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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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*

Jan 6th

**Lieutenant General
John Campbell**

Campbell's Journey: Us Air Force to the Pentagon to CIA



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Foundational PISD

Joe Camarena called an end to the frivolity at 12:09, anointing **John Priest** for the Invocation and **Chris Parr** for the Pledge. He credited **Robert Reed** with Greeting. He recognized **Jamee Jolly** as what **Rick Horne** claimed was a



“visiting Rotarian.” **Porcha Maten** welcomed her guest, **Lin Adi**.

President Joe renewed our exposure to the **Holiday Party** from 6 to 10 pm the following Saturday (photos on pg. 2). He reminded us of our commitment to **Coats for Cops**. We had estimated attendance at ~70±10, but we have over-achieved with 89 RSVPed so far. We are to take our Ugly Sweaters out of moth-balls to compete at the Party.

Janis Allman extended the deadline for BBQ recipes for a week due to the poor performance of Club members. PPD, PFD, and local restaurants have put us to shame.

Gary Garza stumped for ReStore volunteers, citing all the Xmas stuff donated that must be moved.

Joe channeled **Sara** noting next fortnight’s meeting to be a wrapping party for **Angel Tree**. **Karen Sheldon** offered to renew the email request. Gary Garza recommended spiked eggnog to boast attendance. The 12/16 meeting will start at 10:30 but the real work will be 11:30 to 1. **Kathy Taylor** reminded us of the Signup Genius request for not only the 16th but 12/22 & 12/24 as well. She’s seeking 10 shoppers.

Joe read the years of service and the December birthdays as well. Then he encouraged **Brag Bucks** by noting Iowa’s win of the Big 10 Western division. **Johnny Lewis** told us that paled in comparison to NTSU’s record.

Joe passed out signup sheets for The Rotarian Moment and Rotarian of the Month. Then he announced the ROTM for November, a member who bucked Texas trends by handing out N95 masks, who authors the *Weekly Reader* article, “always a pleasure to read.” Gary noted that he was busy recording this very announcement,

seemingly oblivious to its content. But when **Sainted Editor’s** name rang out, he sprang up, flexing 80-year-old muscles, to claim his prizes: the Certificate, the ball cap, and the coffee cup, with gratitude. He noted that he had 2 years to go to catch up to the record of the last editor, **Orville Fudpucker**.



2021 Rotary Holiday Party



Janis introduced a woman who needed no introduction, **Jamee Jolly**. That's particularly fortunate because **Sainted Editor** was sufficiently distracted that he neglected to get Janis' notes! Jamee was the Chamber's Exec. Director while Jeff Beckley was its President. She's served as lobbyist for the Collin County Association of Realtors®™. She was high in the ranks of the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association. Now she heads up PISD's Education Foundation as Senior Exec. Director.



Jamee began her discourse with her new-found dog, segued into her morning with 4th graders, and launched into PISD's mission: to see to it that every student thrives and finds his/her passion. She lamented the changing demographics that have resulted in 36% of PISD students qualifying for free or reduced costs lunches. So that's 18K out of the 50K student population. **Sara Bonser**, PISD Superintendent, manages a staff of 4K educators throughout 72 campii over 100 sq. mi.!

Jamee oversees the Education Foundation with a Board of Directors aiding her, including Jeff (!) and with Sara Bonser in an advisory position. Her task wasn't lightened by the pandemic. When the students transitioned from "brick to

click," Jamee had to find them laptops and internet connections. Fortunately, the community recognized the need and coughed up 400 new donors. Now that they're transitioning back from click to brick, there are a whole new passel of needs.

For one, some students dreaded the pandemic because school was their escape from broken home lives. So counseling funds are in order. Indeed such funds not only assist students in crisis but whole families as well. And crises arise with school staff too; an Employee Crisis Fund is bankrolled for \$30K. Another \$8K is reserved for "recognition" of employees.

An \$89K Welcome Center facilitates everything from language testing to vaccinations. Partnerships with City House, Lifepath, and Texas Health Resources counsels all comers.

The **Robbie & Lynore Robinson** Fine Arts Center, due to come on line next month, has been paid for with bond monies but its operations are funded by the Foundation.

It also hands out grants to teacher for materials and equipment unavailable through PISD. It manages a CORE Store offering teachers school supplies they'd otherwise pay out of pocket for their kiddoes. (Teachers spend <\$250> of their coin.)

It does this all with grants, N TX Giving Day, and Ski Plano (2/5/'22) "the best gala ever."

"**Mary Jo**, have I forgotten anything?"

Joe asked about the Robinson Center. Jamee described the size of the halls and the overflow parking across the street at Academy HS. He had the Club sing HB2U (Jamee "can't wait to turn 31!"), led us in the 5WT & shooed us out at 12:53.



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