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## Indentured Servers

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Sep 28 Dr Mukesh Saraiya Stem Cell

Oct 5 **TBD** 

Oct 12 **DG Rick Amsbury** 



## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Clay Curtis Sep 10 **Hubert Aaron** Sep 17





The Prince No Longer Enpaupered called for attention at 12:13, assigning Blair Ritchev for the Invocation and Camille Ussery for the Pledge. He credited Maria Mott with Greeting and conjured up SER-**GEANT KRAMER** for Introductions.

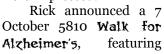
The only Visiting Rotarian was the speaker, Mike Hasty (Grand Prairie), but he had thoughtfully brought not only a program but also a potential new recruit, Mayer Mehta, President of UT Dallas' Rotaract **Club!** Mike would love him to join *Grand* Prairie, but that's quite a commute for the Planoian (the correct noun for an inhabitant of our fair City); so he should investigate us.



Frank introduced Harsh Patel, Jeremy Anchondo, and Jenny Tran. Ross Shamshiri welcomed back Francis Cartwright (who is ill-named since he doesn't repair carts but sells houses), and Howard Matson did the same for Matt Riahi.

Maria returned to the spotlight for Jason's "interesting hobbies" segment, telling us that she's an avid reader and a member of a local book club for as long as she's been a

Rotarian (20 years!). She praised us by mentioning having brought friends to meetings with which they were impressed.





300 Rotarians coughing up \$100 entrance fee each. (And Geriatric Club of Plano entrants they get to stave off Alzheimer's by walking!)

Also, all the Plano Rotaries are contributing foodstuffs for Minnie's FOOD PANTRY. Rick distributed a wish list from Minnie's for us to consider. If we wish to contribute a turkey, please give the Club cash to go purchase a bird (and keep it properly refrigerated). There'll be an opportunity for sweat equity in November when the food is packed.

PLANO BALLOON FESTIVAL Board Member, Rick, stumped for "Jo Via and Jessica Jackson's" extravaganza this weekend. He recommended attending Saturday morning to avoid the crowds.



Alex Johnson announced Interan act/Rotaract Leadership event 30 September. He's coordinating the event. He also mentioned a competition with the oth-

er Plano clubs to see who can collect the most jars of peanut butter! (We can do that in a JIFfy.) Rick praised Alex's efforts saying we've gone from zero to five auxiliaries in

record time.

Janis Allman called for volunteers at the All-Plano-Rotary booth in the Plano International Festival on Saturday, 10 October in Haggard Park. There are three 2-hours shifts



beginning at 11 am. She wants to see members from each club available on every shift. She'll set up at 10.



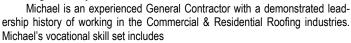


Jamie Schell spoke briefly about the devastation in the Caribbean making the Paul Harris Foundation ever more appropriate. He said interested parties should contact **Karen Sheldon** to sign up. First-time fellows will have their first \$500 matched by the Club; continuing fellows can join the 33

that make regular contributions.

He also put out a call for a grant writer to seek funding from RI and 5810 for medical supplies. If we know of any, we're to contact Jamie or Rick.

Program Chair, **Olin Jaye**, rose to introduce Mike Hasty, and he promised Mike that he'd not mention that Mike's a roofer...one of the unregulated professions in Texas (which don't need no stinkin' regulations; it has open-carry laws instead).



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He is a strong domestic and international sales professional with a BA in Communications from UT Arlington.

His avocation activities encompass Service Above Self with leadership roles with the Rotary Club of Grand Prairie, his Rotary Club's Foundation, and past roles with the Grand Prairie School District's Education Foundation and the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Michael joined Rotary on 1 April 1993 and is a double PHF.

Michael enjoys sharing the story of Saving Smiles by speaking to Rotary Clubs and business organizations throughout Texas and across the country.

Mike challenged us with a question: "What is the #1 preventable childhood disease where(in) students miss the most days of school?" Seeing as how his talk was entitled "Saving Smiles," someone guessed, "Gum disease?" But the answer was "tooth decay." Even in Grand Prairie, where GPISD consists of 41 schools and academies, 31 of them are Title I schools. Rotarian Jonelle Bicknell and GPISD Superintendent Susan Hull were featured in his initial video about setting up free dental clinics in some of their schools. They worked with City Manager Don Wilson (also a Rotarian) to get it done. "What do Rotarians do" when they begin a project? They have a fundraiser; Grand Prairie's was a golf tournament. With the funds, they established clinics in two grades, chosen for the eruption of kids' molars. In the clinics, they applied sealers to the teeth.

The teachers asked for toothbrushes, since some families were so impoverished, they used one for everyone! The ISD vowed to educate the parents and get the children brushing, saving them pain and their parents lost hours of work taking children to the dentist.

**Sandra Williams** was part of that effort, and, in the video, she reported meeting a student years later who went to dental school on the strength of that program. AND she evidenced no cavities as a result of the sealant.



So the program targets the lowest economic bracket kids with \$3M worth of care! But that's not enough for Rotary; *Grand Prairie* cast about for something more to do. Mike voted for Costa Rica or Belize, places he'd like to visit, but "*I was outvoted*." The Club chose Granada, Nicaragua as a prime basket case. He invited *Plano Rotary* to tag along on the next trip in November.



Sandra Williams had seen what she thought were bad teeth on a trip to Mexico; then she accompanied Mike to Nicaragua. A shy child dogged her steps for hours and finally worked up the courage to approach her. **Lukas** was only 8 or 9 but needed four teeth extracted; he did it without tears. When his mother saw what was done, she worried about payment. When informed it was free, she asked, "When can you work on me?"



Sandra had gone to put sealant on teeth, but the level of decay was beyond all expectations. So they concentrated on extractions. It's "providing them a much better life."

The first small team has grown year by year. They had only one portable dental chair until Mike invented what he proudly calls "the Nicaraguan Dental Chair," indeed five of them, one of which he left (with dental tools) with the Rotary Club of Nicaragua.

It must be satisfying to work with people of the "second poorest country" of Central America, seeing "how content they are with so little they have." The poverty is so severe that "dentists don't use novocaine!"

He's calling on volunteer dentists (several in our club alone) to help out in Nicaragua. And Rick, when handing him our honorarium (the multiport charger), commented, "That's the kind of international project we can get connected to."

Alex Johnson asked how to get connected thereto. Mike told him to contact Dr. Bicknell or himself (michaelehasty@gmail.com). There was no trip in 2016 due to Zika fears.

**Kelly Palmer** wanted to know why 10-year-olds and under were targeted. Mike replied that pulling baby teeth isn't permanent; they grow back. Pulling adult teeth, however, is forever.

Alex mentioned the 25 Title I schools in Plano and the free dental work provided by one of our members (**Mark Johnson**). In response to a further question about the number of dentists involved in *Saving Smiles*, Mike estimated 50.

Kelly Palmer asked about the utility of a portable X-ray. Mike said it would help until the electricity turned off, which happens frequently.

**Roy Reeves** pointed to questionnaires he'd placed on all our tables regarding what kind of social events we wanted for the Club. We were to respond on pain of wimpy events.

President Horne led us in the Four-Way Test and pulled the plug at 1:02.





**Proposed Members** 

**New Member:** 

#### **Guests & Visiting Rotarians**

# GuestGuest ofJeremy AnchondoFrank MesinaHarsh PatelFrank MesinaJenny TranFrank MesinaFrancis CartwrightRoss ShamshiriMatt RiahaHoward MatsonMayur MehtaMike Hasty

Visting Rotarian

None

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