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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sep 13

**Jo Via & Company**

"Plano Balloon Festival Update & Volunteer Opportunities"

Sep 20

**Andra Watkins**

"Ordinary Rotarians doing Extraordinary Things" - Walking the 444 Natchez Tract

Sep 27

**Brian Loughmiller**

"Collin County Bond Election & Better Roads for Collin County"

  
**ENDPOLIONOW**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clay Curtis	Sep 10
Hubert Aaron	Sep 17



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# Reader

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## Ancient Ones Focus on Youth

**H**igh Tech *Carolyn the Petite* took us to the Internet, live-streaming our meeting to Facebook. *Sainted Editor*, who fancies himself a



tech guru (just because he takes notes on an iPad II™ with a Bluetooth™ keyboard!?!), chastised *Carolyn* for minimizing the resolution by making a PORTRAIT instead of a LANDSCAPE video. He was corrected, in turn, by one half his age, **Hayden Padgett**, the Real McCoy. And MC **Alex Johnson** commented upon our being able to proceed now that the peanut gallery had been heard from.

Alex produced **Blair Ritchey** to Pray and Chief **Sam Greif** to Pledge, crediting **Mary Jo Dean** with Greeting, and summoning **SERGEANT HUMPHREY** to welcome.

**NANCY** admitted to zero Visiting Rotarians and **Sara Akers** introduced her Development Assistant, **Charlotte Forcht**.

Alex announced today's program to be all about Service to Youth and our Club's commitment to it. He did so standing strategically in front of the 5810 banner touting our award-winning status in that regard. (Way to advertise, Alex!)

He said that we won the award not for our \$100K donation to Collin College (for nursing scholarships) because "it's not Dollars



*above Self* but rather *'Service above Self.'* To exemplify this, he'll call upon several members who have distinguished themselves in Service to Youth and could use a little assistance from others.

But first he asked **Brad Keith** to explain his role today. Brad said that he's the official timer, giving speakers three minutes before "*Alex gives you the hook.*"



Alex asked **Bob Bauer** why he's involved with youth. Bob said, "*Because Alex twisted my arm.*" He corrected that immediately to the more PC "*because I wanted to work with young people.*" Bob teaches a Personal Finance program to 9<sup>th</sup> graders at *Shepton High*. Many haven't thought yet about going to college, and some are "*totally clueless.*" (Wow!! PC lasted all of 30 seconds.) He gets them to consider earning, saving, investing, interest, and "*how to be a savvy consumer.*" Giving back "*is a wonderful experience.*"

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**Rick Horne** echoed Bob's initial reaction: *"I was drafted,"* but he also softened that by saying that he had helped select our RYLA candidates from *Plano Senior High*. He said that it was tough winnowing the field down to the four we sent; *"I would have sent every one of those kids!"* He told us that *PISD* schools *"don't teach leadership,"* at which Carolyn, Nancy, **Sarah Watkins**, and the ghost of **Karla Oliver** blanched. So RYLA, where students learn *"listening, coordinating, and teamwork,"* is a blessing through which *"kids come back changed."* Rick maintained that a lot of its graduates are *"applying the lessons learned"* to careers in business, turning them into the *"type of kids to lead our community into the future."*

**Roy Reeves** is our RYLA Chairman and said that he needs two interviewers and our continued support.

**CAPTAIN KIRK** talked of his shepherding the **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET(s)**. When he was Club President, he asked himself, *"What are we good at?"* It came to him that we'd been doing **Citizen of the Month** programs at several elementary schools for years! So he called Karla to ask how we could parley that success into something bigger. They picked half a dozen schools to begin with, honoring two 4<sup>th</sup> graders and two 5<sup>th</sup> graders from lists nominated by the Principals. *PISD* asks us to pick the winners. *"It means so much to the students"* to be rewarded for *"doing the right thing."* And *"being good citizens ties them to Rotary."* The program has grown to 11 schools and two nights of banquets.

Kirk said he needed *"lots of help"* the nights of the events. That's especially so if the caterers don't set everything up! He needs at least 10 volunteers each night.

Alex then had Sara Akers comment on her monthly citizenship program at *Sigler Elementary*. She said that **Principal Arend** refers to their *"caught being good"* moments.

Mary Jo told us that her daughter started a Citizen of the Month program for the Rotary Club of Omaha. She offered the kids Pizza lunches and Rotary Four-Way Test coins. She has since added additional schools.

Alex asked Carolyn to pan over club members to get a sense of how many offer Citizen of the Month programs.

As for INTERACT, Alex is the advisor for *Plano Senior High* and Sara advises the program in *Jasper High*.



Last year's advisor to *Jasper* was **Jeff Beckley**. He said that *"it's very heartwarming"* personally *"watching the kids learn and grow."* INTERACT teaches them to *"take charge"* and serve their local and the international community. He encouraged us all the *"take the opportunity to become an INTERACT advisor."*

Alex pointed out that INTERACT teaches kids how to be good Rotarians. E.g., a kid, NOT chosen for RYLA, become an INTERACT officer and an RYE.

Hayden told us that although he's been in Plano Rotary for only two years,

he's been a Rotarian twice as long as that. He is our representative for the Rotary Youth Exchange program. It's a six-week program where our students spend 3 weeks with a home host in another country and theirs spend 3 weeks with one here. Rotary contributes less than \$500 for each exchange, and the parents contribute the rest.



Last year, Alex, the 5810 Exchange Director, asked **Rick Maucieri**, *"Do you know that Belle (Maucieri) wants to go to Italy?"* So **Ean** and *Plano East* acted as sponsor for **Elena**, the Italian Rotary Exchange student, whom Rick, **Lori**, and Belle home-hosted.



Roy Reeves announced that volunteers for the Four-Way Test Speech Contest have it easy since **"John Caldwell does all the hard work."** However, he does need judges and an audience for the auditions. We have won at 5810 *"three out of the last five years!"* One of the reasons



for our success had been opening the program up to all high schoolers, but mostly it's because *"the kids knocked it out of the park."* Indeed, he said that one contestant who didn't even win now appears on TV as a commentator.

**KIRK** said that's just one of many programs *"we do well."* There's also **Angel Tree**, admirably overseen by **Camille Ussery**.



Alex encouraged us to think quantity as well as quality. The Four-Way Test Contest exposes 50 kids to Rotary in one setting. We have a lot of members who could volunteer; indeed, that *"is the goal of this meeting."* Volunteering not only *"makes the Club better,"* it also makes the Club *"more attractive to new members."*

**Daniel Askari**, now in his second year in the Club, is to be our Youth Service Chair next year. Alex himself will be the 5810 Youth Service Chair. He'll tackle coordination between the clubs for *"a concerted message."* He hopes that in 10 or 20 years, the youth served today will become the Rotarians of tomorrow.

**Janis Allman** mentioned the clubs' booth at the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FES-**

**TIVAL**. Alex said that the INTERACT clubs should be represented there as well.

**Carolyn the Petite** then terminated the video stream and presented Camille Ussery with her (invisible) 10-year Rotary Service pin.



She then reminded us of the **PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE** that begins in two weeks, since we are off the first Thursday of the month. Following the Four-Way Test recitation, **Carolyn** closed the program at 12:58.



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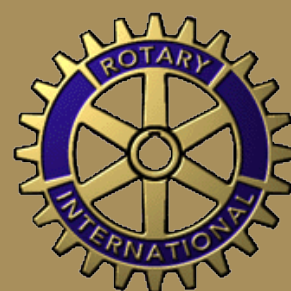
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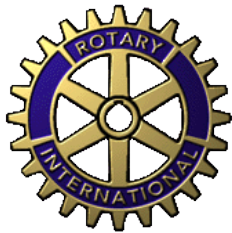
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## 5th Annual Plano PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

In partnership with The City of Plano, the NTFB will be collecting plastic, regular-sized peanut butter jars. **Plano Rotary Club will be collecting jars of peanut butter during all meetings during the month of September.** The city wide goal is to collect **50,000 pounds!** #spreadthehopeplano

