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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 2

Jamee Jolly

PISD Foundation Update

December 9

Marissa Pittman

Patriot Paws

Dec 16th

Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Games, Treats and Prizes

Dec 23rd & Dec 30th

*NO NOON MEETINGS
HAPPY HOLIDAYS*



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Johnny Lewis	Dec 10
Jamee Jolly	Dec 13
Nancy Humphrey	Dec 19



Plano ISD's Finest

It was the week before Thanksgiving, and **President Joe Camarena** belled us to attention at 12:10 on a cool and beautiful autumn day. The assembled multitude heard the invocation and enthusiastically recited the pledge of allegiance.

Joe introduced Visiting Rotarian and Assistant District Governor **Mary Bedosky**. Mary is visiting from her Richardson East home club. Mary is tasked with riding herd on three Rotary Clubs including our own.

Past district governor **Brad Keith**, Rotarian since 1971, introduced his wife Marna who acts as his driver as an unofficial Rotarian. Marna has attended so often that she could be considered for honorary membership.

Jamee Jolly reported the Plano Rotary Club Foundation is a donor for the Robinson's Fine Arts Center, and it is having its Grand Opening on January 12.

Also for lovers of Christmas music, Jamee reminded us that Radio Station 102.1 has switched to Christmas music.



Porcha Maten, who has just joined the club last month, reported on our high school Interact club which has just started. They held their first election to select their President, VP, Sec-Treasurer and Historian yesterday. Their first fund raiser is movie night the evening of November 18.

Janelle Twyford-Silvis, president elect, rose to discuss the Texas Blues and Red Hot Barbecue **Cook Book** project. We now have 62 recipes for the cookbook including 12 from the club members. The other recipes are from politicians and celebrities. The club members are underachieving, and Janelle reminded us that she expects one recipe from each club member. Send your recipes to her. There were numerous quibbles from audience claiming recipes sent. The barbecue cook-off is March 12 at the Texas Forever Fest. Anyone wishing to **volunteer** for the committee contact **Janelle**.

Joe said the Collin County **Habitat for Humanity** needed volunteers from 9am to 6 pm in two hour increments.

Angel Tree still needs donations. Volunteers are needed to wrap presents on December 16, the last meeting of the year. The same 5 or 6 people always show up, and more help could be used. Y'all come and help. Then the presents will be given to the children at the Samaritan Inn on Dec. 24. There will be hot cocoa and cookies. Johnny Lewis asked if we will decorate the cookies as we did in the past, and one could conclude from the confused responses that



followed that no one knew. Joe asked for a volunteers list.

Joe Camarena verified that the annual **Ugly Sweater Contest** would be held on the last meeting of the year on December 16, 2021 (while wrapping presents?) **Johnny Lewis** requested clarification on just exactly what does an ugly sweater look like. Fortunately, the octogenarian substitute Reader editor was able to immediately provide an ugly sweater demonstration.

Joe reminded us of the **Holiday Party** for the six Plano Rotary Clubs at the Haggard Party Barn on 12-4-21 from 6 to 10 p.m. The District Governor and Asst. Dist. Govs will be in attendance, and the Governor will make some brief remarks. Casual business attire will be appropriate. All guests are requested to bring a donation of a coat in youth sizes for the Plano Cops coat drive. Only new coats, please. A second shot at the Ugly Sweater Contest will be available at the Holiday Party. Please RSVP to the evite by December 1.

Joe produced the **brag bucket** and invited contributions. He primed the pump for a reluctant audience with a brag about the Iowa Hawkeyes victory.



Moving into the main event of the meeting, Joe called upon **Nancy Humphrey** to introduce Sara Bonser, the superintendent of PISD and our speaker.

Sara Bonser has been serving as superintendent of Plano ISD since March 2018. A long-time Plano resident, Sara has served as a teacher, middle school principal, high school principal, and interim deputy superintendent for Plano ISD.

In addition to her career in Plano ISD, Superintendent Bonser served seven years in Rockwall ISD as the Director of Student and Family Services, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Academic Officer.

Sara earned her undergraduate degree in Business Education from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, her Master's Degree in Education Administration from The University of North Texas, and her Superintendent Certification from Texas A&M Commerce.

Currently, Superintendent Bonser is a member of the Executive Board of the Texas School Coalition and serves as Vice Chair of the Region 10 Education Service Center's Regional Advisory Committee. Sara is a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators Advocacy Committee, the Coalition for Behavioral Healthcare in Collin County, and the Medical City Plano Community Advisory Council.

Selected in the inaugural Raise Your Hand Texas Principal Leadership Development Program at Harvard University, Sara has an unwavering passion for redesigning instruction to improve student outcomes. This passion resulted in being selected as the College Board's Southwest Region Excellence in AP Program Principal of the Year. Superintendent Bonser was named the 2020 Business Executive of the Year by the Plano Chamber of Commerce's Best of Plano, recognizing her outstanding leadership, strategic thinking, pursuit for excellence, and professional integrity.

Superintendent Bonser has been a Plano resident for over 28 years and was named one of Plano Magazine's 2018 Girl Bosses for using her time and talents to make Plano one of the best places to live. She and her husband have been married for 29 years and have two children, both graduates of Plano East Senior High.

Sara Bonser immediately introduced a silent but critical member of her management, **Francisco**, the communications guy, who was charged with insuring a smooth



computer presentation. Sara rapidly took us through a massive amount of attractively pre-

sented data on her 49,433 students, 6456 employees, 73 schools and academies and 90 roof tops (which was an important statistic when claiming insurance for hail damage.)

Rotary got behind on recognizing Teachers of the Year (TOY) in the midst of all the fun last year, so there are two-year's worth of TOY's this year. The 2021 Secondary TOY is no longer in the district, so she wasn't included in our program.



2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year: **Sierra Imper**, Hagar ES, Pre-K ESL teacher. Sierra hales from San Diego, CA. She originally taught in Waco, then DISD and then moved to PISD. Sierra thanked PISD and the Rotary Club for the recognition.



2020 Elementary TOY: **Jacqueline Rosenquist**, Hughston ES, 5th grade teacher. Jacqueline was originally a Political Science major who made a turn into teaching. Jacqueline reprised the thanks remarks to PISD and the Rotary Club. She admitted to some curiosity about what her charges might be up to back at



school while she was rubbing shoulders with management of PISD.

2020 Secondary TOY: **Jonathan Cao**, Vines HS, Fine Arts/Band teacher. Jonathan had picked up on the theme of expressing appreciation to the PISD and the Rotary Club, and he

smoothly continued the tradition.

Club President Joe thanked Sara Bonser, Sierra, Jacqueline, Jonathan (and Francisco) for the great presentation. Then he smoothly and quietly passed out **envelopes** (presumably containing cash or negotiable instruments) to the three winners of 2020 and 2021 Teacher of the Year. Everyone involved was then invited into a **photo shoot** event. Upon completion of multiple photos, Joe quickly sped to his deadline by leading a rapid march through Five Way Test.



Hubert Aaron played *Sainted* Editor for this bulletin.



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