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The Plano Rotary Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sep 8
Darren Collins
Project: Hands Up-Update

Sep 15
Sarah Crilley-Hill
Rotary Club Social Media

Sep 22
Daniel K Long
District Governor William Dendy



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ean H. Sullivan	Sep 04
Rick Boyer	Sep 06
Clay Curtis	Sep 10
Satinder Baweja	Sep 16
Hubert Aaron	Sep 17



OUR UNCLE REMUS

SPIRITWARE and Sainted Editor vie for being the first ones to arrive. Alan must await his speaker (he's Program Chair), and I must finish my cobbler before the meeting comes to order and I begin reportage. Since the speaker may show slides, I always position myself to see



both the lectern and the screen simultaneously; that most often puts me front and center. "My" table is usually populated by those not minding if they're quoted in the *Weekly Reader*. But this day, the tables were so laid out that the middle of the room had the best vantage point; so I sat there, and was surprised to learn that it's the **Cool Kids Table**. I was check-by-jowl with **Rick Maucieri** and **Mary Jo Dean**. **Olin Jaye** and **Camille Ussery** were opposite. **Sam, Ean, Kenny, Blair,** and **Roy** rounded out the table. I felt I had graduated from the kiddy table at Thanksgiving.

King David, with scepter and orb, bade the conclave attend at 12:15, summoning Blair Ritchey to the Invocation and **LB THE ONLY**



for the Pledge. Greeting was "Nobody, Again." But **SERGEANT KRAMER** was on hand to thank the "single digits" among us who checked-in on **facebook**. Ean rose, **iPhone™** in hand, to ask why his check-in solicited the query, "Is this place good for take-out?"

Jason again escaped the tedium of introducing Visiting Rotarians, but **Tamara Dreger** welcomed **Debra**



Copley, affiliated with the **Boy Scouts**, **Jerry Aris** had to be reminded that he had **Ken Byrd**, "a good banker," as his guest, and **Nathan Barbera**, lost on his smartphone, was startled when Jason called upon him to introduce a (non-existent) guest of his.



Kenny Wilson put Sainted Editor's characterization of his talk to the lie by announcing, during his 3-minute oration, that he was a "hillbilly from NW Arkansas" who met his "Southern Belle," **Toni**, a fellow print enthusiast, in Appalachia. Together, they moved to North Texas and bought out **Bob Bauer's alphagraphics**, moving it to **Lakeside Market** and expanding its operation into a Richardson shop. They produce marketing matter for **Jo Via's Plano Balloon Festival**. He and Toni share the distinction of occupying the oldest, continuously-inhabited home in Plano, the **Salmon House** on 15th Street. In response to a question about whether or not it's haunted, Kenny responded, "Given the bills lately, it must be."



David declared that Kenny modestly omitted publication of our *Weekly Reader* among his accomplishments. Jason drew blanks on **Jamie Schell** and Bob Bauer before IDing **Alex Johnson** as next victim.

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David handed out Rotary Service Pins to **Dennis Högg** (2), **Jim Cooper** and himself (5), **Pattie Schwartz** (19), **Earl Simpkins** (21), and, suffering a standing ovation, **Herb Hoxie** for **53** years!



Earnest Burke summoned Ean **SECRET SANTA** Sullivan and **Scary Bob Epstein** (not too close to the mic) for a rousing rendition of HB2U as advertised. Then he read September's birthday list and sat down before Nathan could query him about his news photo sans Rotary pin. Earnest explained that there was no air-conditioning and the pin was on the coat that he had shed.



Nancy Humphrey and **Mary Jo** touted our "biggest event, hosting the Scramble for Scholarships." We were to see the email from Karen on the ways we can contribute, "if you value education." For example, we can secure \$100 Gift Certificates from fine restaurants. **Hendrick** Executive Board member, **Mary Jo**, thanked us for our past support and asked us to step up to identify sponsors, golfers, volunteers, anything that will help us raise funds for the 54 scholarships we need.



With the mic set for David, **Sarah Watkins** couldn't reach it on tippy toes, so she tried to slip it out to hold it by hand. When that didn't work, Sarah just yanked the entire assembly out by the roots. That'll show it who's boss!

Sarah had taken the podium to introduce her two "body guards," two ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) students there to publicize the 5th Annual **MAROON OUT for the MILITARY** at the Clark Stadium football game on 9/2. The event honors the 364 fallen warriors of Collin County. We had brochures naming the fallen on our tables.



Madison Charles is Plano Senior High's Battalion Commander-in-Chief. She is bound for **Texas Tech** to study Physics and Forensic Science. She is already a National Guard soldier, and that helps pay for her education. In her "spare time," she tutors math for 7th & 8th graders.

Tanner Cedrone has applications in for the Air Force and Naval academies. He is a competitive marksman and leader of his rifle group. Having been a RYLA student, he's eager to start an Interact club at PSHS.

Assistant Principal **Brian Spears** (not present) has spearheaded, as it were, the **MAROON OUT** for Sarah. She lauded the acts of heroism performed by "ordinary citizens under extraordinary circumstances." A boot will be passed at the game, proceeds to benefit **Fisher House**, that supports military families.

SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum introduced **Jim Gatewood**, a Dallas History professor at **Richland College** and best selling Dallas author, who has spent the last eleven years with the Dallas County Assassination Review Board. In his quest he has rediscovered much of the forgotten history of Dallas' most prominent figures who would leave their mark upon America's History. He has written books about notable figures of Dallas, Texas; **Benny Binion**, *Dallas Gambler and Mob boss* - Sheriff **Bill Decker** a *Texas legend* - **J. Frank Norris** - *Top O' Hill Casino & The Texas Oil Rich* - *The Ku Klux Klan's stronghold over Dallas* - **Slats Rodgers** and the *Love Field Lunatics* - **Bonnie Parker's Baby Daughter** - **Captain Will Fritz** and the *Dallas Mafia* and learn that the *JFK's Assassination Was a Mafia Hit*.

Jim told the tale of "**Lone Wolf**" **Gonzauillas** and the *Assassination of Pancho Villa*. And he told it as he tells all of his Dallas tales, as if he knew each character personally! Since Gonzauillas died in '77, he may well have!!

Manuel Trazazas Gonzauillas, “Manny T.” or “Lone Wolf” to Jim, was born in Cadiz to a Hispanic father and German mother. He showed early interest in firearms, being sat behind a water-cooled machine gun at a tender age. His father was instrumental in securing a Mexican land grant for the Commanding General of the Northern Army, so the General became Manny’s godfather. The ranch was ideal as it had a silver mine associated with it, so it was very attractive to banditos. One fall night, Pancho Villa raided the ranch, and as Manny hid, he watched Villa torture his brothers to death for the location of the silver, all the while singing the Villa marching song, *La Cucaracha* (the Cockroach). His parents, away in Chihuahua at the time, returned to find Manny swearing revenge upon Pancho Villa.



The family moved to Galveston, where the parents were promptly killed in the deadliest hurricane to hit the US. Manny was only 11 in 1900, but the hurricane put him on his own. He railed at God over his misfortune until it came to him that he was saved from death for a purpose...to slay Villa. So he went about picking up the skills necessary for the job.

As a 5’ 8” 155# weakling, he was bullied unmercifully until a cook, **Roy Stuart**, from Scotland, coached him in boxing. Thereafter, bullies left him alone. A fencing master from Czarist Russia taught him that art, and Manny learned to become an ambidextrous fighter, earning a trophy for his fencing.

Taken in by the King Ranch family, he exercised horses and learned to shoot from the hip with pistols until he never missed. He sought work on Post Office Street in Galveston and was mistaken for a Mexican. A gang of Anglos were about to pulverize him when a burly pair of AT&T linemen intervened, insisting on a one-on-one fight. Manny polished off the first and asked, “What fool is next?”

The linemen adopted Manny as their “tool pusher,” but actually for his penchant to get into fights that they’d finish. Hearing *La Cucaracha* in a tavern one evening, Manny killed the three Mexicans singing Villa’s song. Predictably, he was tossed in the clink, but a minister friend was buddies with the Chief of Police who was himself the classmate of the magistrate trying Manny’s case. So he was exiled to China on a mission for the church.

Stopping in at **Don Luis’** ranch, he acquired a pair of double-action revolvers and a saber which served him well in the Boxer Rebellion into which he was thrust in China! In one skirmish, he was wounded and would have bled to death had not a contingent of Marines rescued him and returned him to Mexico. There, Don Luis tasked him to kill Villa and rescue Don Luis’ kidnapped son. He knocked off **152(!)** of Villa’s gang but not Pancho himself.



Applying to the Texas Rangers, he was rejected as too small and unintimidating until a Captain tossed a coffee can in the air and Manny plugged it six times before it hit the ground. “Welcome to the Texas Rangers.”

He organized the assassination of Villa, shooting him from the roof of a furniture store where he’d come to retrieve a shipment. Manny severed his head and returned it to Don Luis as proof. At this point, Jim hawked his books and received our fabled desk organizer for his efforts.

Jerry Kezhaya touted the (last) Tuesday night outing at **Fleming’s**. Dave led us in the Four-Way Test and dismissed us at 1:02.



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest	Guest of
Madison Charles	Sarah Watkins
Tanner Cedrone	Sarah Watkins
Debra Copley	Tamara Dreger
Ken Byrd	Jerry Aris
Visiting Rotarian	Home Club
None	

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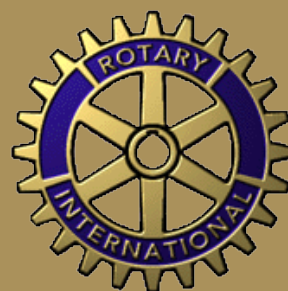
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