form must be filled out. **Alex Johnson** will rustle up Interactors from **PSH** and **Jasper**.

Plano East Rotary is moving ahead with its **FIELD OF HONOR** project whereby vets and first responders can be honored with flags and plaques.



There will be a joint **HALLOWEEN PARTY** at **Greek Isles** on 10/30 from 6:30-9:30. Proceeds from the event go to charity.

On 11/18, Rotary President **Ian Riseley** will be at a 5:30 Meet'n'Greet at the **DFW Grand Hyatt**. Participating clubs are asked to bring an auction item worth at least **\$100**. In keeping with a project of his, each Rotarian will be encouraged to plant a tree; our clubs will work with the Plano Parks Department to facilitate this.

And, of course, there'll be our annual **Holiday Party**, details forthcoming.

Pam Little announced White Goods (linens and such) to be donated to the **Samaritan Inn**.

With that, **Mary Jo Dean** arose to introduce the day's speaker, ex-Cowboy Center, **Corey Proctor**, whose birthday was yesterday, but he (thankfully) received no sung tribute!

Corey is a former American football guard with the NFL, who played for the **Dallas Cowboys** and the **Miami Dolphins**. He played college ball at **U. Montana**, having received a scholarship. He became a four-year starter with 42 consecutive starts.





On 30 November 2005, he was signed by the *Dallas Cowboys* from the *Detroit Lions* practice squad. He was a backup at guard and center. In his first two years in the league, he was active for two games. In 2007, he played all 16 games and started at center for **Andre Gurode**.

On 24 May 2010, he was signed by the *Miami Dolphins* as a free agent, reuniting with former *Cowboys* head coach, **Bill Parcells**.

Proctor was the drummer for the metal band *Free Reign*, a project also involving *Cowboys* linemen **Marc Colombo** and **Leonard Davis**. He has also appeared on the VH-1 reality show, *Rock and Roll Fantasy Camp*.


Eschewing the mic in so small a venue, Corey said that he didn't like to "hide" behind a lectern. **John Caldwell** offered the opinion, "You can't hide; you're too big." Corey didn't trounce him, but perhaps John's remark helps explain why "*Texas fits me better than Washington*" did.

Corey's title, **Power of the Huddle**, offered him an excuse to "be an influence, to have an impact on as many as I can." The "people you walk with impact you and you on them." The guys on his team "changed my life."



He apologized in advance for the next anecdote while we were eating. The

gang ate out at ~~PADDDAS~~ **PADDDAS** *Steakhouse*. They were **Doug Free** (offensive tackle), **Marco Rivera** (guard), Andre Gurode (center, guard), and the baby of the bunch, **Jason Whitten** (tight end), not to drop names. One patron of the restaurant took a look at who was being seated

and requested, "Get my order in before you feed these guys!" The bill for wining and dining this crew came to over **\$8,000⁰⁰!!** But that wasn't the gross part of the story, even though it represents more than \$1,600⁰⁰ per person. (Musta been the 1853 *Château Mouton Rothschild*.) Doug Free was on the hook for the meal, but he didn't carry that much loose change, and Corey claimed all he had wouldn't buy a box of ! So Marco came up with a solution:

"We're all gonna help you with this, but you gotta drink the rest of this **lobster butter!**" (Still not the gross part.)

Doug agreed and began "chugging butter." Mid-swallow, Jason Whitten made piggy noises that so surprised Doug that he laughed, "shooting butter out his nose!" Those still eating pushed away their plates.

Corey was apparently so impressed with the high jinks (or perhaps low jinks) that he wondered aloud, "How am I in this family? But I love 'em."



Then he launched into family statistics, like all boys! Indeed, his "baby girl is the first in three generations." His parents "split when I was 8-9 years old." By age 13, he had seen his seventh school. He was wondering where his next stop would be when a hulking bruiser approached him at school. "You're a big dude. You should come play football with us!" Corey opined, "He was making a play. He didn't know who I was or what I was doin'. That guy put me in a family with one simple invite. And he changed my life, big time!"

So this "little fat kid in pads" shows up at the next cattle call, responding to the suggestion "Go to the spot you want to play" by trotting over to the quarterback practice! "I think I'm a pro." The coach goes down the line, stopping at him, asking, "what are you doin'? I got the biggest guy on the field tryin' to be a QB. I'll put you where your gift is best fit."

He learns his trade, gets a scholarship to *U. Montana*, goes to Dallas by way of Detroit, and ends up in Miami, facing the *Chicago Bears*. The Dolphins come out onto the field issuing a Proctor-sponsored wolf-cry, "**HOOOWL!!**" at a game under a full moon: "Eerie!" On Corey's first play, he's opposite **Brian Urlacher**. The ball is snapped, and all "goes dark." He wakes up, unable to use his leg because the kneecap is up his thigh. What will he tell his wife?

She is, after all, finishing law school in Miami, and his career is now ended!

Marco drove Corey and her back, making another play. When we're at a low point, *"we get stuck in the process."* We're in danger of quitting *"because something's in my way. Then I need people around me to get me through that wall."*

As another example, he was the middle of three boys. A nephew was diagnosed with a tumor, and they received *"the final news"* at *St. Jude's Hospital*. He had to help his brother carry his only son.

Corey *"couldn't think of anything to say"* except to *"tell him how much I love him."* Encouraging him to *"get rid of that scary place"* and *"take another chance,"* Corey was pleased that his brother *"now gets two girl children."*

All those plays made for him *"prepared me for that play,"* he told us. *"I'm worth more than that. You're worth more than that!"* So he encouraged us to ask, *"Who's in your huddle that you can make a play for?"*

He was asked whether there was a disability clause in his contract, covering the injury. Corey said that impairments are rated and given an evaluation.

Someone wanted to know what became of the \$8K bill. They covered *"most of it."* If it had been up to him, *"I would drink a glass of butter"* for \$8K. But such a stunt wouldn't prepare him for his role in the development of **KILL CLIFF** drinks (for bulking up in gyms), he said, in a product placement spot.

Charles Milby asked if he'd lost weight, and Corey said he'd lost 70 pounds off his original 320!

Scary Bob inquired about his perspective on the recent NFL knee-taking brouhaha. Corey told him *"I can't talk from someone else's experience, but how you communicate is as important as what you communicate. So if I'm standing on your mama's grave, you're not going to listen to me."*

Rick Horne asked about coaching as a future for him. Corey said, *"the simpler the better. I'd give 'em two plays and drill those into the ground."*

Jeff Beckley asked how long it took Corey to come back from where he was. Corey

said, *"When my nephew passed, I didn't want to talk to God, but God has worked in my life."* His wife goes to church and issued a challenge, *"Come if you want."* Corey thought, *"I'M the MAN in this family!"* and meekly went.



Rick Horne gifted Corey with our multi-port charger, saying that his was *"a great message,"* and Corey had *"a bright path ahead."*

Then Prince Horne, architect of Gleneagles financing, told us he's in negotiations with the Country Club for the next contract, and he'd have ballots on our tables, permitting us to vote on how to reduce dues, because *"I serve at your beck and call."*

Jeff Beckley called for a volunteer to dine on 11/8 (?) with the *Jasper High School* Interactors in lunch block B.

Nancy (pre-rotor cuff) Humphrey said she needed volunteers for the Golf Tournament as Hole-in-One watchers and registrars. Golfing celebrities will be present because the event is a Pro-Am.

After leading us in the Four-Way Test, Rick closed the proceedings at 12:58.



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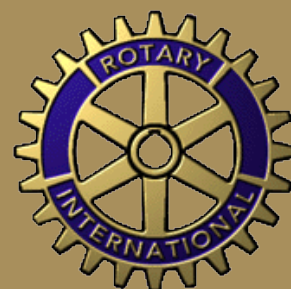
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