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# Reader

The Plano Rotary Club  
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## STATE OF PLANO ARTS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**September 19th**

**Census 2020 Presentation**  
Rick Horne

**September 26th**

**75th Anniversary Committee  
Presentation**

Positivity & Engagement  
Christy Largent  
October 3rd

**NO NOON MEETING**

(first Thursday of the month)



**ENDPOLIONOW**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hubert Aaron

Sep 17



**J**OFFREY THE NOBLE called the rabble to order at 12:14, summoning **Rick Horne** to give the Invocation and **Justin Roche** the Pledge. He credited **Peggy Fenwick** with Greeting and resurrected Rick as **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**. (Today's photographer was **Roy Reeves**.)

Rick demurred at the applause, "*Too gracious*," announced zero Visiting Rotarians, and opened the floor to sponsored guests. **Sainted Editor** introduced his "*blushing bride of 33 years*," **Pat Storck** the Shy. She insisted on no photograph, so Chris obliged by hiding her from Roy's attentions. **Jo Via** stood to welcome her guest, but it wasn't her turn, so she sat fuming. **Joe Camarena** presented **Debbie Ortiz**, owner of *Realty Executives Metroplex*. Jo was invited to be next, and she welcomed prodigal daughter and a Past President of *Plano Rotary*, **Susan Iron Butterfly Shuler**. **Maria**



**Mott** bade us greet a lover of the Arts, **Linda Anderson**. And **Kelly Palmer** welcomed prodigal son and former *Plano Rotary* member, **Steve Matthews**.

Rick sought out **Jerry Aris** to stand and deliver. Jerry was born in Gaston, AL, moving to "*the side of a hill*" at 6 months; it



was a trauma that was to be repeated numerous times in his young life. And a trauma in the lives of many of his fellows; his 7<sup>th</sup> grade class held 25 kids from 20 different states! He finally lit in Plano in 1982, starting a company in Dallas which itself was mobile, transitioning to Irving and Allen before alighting in Plano via a residential lease from **Rutledge Haggard**. He joined Rotary 9 years ago for the lunches. His favorite candy: Snickers, dessert: pie, pet: cat, vacation: beach, sport: football to watch and skiing to participate.

Such was the effort pulling teeth that Rick belated agreed with **Sainted Editor**, 3 **Minutes of Torture**.

Calling up the **Birthday Lottery Winner**, **Sarah Watkins**, Jeff handed her a **Bubba's Bucket** check for **\$175.50** to be given to her favorite charity, the *Children's Advocacy Center*. Then he read the name of the single birthday boy, **Hubert Aaron**. Jeff had Hu-



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bert draw the lottery winner's name from the hat of those present, and, lo, it was Hubert Aaron, thus no one could charge a conflict of interest. Hubert was asked for his charity to which all Bubba's Bucket monies would be directed this month, and, as he hesitated a second, **Mary Jo Dean** piped up "*Hendrick Scholarship!*" to which Hubert gratefully agreed. (She denies strongly conflict of interest!)

Jeff reminded us that this month we were to supply **SKIPPY**, **Jif**, **Peter Pan**, generic peanut butter or a suitable check for the *Great Peanut Butter Drive*. And he congratulated the Club for its 75<sup>th</sup> year donations that reached his goal. He even praised Past President **John Ernst** *in absentia* for his \$75. John is an avid reader of *Sainted Editor's Bulletin* preview (to which any of you can subscribe with an email to DrCAParr@AOL.com or unsubscribe for that matter). Jeff asked that we "*carry the message to Plano*" of our matching money war chest ready for **NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY**. With a 7:1 Rotary International match, we'll raise almost \$50K for the *Children's Clinic*.



Maria Mott called **Bob Kehr** (pronounced "care") and **Emma Smith** (pronounced "smith") to the podium as well as their respective sponsors, **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** and **CAPTAIN KIRK**. Maria read the induction notice to both of them separately, a model of efficiency, after which they were pinned by their sponsors to a standing applause.

Joe Camarena reprised his role of Program Chair, introducing today's speaker, **Suzy Jones**, the Executive Director of the **ART CENTRE OF PLANO**. Present in spirit only was **Keri Fleming**, the **ART CENTRE'S** Event Coordinator.



The Art Centre is located at 902 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street with an entrance on Avenue H. Its mission statement: The Art Centre of Plano inspires, supports, and promotes excellence, diversity, and vitality in the Arts and Art Education in the community. Suzy has been instrumental in the consistent growth of the Art Centre of Plano since 2004. She brings a rich experience from her roles at the *Dallas Museum of Art*, the *Crow Collection of Asian Art*, and the *Women's Museum*. She was a faculty member at *Richland College* and *Collin College* in Art History and Art Appreciation. Suzy is an active community volunteer and loves to travel with her daughter, Sarah, in Plano. She will speak on "*The History of the Art Centre Art Exhibits in the Area and the Plano Arts Coalition (PAC)*."

The **ART CENTER** began in 1981, but Suzy has been Exec. Dir. for only 15 years. It moved around Plano but came to rest in the Saigling House whose previous tenant was City House. In addition to art exhibits, it hosts events. Just recently it received grants for a program called **Jump Start for the Arts** which is a free introduction for kids.



Suzy is also VP of the *Plano Arts Coalition* (the best kind of **PAC**). She insists the arts have a positive impact on the economy, so it's not just *Ars Gratia Artis* whatever **MGM** may say. Indeed she alleges that art boosts the US economy by **\$763,600,000,000** annually, an oddly specific number greater than agriculture or transportation!

Since she thinks we're all dyed-in-the-wool business folk, she presented her arguments in bullet-form:

#### Why Art?

- **Art is for ALL students**
  - Students that participate in the arts will do better in math, science, and reading. They are more creative, more likely to take risks, and are more enthusiastic learners.
- **Art makes you happier**
  - Art entertains! Whether you are watching the ballet, an opera, a serious or comedic

- play, or visiting an art museum, art will make you happier.
- **Art makes you healthier**
  - People who make art or include art in their lives are healthier people overall.
- **Art creates jobs** by strengthening the economy.
- **ART TEACHES US HOW TO DREAM!**

She did the same for the PAC:

#### PLANO ARTS COALITION

- Made up of Arts groups, leaders, and individual artists in and around Plano
- Collaborate with each other to give the community a stronger arts presence
- Collaborate with other organizations (such as HDPA, Historic Downtown Plano Arts District) to strengthen events (ArtsFest)

And she offered the following vision statement

- **The Vision of the Plano Arts Coalition (PAC) is to establish Plano as a diverse cultural destination through collaboration, promotion, and advocacy.**



The takeaway from the talk was literally a takeaway sheet advertising a panel discussion on the **STATE OF THE ARTS** at 5 pm on October 20 in North Texas Performing Arts at **THE SHOPS AT WILLOW BEND**. **Florence Shapiro** will be keynote speaker. (**Howard** can't be tardy to that nor leave early!) For info about **SOTA**, contact **Janelle** at 972-679-5742.

In Q&A, Suzy was asked how one rents space in the Saigling House. She says that non-profits get 2 hours of meeting time free of

charge. And the event coordinator can arrange a full day rent of the facility, both indoors and out (on its spacious park patio) at 972-423-7809.

Jeff asked about "*missed opportunities*," and Suzy emphasized awareness, awareness with an anecdote about hearing, "*I didn't know you were here!*" far too much.

Suzy goes down to Austin on Arts Day to advocate for Arts in Texas. She says that she's learned how to talk to representatives about needs in the arts.

Mary Jo Dean asked how exhibits are planned, and Suzy said they have an 18 month preparation time. The current exhibit is *Women in Art*.

Suzy said that she teaches at Collin College as well as working with its Arts Club.

Jeff gave her our "*highly-coveted, perpetual, multiport charger*," and admitted to having failed to announce Rotary Service pins. They went to Janelle (1) and Jeff (3). Then he led us in the Five-Way Test and dispersed the crowd at 12:53.



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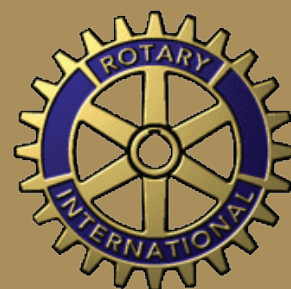
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Joe Camarena  
Maria Mott  
Kelly Palmer  
Joe Via

#### Visiting Rotarians

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# Spread the Love

**Peanut Butter Drive September 1 - 30**

Over 44,000 children in Collin County worry about having enough to eat. Hungry children have trouble learning. Our Rotary club wants all children to reach their potential; let's get them some food! Plano's Mayor LaRosiliere says, "This is the time of year when members of our community come together to spread hope with their generosity and care. We look forward to everyone in Collin County donating peanut butter to their neighbors."

## BRING PEANUT BUTTER TO ROTARY ON SEPTEMBER 19TH & 26TH

During September, North Texas Food Bank will be collecting plastic jars of peanut butter to help feed hungry children and their families. Their goal is to collect 100,000 pounds of peanut butter!