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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Aug 25th**  
**Ray Huffines**  
"State of the Automotive Industry"

**Sep 1st**  
**NO NOON MEETING**  
"HAPPY LABOR DAY"

**Sep 8th**  
**Jeff McKissack**  
"UFO's, the Media & the Military"

**Sep 15th**  
**Marjorie Lewis - Author**  
"When the Men Were Gone"

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kelle Marsalis Aug 16  
Jeff Beckley Aug 21



## Ars Causa Artis

"**Y**OU WON'T HAVE DICK NIXON to kick around anymore!" So saith the sour grapes President on his first exit from the White House. (His second was more dramatic.) **Sainted Editor's** exit will be far more delightful. For three weeks in September, he'll squire his Trophy Wife through Europe via the VSOE, *Venice-Simplon Orient Express!* But the *Weekly Reader* will be in the capable hands of **John Caldwell** and **Peggy Fenwick** until **Sainted Editor's** return on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

PFL **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** opened the proceedings at 12:10, cajoling **Johnny Lewis** to give the Invocation and **Chris Pizza Parr** the Pledge.



**SERGEANT MIKE MCCORMACK** bade Prodigal Son **Alex Johnson** visiting from *Plano East Rotary* to introduce himself. Alex allowed as how he was proud to be back, however briefly, and was surprised to find us in the Chamber's digs; he'd left us when we were still at *Gleneagles*.

Mike chastened John Caldwell for failing to wear his badge. John coun-

tered that he was wearing copious Rotary logos, not realizing that Mike wants the badge's NAME to jog his memory. John flirted with multiple fines, saying that he'd not worn his badge for three weeks!

Johnny Lewis brought the new members up-to-date with a brief resumé of **Tino Trujillo**→, who had single-handedly proposed more Rotarians for membership than anyone else in 5810. Born 70 miles west of Mexico City, and serving as a diplomat, he moved to Plano in 1976 and was encouraged by **Mayor McCall** to open a Mexican restaurant which came to be known as *Tino's*. In seeking out an available facility, he enlisted the aid of a "lovely blond" agent whom he subsequently married! *Tino's* moved to the then extant *Collin Creek Mall* and was a favorite hangout of husbands while their wives shopped. He reopened the original restaurant under the name of *Tino's Too*, and for a while another Plano Rotary Club met there. Tino went on to become a Trustee of *Collin College*.

**Maria Mott** had a brag on **Marco Solano** beyond is supply of fresh fruit plates to the company. She wanted to thank him for bringing her the new Rotary pin from the RI Convention in Houston.

**Joe Camarena** challenged all to a football duel: his team against theirs.





Peggy Fenwick and John Caldwell ↗ took up the challenge with a \$5 bet.

Hoping for a more lucrative wager, Joe Camarena ↘ nevertheless took on the task of in-



ducting **Jeff McKee** ↗ into membership. Embarrassed for having left Jeff's membership materials at home Janelle ↗ promised a \$10 fine for **BUBBA'S BUCKET**. Jeff said he was born and raised just blocks from Custer and 15<sup>th</sup>. And he was a *Plano Wildcat*. He explained that he's been a "servant leader" even before pledging to "Service Above Self." And he congratulated his now fellow members on their donation of time and talent to others.



← **Nancy Humphrey** informed everyone of the (Darth) **Vader** statute, the "net effect" of which is to permit PISD to raise \$9M with a \$0 tax increase.

Then she promised to give us a presentation on the proposed \$1.45B Bond Issue.

Speaking of members speaking, Janelle told us that **Ray** → **Huffines** will regale us with new issues in the auto industry at the next meeting. Then she noted that there'd be no meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> in honor of Labor Day. She lamented her impotence at awarding the **ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH** due to its recipient



being AWOL. But then **Bob Kehr** → showed up at meeting's end to receive the honor.

Janelle solicited help for our booths at the Plano Balloon Festival. We have the enviable task of "pointing out the bathrooms." Then she set about introducing the day's speaker, **Suzy Jones** ↘, the Executive Director of the Art Centre in Plano. She said that we must get on her e-blast list to learn about the arts in Plano, and she stole Suzy's thunder quoting her mantra: "No successful society has existed without art."



Suzy told us that she'd been with the Arts Centre for 18 years! During that time, she'd put her daughter through PISD and onto A&M. She maintained that the Arts Centre and the City of Plano strengthen one another.

Indeed, the Art Centre is part of the **Plano Arts Coalition** (PAC, not the political kind). The Centre has as its mission statement: *The ArtCentre of Plano inspires, supports, and promotes excellence, diversity, and innovation in the arts and arts education in the community.*



Its original location at 18<sup>th</sup> and H was "disconnected from downtown," so it moved from that home (originally owned by the man who started *Shinola* in Detroit, and, incidentally, owned the Fossil Lodge) to City House's old digs in the original Saigling House adjacent to Haggard Park. While none of its venues have been galleries, "art shows well" in homes; patrons can easily imagine the art in their own homes. The City leases Saigling to the Art Centre for \$1 per year, contingent upon its renovation of the facility.

Among other things, that renovation reversed the entrance to the venue from the “front” of the house (on 16<sup>th</sup> Street) to the back, facing the park. This mollified the neighbors. Downtown has now been designated an “Arts District” by the State of Texas.

The “*integrity*” of the house has been maintained, down to the color palette from 1916! And Suzy said that the ArtCentre is “*thrilled to be here.*” It’s open Tuesday-Saturday 2-5 and boasts “*really good air-conditioning!*” In addition to the art gallery, it rents out for

- Meetings
- City government functions
- Parties
- Weddings
- Receptions
- Lectures/classes
- Reunions/birthdays
- Workshops, etc.

Suzy alleges that “*students in art understand math, science, and writing;*” Nancy Humphrey seconded that saying, “*We have the data!*” And, as emphasized to the Cultural Affairs Commission annually, art has a positive economic impact on the community. Indeed, that’s where Suzy met Alex, when he was the Commission’s Chair.

The PAC meets this (last) Saturday to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Courtyard Theater. Tickets are (were) available for \$20 on the PSO website.

There are many volunteer opportunities with the ArtCentre including as Board member, Advisory Council, Guild, sponsorships, and simply becoming a member!

Its recent calendar includes Texas Sculpts (8/27), Magick of **Marie Renfro** & Missy **Sofey Kyle** (9/20), Love of Art event (10/29) and exhibition (10/22-11/19), and Love of Art of Cars (11/5)!

Joe congratulated Janelle on her photography exhibit. **Larry Bisno** asked what fraction of the art is for sale; he was told “*no less than 25%.*” Joe had a follow-up: from where do the artists hail? Suzy said most are local but some from all over North Texas up to Tioga. In response to **Porcha Maten**, Suzy told us that the purchased art stays until the end of the exhibit. Although Plano International Festival “*handles its own exhibit,*” PAC does provide the cultural passport for the Festival. Alex asked about expanding on public art, and Suzy cited a meeting Monday with **Mayor Muns** on that very issue.

**Janis Allman** gave us the history of *Shiloh Baptist*, evolving from **Ted Dickey’s** funeral home. While Alex reminisced about City House, Suzy assured him that it thrives. Johnny Lewis noted that PRC was among the donors to City House. He noted that Plano’s mayor lived there “*when I was in high school.*” Janis challenged Suzy’s assertion that Saigling was the first brick house in Plano, saying that the Wyatt house or the Aldrich house predated Saigling. Janis also asked about the architecture of the east side building; Suzy told her that it was once an out-house (!) but that it’s “*supposed to disappear.*”

Janelle thanked the speaker and led us all in the Five-Way Test. She hustled us out at 1:02, but as Bob Kehr had appeared, he was rewarded!



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