



Summer Weekly

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 12th

Art Centre of Plano

Suzy Jones, Executive
Director & Keri Fleming,
Event Coordinator

September 19th

Census 2020 Presentation

Rick Horne

September 26th

75th Anniversary

Committee Presentation

Each Committee Chair
to present an update of
their committee program
that leads up to the 75th
Anniversary Gala



ENDPOLIONOW

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hubert Aaron

Sep 17



OLD HOME WEEK

PARTYING at the **Haggard Party** **Barn** was especially nice with the addition of old friends from days gone by. Indeed, with the exception of the cuisine (not Rutledge's control, by the way), it would give *Gleneagles* a run for our money.

JOFFREY THE MAGNANIMOUS caught **Sainted Editor** off-guard by opening the meeting early at 12:10. Double threat man, **Blair Ritchey**, both offered the Invocation and was today's photographer. Visiting Rotarian, **Lenny Schwartz** (Plano East), led us in the Pledge, and, not to be caught out thrice, Jeff thanked **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** for Greeting.

SERGEANT HORNE curtailed the **3 Minutes of Torture** today so he'd have time to recognize all our guests. They included three Past District Governors (two turtle doves, and an Event Host in a pear tree). **LB Showalter**, **Ean Sullivan**, and **Herb Hoxie** were the PDGs. Herb took the mic to thank the Club for its recognition of the passing of **Helen Hoxie** and its donations to the church library that she oversaw. He also was willing to take the credit or the blame for recruiting **Sainted Editor** for the Club! **LB** and **Ean** are members of *Plano East*; in addition to **Lenny**, they were represented by **Jan Sullivan** and **Rick Maucieri**, all former members of *Plano Rotary*.

The event host, Rutledge Haggard, was the guest of **Lenny**. We all sang the praise of

his offering up the **Party Barn** for our meeting. But we weren't done!



Janelle had brought event planner, **Judy Cordell**. **Larry Bisno** fed wife **Tonia Gomes Bisno**. And **Blair Ritchey** introduced former member **Ben Carroll**.

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Jeff queried **Johnny Lewis** about an **RI Minute** and was told “no way.” So he announced that the *Bubba’s Bucket* monies would go this month to *Children’s Advocacy Center* as per **Sarah Watkins’** instructions. (She won the **birthday** lottery.)

Janis Allman told us that she lost all our email addresses in a botched backup operation, so would we please send her an email, permitting her to rebuild her address book? Jeff noted that message came from either (Janis) **Joplin** or the (Allman) **Sisters**, quickly corrected to “**Brothers!**” She’s “*world famous*.” (Where’s **KIRK’S** jibes now?)



Next month is our *Peanut Butter Drive* to restock local food banks. AND 19 September is **NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY**, for which we’ve signed up (at a hefty credit card fee). Jeff is expecting us all to cough up **\$75** for our 75th Anniversary to match with donors to **NTGD**. Of course, we need a cause “*to rally behind*,” so that is the rationale for today’s luncheon.

Jeff said that “*Ean Sullivan wrote the book*” on the *Plano Children’s Clinic* and, he’d brought today the “300 pound” Rotary Wheel off the clinic today (shown above). He was here to tell the story of its not still being on the clinic.

Ean took the mic and said it was a privilege to talk to us about the clinic, “*which is very personal to me*.” “*What the Club did [in its regard] is beyond description!*” When he first encountered the clinic, it was in a two-bedroom house

staffed by two volunteer doctors. He saw 75 families, standing in the rain, seeking medical attention. He learned that the staff was trying to create a permanent home for the PCMC.

Ean was slated to be President the next year, but he went to then President **Skip Jenkins** and said that such a project couldn’t wait. “*We need to do it now*.” The result was that Skip made a five-year commitment to raise **\$100K**. Such was the attraction of the project that the fundraising was accomplished in only 18 months.

Spurring the process was a fire that razed their two-bedroom house. “*Fire can be your friend*,” as Skip noted. The funding came as cash and in-kind services, such as Rick Maucieri’s volunteering to do all the landscaping. When all was said and done, they’d raised **\$350K** for the building and **\$250K** in the bank for services.

That success led to “*other projects around the world*” such as Herb Hoxie’s District Conference in Puerto Vallarta that resulted in our adopting a dirt-floor school with no bathroom and one water faucet. *Plano Rotary* began by creating a water filtration system for the one faucet, then it raised \$10K while in Mexico, increasing that to \$80K when back in Texas. Herb sent the money not to a governmental agency but to the *PV Rotary Club* which built a 2-story, 8-classroom school with almost \$8K left over. They returned the remainder enjoining *Plano Rotary* to “*do it again somewhere else!*”



Ken Roberts wanted “*to do something lasting*” and helped create the *Collin County Adult Clinic*, setting up a 501(c)(3) for the purpose. Ean chaired its Advisory Board. It has since morphed into *Health Services for North Texas*, for which Larry Bisno is the Dir. of Strategic Initiatives.

The church leased the building for \$1 a year, because 99¢ sounded too cheap. But as downtown has grown, the land has become quite valuable, so the church sold it, and the clinic had to shut down. Losing our precious Rotary Wheel was anathema to Ean, who took it off the building before it could be demolished. He swore that, although the Club has been guilty of midnight acquisitions before, this was “*not done that way*.” So he needs to find a place to put it such that it continues to serve the community.



Rutledge has kindly offered to store the abysmally heavy thing until such time as it can be restored to prominence.

Larry Bisno continued the pitch. “*Those who work in the non-profit fields are middle persons*,” he told us, seeing to the provision of services in support of the wishes of donors. And the need for *Heath Services of North Texas (HSNT)* is great. In Collin County:

- 58,233 living in poverty; 15,119 are children
- 106,331 medically uninsured; 21,543 are children
- 11 areas of the county are medically underserved; 4 of them here in Plano!
 - ZIPcodes 75074, -75, -23, and -02 house 50,000 low income individuals of which 32,276 are medically uninsured

The church leased the building but not the parking lot on which it rested. So they had to vacate.

Noting that >50% of their patrons came from Wylie, and as their facilities in Wylie had unused exam rooms, the clinic “*shifted nine mile away.*” This permitted them to expand hours because “*you don’t want to be closed in flu season.*” An estimated **70%** of patrons moved with them.

While the Adult Clinic “*has totally shut down,*” that at the Douglass Center remains. **HSNT** submitted an infectious diseases grant to metropolitan Dallas and got a three-year grant at ½ funding for full pediatric care at their Park and Avenue K facility. That has begun “*filling the gap caused by the death of the adult clinic.*” A medical care provider has been hired and will be operational in 60 days.

Jeff asked whether or not the original medical staff will return. Larry said, “*Some.*” Jeff went on to ask the \$75K question, “*How can we help?*”

Ean said that \$75K is “*a lofty goal,*” but it has to be raised. One lucrative source is the Rotary Global Grant which must be in excess of \$30K. While “*Plano is not global,*” all that is required is matching monies (**\$500**) from at least one of the international clubs which we have benefitted. All monies raised are matched 7 to 1 by 5810 (from [1/2] our RI Foundation donations). An additional requirement is that the funds cannot go for “*brick and mortar*” projects, so Larry must get creative in his grant-writing efforts.

Joe Camarena asked if the other clubs have bought in. He was told that the project “*resonates with all of the clubs.*”

Janis inquired after the fate of the existing building. Larry said that it’d be used “*for educational purposes*” until the renovation of the property is over. Any money coming back from the church will go “*into program services.*”

Jeff commented that “*our participation is a lasting legacy.*”

Maria Mott commented that the building is surely respected and not in jeopardy, but Larry said that it was “*a traditional rental.*”

The new building has the same 5K sq. ft. footprint but “*more room capacity.*” And, of course, it is something on which to hang Ean’s plaque. “*The mission is more important than*

the building.” Jeff commented that the church has sold all the surrounding land, not just the building.

John Priest asked the length of the lease. Larry said it is three years but they’ve already been there for 12, and he has “*no concern*” because “*they like to keep their tenants.*”

LB Showalter commented that monies raised will go to help the indigent adult population.

Olin Jaye asked about where our checks are to go; Larry said they should be made out to *Health Services of North Texas.*

Mary Jo Dean commented that with *Collin County Adult Clinic* closed, hospitals have nowhere to send the indigent, so they “*bounce back to the ERs.*” So **HSNT** needs our support, and we can have “*confidence in them to have a successful project.*”

Jeff said that he will cheerfully accept \$75 from all of us. Commenting on the catering, **John Caldwell** urged us to take all the food home, otherwise “*it’ll be thrown away.*”

Ean was first in line to donate his \$75. **Sainted Editor** outdid him with \$100 but only because he didn’t have the right change! Jeff said that he’ll hold everyone “*accountable, because that’s what I do as an accountant!*” Then he led us in the 5-Way Test and gonged us gone at 1:05.



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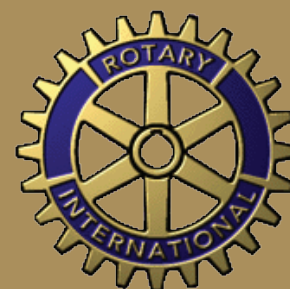
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