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RED RIVER, 1877

Sainted Editor wants to thank **Gary Garza** for being “voluntold” to take today’s photos in lieu of AWOL **Peggy Fenwick**. Sainted Editor didn’t get a chance to caution Gary about the cameras quirks, so chalk up any inadequacies to that failure not Gary’s.

He Who Shall Be Named Joe belled us to order at 12:11, handling the Invocation by himself and permitting the stereo combination of **Mary Jo Dean** and **Marco Solano** to handle the Pledge in both English and Español.

Joe welcomed speaker **JOHN LAYNE** and daughter/publicist/muse **Rachel Layne**. **John Caldwell** stood in for a



(usually) absent **Hayden Padgett** to welcome his guest **Matt Clem**, an educator for the Dallas Police Dept. out of the American Institute for Law. Matt said that he “*didn’t want to get into that*” after admitting to be an Iowan. Someone helpful offered, “*Get a rope!*” Mary Jo commented that their Braves are opening against the Cubs at Wrigley Field. The other guest was **Mihaela Peasa**, who studied Poli. Sci. at UNT & SMU.

before selling lingerie, has been interning as a legislative aide in Austin. She’s here to understand the needs of the community in preparation to run for the State Legislature. She’s been responsible for a dozen pieces of legislation already simply as an aide! A fifth guest,



Angie Solomon was here with the candidate.

John also mentioned that we’ll be treated to two videos of 4-Way Test Speech Contest winners next week. Since there’s a tie for Fourth Place, we’ll get to break that tie.

Janelle Twyford-Silvis announced that the Legend Social garnered about nine members plus families.



She also said that our Texas Blues & Red Hots BBQ netted **\$4,300** after a \$500 kickback to the PFD and a donation to Legacy Academy’s library project in the form of a gift card to 1/2

Price Books. It was also told that

Johnny Lewis won the grill which he donated back to PRC for use in next year's raffle. At **Joe's** insistence, Janelle touted our \$20 Cookbook which included contributions for City Fathers and Mothers as well as Rotarians.

Joe reported Legacy Academy's **Pie-in-the-Face** raffle tickets are selling like hotcakes. Janelle mentioned that Plano Rotary once hosted a **Pie-in-the-Face** raffle as did Plano Chamber.

Johnny Lewis rose to report on RYLA, upon which he expounded for the benefit of our guests. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards go to 185 kids (12 from Plano) whose gradepoint averages exceed 3.8, even though that's not a criterion! 11 of our 12 were athletes even though that's not a criterion. It just goes to show them to be Renaissance Beings. They'll spend 3 weeks in camp, making new lifelong friends and being moved to create Interact clubs. Johnny will bring our winners to the meetings in September or October.



Joe offered Rotary Service Awards to **Rick Grady** (6) and **John Priest** (20). (The other two awards went to members not present and will be given upon their eventual arrival.)

We sang HB2U to the Birthday List including the unlisted **Karen Sheldon**. **Joe** said, "I'm



impressed!" He then announced the Rotarian of the Month for March. To no one's surprise, it turned out to be Board Member, Program Chair, and Shepherdess of the Texas Blues & Red Hots, Janelle Twyford-Silvis.

Birthday Boy Marco Solano had brought a birthday **carrot** cake to the gathering. Someone helpful offered that it counted as a vegetable.

Photographer du Jour and Habitat for Humanity Head, Gary Garza, bragged on Habitat for creating a Container Green Community with 32 townhomes made from four containers each. (No wonder the supply chain is suffering.) But Habitat doesn't stop there; it has created after-school classes and continuing education programs. The prefab structures comprise affordable housing. We can learn more at CottonGroves.com

Janelle stole the spotlight once more to introduce returning speaker **JOHN LAYNE**. **JOHN** is an international, multi-award-winning Author of Historical and Contemporary Western Fiction, accomplished screenwriter, and actor. He recently retired from a career in law enforcement that spanned 41 years. His professional writing career began in the sports industry, where he penned articles for national magazines and online publications. He drew literary inspiration from **Louis L'Amour**, **Robert B. Parker**, **C.J. Box**, and **Lee Child**. His passion for history and the western genre inspired him to write numerous short stories and a trilogy of classic western novels set in Texas. His theatrical influences include actors **John Wayne**, **James Stewart**, **Clint Eastwood**, **Tom Hanks**, and directors **John Ford**, **Henry Hathaway**, **Howard Hawks**, and **Taylor Sheridan**. **JOHN** began his acting career appearing in real crime stories and law enforcement training videos. He recently appeared in the hit Paramount series *1883*, the Lifetime Network series *Text Me When You Get Home*, and the forthcoming film *A Dark Destiny*. **JOHN** is an avid sports fan and horse enthusiast. He is a member of: The Authors Guild, Western Writers of America, Western Fictioneers, Wyoming Writers Inc., Oklahoma Writers Federation, and the Working Ranch Cowboys Association.

JOHN thanked us for having him back. Although he lives in Allen, he attended Texas Forever Fest and met **Joe**; thus he appears here now.

With the success of his first book, *Gunslinger*, he acquired a literary agent and, "*unhappy with the edits of*" *Gunslinger*, he acquired the rights, re-edited it, and saw it win the International Book Award for Western Fiction 2020. His 2nd book, a sequel, was the runner up!

Superstars, such as he, have the mindset, "*not good enough.*" That propels them to greatness.

He synopsised the plot for us: a US Marshall and a Texas Ranger team up to pursue a gang of rustlers who've fled to Indian Territory to escape US justice. One's daughter joins the hunt. **JOHN** did extensive research on the area and era.



By the summer of 1877, the nascent cattle industry was losing animals as they were in the third year of drought. The railroad had not yet reached the area, so large ranchers, rich enough to fund cattle drives to stockyards, preyed upon the herds of smaller ranchers.

The 2nd book deals with events in the fall of that year with a reprise of the two main characters. So it's entitled *Red River Reunion*. With the US Military engaged in skirmishes with renegade Indians, the pleas of settlement leaders to Washington to get help for rustling went unanswered. Being shorthanded themselves, Texas Rangers sent only one of their own. John Caldwell sung out, "*One riot; one Ranger.*" JOHN corrected him: it was not a riot that was involved.

Book 3 is "*finished*" and will be out soon. It covers the western expansion of the railroad. It

involves the fictional town of Canyon Creek as opposed to previous books' fictional town of Range, TX.

Early in his police career, he began to keep a notebook (diary). It helped him write crime dramas based on his own life and times.

1883 is shot in the Fort Worth stockyards. At 110° in the shade, it was "*a great weight loss program.*" His shortest working day on the series was 14 hours; the longest was 18.5! But he "*loved every second of it.*"

He recalled 10 takes of a dangerous scene involving his pushing **Tim McGraw** in front of racing horses. Director Taylor Sheridan strode out, causing Tim to comment, "*we're in trouble,*" before theatrically berating JOHN, asking, "*Why are you screwing up?*"



John Priest asked about an Audible edition and was told that and an e-book are available. Rachel told us to turn over bookmarks for a free novel; John Caldwell got lucky. **Janis Allman** asked about branding; it started in 1840s. And **Joe** led us in the 5-Way Test and closed at 1:02.



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