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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 19
Van Taylor
Congressional Update

August 26
DG Max Duplant
Dist 5810 & RI Update

September 2nd
Jasmine Green
CASA of Collin County

September 9th
Berk Smith
Hendrick Scholarship Foundation



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

LaNell Morold Aug 04
Jeff Beckley Aug 21



Sainted Editor in Love

He introduced himself to **Benjamin Barron**, who had accompanied speaker **Kristin Linscott**, Development Director for the Plano Public Libraries. Sainted Editor blushing admitted to being a fan, and, as it happens, the namesake of the *Parr Library*. Mr. Barron perked up and proudly admitted to being a past Director of *Parr Library*! Small world.



The Right Honorable Joe Camarena called a close to camaraderie at 12:06, assigning **Johnny Lewis** to Pray and **Peggy Fenwick** to Pledge. Guest and New Candidate Member **Mike McCormack** was invited to stand and deliver again for the benefit of the few new attendees. We learned his been in four Rotaries over 30 years. (Funny, he doesn't look 120.)

Joe commented on the librarians present saying his daughter accompanied him to one of the libraries where he had forgotten his card. She was shocked that he hadn't memorized the number! Joe objected that no one memorizes their library card number, to which the librarian replied, "Everybody does."

He announced a continuing need for *ReStore* volunteers to staff 2-hour shifts on behalf of *Habitat for Humanity*. Store hours are from 9 to 6.



John Caldwell (with Johnny and **Janelle Twyford-Silvis**) has been working *ShelterBox* for a 5810 matching grant. But it's a tiered schedule based on PHF donations, and we aren't in the top tier. **Nancy Humphrey** asked how it was determined, and Johnny told her that it's the total annual amount that must be \$7,200 whereas our \$5,800 puts us in a lower rank. So we need 7 more PHFs to bring us to 90% and permit a break into 1st. **Mary Jo Dean** suggested that we be reminded to pay our \$100 annually (or opt to have it added automatically; if so, tell **Karen Sheldon**). Donations pass through the newly-renamed **Herb Hoxie** Memorial Foundation to the Rotary International's Foundation. **Janis Allman** said we need a program; sounding hurt, Johnny Lewis mumbled, "I've obviously not done enough!" Then he asked rhetorically about sources of revenue and touted **Bubba's Bucket**.

John C. also mentioned *Habitat's* use of shipping container homes in the *Cotton Grove* project (with the reconstruction of which you can help).

Janelle loaded **Bubba's Bucket** with brag bucks for **Sara Aker's** recent Lifetime Achievement Award.



In **Robert Reed's** absence, Joe told us of his efforts going forward with a Rotary Social at the PSO's 9/25 (faux) **Beatle's Magical Mystery Tour**. We'll receive a discount code for the performance in the *Eisemann Theater*, and we'll gather before or after in the *Renaissance Hotel* (across the road).

Joe fêted (years of) service for Janis Allman (8) and **Rick Horne** (10). He also encouraged our thoughts & prayers for **LaNell Morold's** mother, recovering from surgery. The **Rotarian of the Month** votes are in, and the winner will be announced next week. It's not too late to vote via the weekly e-blast. Decide by:

- Participation in Rotary events
- Achievements outside of Rotary
- Demonstration of Leadership

Janelle introduced the day's speaker, Kristin Linscott, Development Coordinator for the Plano Public Libraries. Kristin has had 15 years of library experience, and she earned a "Woo hoo!" for her admission to being in Leadership Plano's



36th Class. She and Benjamin Barron are working Outreach and Engagement, advertising the libraries and polling users. Kristin mentioned en passant that Ben could get you a library card today, permitting you access to not only the Plano Libraries, but also area libraries like Allen, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Wylie, and The Colony. You can get ebooks from all of them!

She asked how many of us had library cards, and the vast majority did. When she inquired our favorite library, **Sainted Editor** nearly leapt from his chair to vote for the Christopher Alan Parr Library, which was 2nd in his mind only to the **Maribelle Davis** Library!



Kirstin asked us for the 1st thing to come to our minds, thinking of libraries. She got

- Books
- eBooks
- Genealogy
- History

She didn't get what she was after, "*A Place of Magic and Learning*" (but then we aren't into PR). Thus, her purpose today was to give us at least 1 thing we didn't know about our libraries.

In the six libraries (5 physical and 1 online), we're offered:

- Computers and Internet access
- Staff assistance
- Senior Care calls (invaluable in lockdown)
- Early Literacy (Story Time present & zoom)
- Launch pad gaming
- Wonder books (to read to pre-literati)
- Book Bundles (random collections to encourage discovery for teens)
- The *Plano Learns* Blog
- Baby Sign Language!

But wait; there's more...

Harrington and Schimelphenig (German “shiny penny”) host 5-week parent/child engagement classes, online during the pandemic. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) programs include a NASA ambassador who demoed the sun’s disk via a special telescope. There are also STEAM kits for adults & teens. The “A” could stand for Arts, so there are sewing and embroidering kits (must be for “domestic Arts,” how quaint).



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Bank of America sponsors programs that speak to Financial Aid for college and career change. (It’s helpful for those enduring pay cuts or having been RIFed during the pandemic.)

Since material is in use, 3D printing comes with a charge, but at 20¢ a gram, it’s minimal. The use of video, podcasting, musical training, or green screen effects are complementary.

Language learning now includes Urdu! And new English speakers can hone their colloquial English skills with Smalltalk programs in Parr and Harrington. The Haggard basement houses a genealogical collection including free access to Ancestry.com

With your library card, you can access 45,000 ebooks and eAudiobooks. KANOPY, a video subscription service, is free to Plano cardholders for 5 films a month (unlimited for your [grand]kids). The Great Courses collection is on there.

It’s no wonder that Plano won the **LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE AWARD** for 2021.

Johnny noted PRC’s \$10K contribution to Harrington’s Spanish Library collection. Janis Allman complained about the homeless sleeping in and trashing Harrington, using it for drug drops. Kirstin said PPD is aware. City employees come to service the homeless.

Joe led us in the 5-Way Test and shoed us out at 1:03.



MEMBER PROPOSAL



Mike McCormack
Proposed by : Jeff Beckley
Classification: Small Business Consultant



Denese McNair
Proposed by: Nancy Humphrey
Classification: Insurance - specializing in restaurants



Kelle Marsalis
Proposed by : Joe Camarena
Classification: Plano COC President

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