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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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"

Oct 04

NO NOON MEETING



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clay Curtis Sep 10

Hubert Aaron Sep 17



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# Reader

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## Look! Up in the Sky!!



**F**ANS of feathered boas were appreciative of **Carrolyn the Petite's** feathered fan. Not the least of them was PP **Susan Shuler**, our **iron butterfly**, whose own fluffy *haute couture* inspired **Carrolyn's** lectern deco.

**Madame President** (over what kind of a House does a **Madame** preside?) pranged the Great Rotary Gong at 12:13 summoning **Blair Ritchey** to Pray and **Larry "welcome back" Flannery** to Pledge. She credited **Randy Langford** with Greeting and called one-time, sometime, never-never **SERGEANT KRAMER** to welcome no visiting Rotarians. **JASON** said he'd inform **NANCY** that he'd "*had a standing ovation, and she'll never get one.*" (Way to sociopath, Jason!)



After **Jo Via** had introduced her new minion, Susan Shuler, **JASON** prowled the room, looking for a **3 Minutes of Fame** victim and making radar sounds. "*Beep beep beep, Pradeep!*" having chosen His Excellency **Samudra** for a tell-all session.

**Pradeep's** been a Rotarian for four years. He wisely declined to ID his favorite Rotarian in the Club. His first car was a *Ford Freedom*. *Fleetwood Mac* is his favorite musical group. He declined to guess the weirdest thing that's happened to **FLASH** on his job. But he was sanguine about whether **Carrolyn** bore a lightning tattoo, but he wisely declined to say where she bore it. The one thing we're unlikely to know about him is his mastery of several languages, but since India struggles with



720 dialects of 22 languages, it's not surprising.

When next she captured the mic, **Carrolyn** denied having "*a tattoo*," let alone where the **multiple** tattoos that denial left unanswered might be hiding.

**Jeff Beckley**, our President-Elect (!), was awarded his TWO-YEAR Rotary pin.

**Carrolyn** touted our two birthday boys: **Clay Curtiss** and **Hubert Aaron**. The Club escaped the embarrassment of singing to them as they were AWOL.



**Janelle Twyford-Silvis** was welcomed "*into the fellowship of any Rotary in the world*," after which her sponsor, **Robert Reed**, pinned her terribly cautiously. She seemed disappointed that it didn't "*involve blood*."

**Johnny Lewis** gigged Susan Shuler about **Carrolyn's** feathered fan then got down to business giving **Roy Reeves** his Paul Harris pin and certificate, noting that this gave our "100% PHF club" its 57<sup>th</sup> PHF. That doesn't, of course, add up to 100%, so Johnny has some more work to do. He said the Club also sports 2 sustaining member, 4 benefactors, and potentially 3 major donors.

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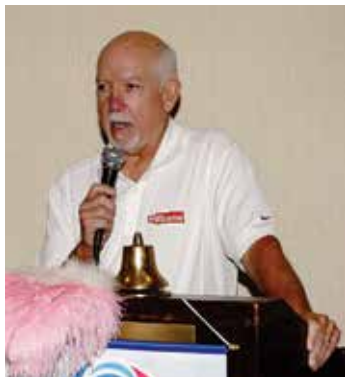


Johnny also nailed Roy as an “avid motorcyclist,” riding a *Harley*, of course. If cornered, he would cheerfully pull out an *iPhone™* full of (not family but) motorcycle photos. Apparently his hog is painted **sapphire crust** with **bisque** trim? It had previously been **Kelly Green**. At that point, **Jo Via** pointed out that, as a previous motorcycle owner, Johnny was probably jealous. Unfazed, the Judge pronounced that “just as a motorcycle without an engine would just be eye candy,” so too the Foundation is “the engine that drives Rotary.” (That’s too bad; ~~Sainted Editor~~ kind of likes the idea to be thought of as eye candy.)

Johnny coerced Roy into offering “free rides out front.” Then he got Roy to admit his motivation in becoming a PHF was that the “Foundation makes a difference.” Then the judge drove home that point, telling us that our \$1,000 would purchase blankets for 100 kids, sewing machines for 40 women, and school supplies and books for 40 young people in Mali.

**Olin Jaye** is kicking himself around the block for failing to be present to roast speaker, Jo Via, but former **Plano Balloon Festival** board member, **Rick Horne**, did the honors. He suggested that Event Director **Jessica Jackson** does the work while Jo is the pretty face that handles media appearances.

The Jo and Jessica Show is put on every year here at Plano Rotary Club, but this year they weren’t going to stand and deliver. Instead, WE would be the program, answering an exam sheet about the Festival for prizes. To make it fair, Directors weren’t in the competition.



1. How many years have we been celebrating ballooning in Plano? *39 years*
2. What is this year’s theme? *Release Your Inner Child*
3. Name the Rotarian that organized the first Plano Balloon Festival. *Randy Wright* Bonus Question: Who was the Plano Chamber Volunteer that co-chaired the first Plano Balloon Festival? *Markita Thompson*
4. Where did the first Plano Balloon Festival take place (specific location)? *Willow Bend Polo Club*
5. Where does it take place now (specific location)? *Oak Point Park*
6. Who is the current club member that hosted the second Plano Balloon Festival? *Randy Brodhead* (Technically, his father hosted it.) Bonus Question: Where was it held (specific location)? *The Brodhead hangar at Plano’s ex-Airport*
7. Is Plano the Balloon Capital of Texas? *Yes* No
8. How many hot air balloons will attend the 2018 Festival? 10 *50* 100
9. Are there fireworks at the Festival? *Yes* No
10. How many volunteers participate at the Festival? 1,000 2,000 *5,000*

Jo recommended that we jockey to join a table with knowledgeable participants, but nobody moved, all thinking themselves knowledgeable. She cautioned us against Googling her website where we’d find the answers. That would violate the Four-Way Test.



Jessica was challenged to name all the entries in this year’s PBF, and she struggled through several like **High Kitty**, **Bimbo Bear**, **Kermie**, but she left out the most important one: Festival Named Sponsor **InTouch Credit Union!**

No one dared mention the **#MeToo** failure of having **BIMBO BAKERIES** as a sponsor. That’s an egregious non-PC slipup from an organization headed by three women. Maybe it’s a generational thing.

Be that as it may, Janelle and **Howard Matson** got 9 right, **Maria Mott** 8, Rick Horne and ~~Sainted Editor~~ got 7 (a “C”). They each received a family pass to the Festival.



Jessica worried that there were too many folk who got 6 right. But a show of hands proved otherwise, so passes were awarded to **John Caldwell** and others.

Jo couldn't resist adding another Bonus Question: What two married Rotarians met while working at the Festival? *Martin and Jessica Jackson.*

**Kelly Palmer** challenged Jo with the statement that "*Jessica is your daughter-in-law.*" He was roundly pummeled by Jo and members alike. Jessica pointed out that her last name was now **Jackson** rather than **Via**.



Getting back to the business at hand, Jo touted the benefits of the Festival for Non-Profit groups, 52 of which provide booths or services (gate management, parking, etc.) in return for a share of the revenue. About half of them have booths at the Festival, providing them exposure to some 90,000 participants. That's a "*big audience*" for Non-Profits and the reason they get up at 5 am cheerfully to work the Festival.

The City of Plano helps through a grant which mostly offers valuable in-kind services like security with the PPD.

Jo hopes the temperature will be in the 80s, luring 100,000 visitors to Oak Point Park this year. She warned us that, if we intend to attend on Saturday night, we should arrive by 4 pm from any direction **except** Spring Creek. That thoroughfare will be gridlocked.

Among the musical groups will be the Good Question Band. Jo mused that when asked about the highlighters, she answered, "*Good Question.*" Her interrogator then segued into an **Abbot** and **Costello** routine.

**Carolyn the Petite** then offered them our paltry 16 Mb USB card and reminded us to bring **Peanut Butter** to the next two meetings. With that, she led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us gone at 1:01.



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Jo Via

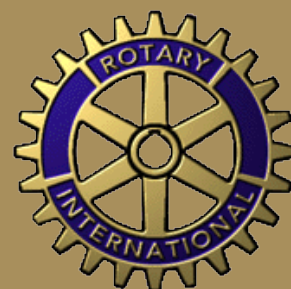
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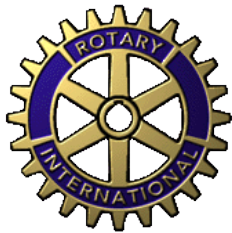
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## 5th Annual Plano PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

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

