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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan 12

TBD

Jan 19

Henry Gentry

What makes Henry's Ice Cream so Special

Jan 26

TBD

Feb 2

Kathy Taylor

The YMCA is not a Place, but a Purpose, with a Bold Vision for a Brighter Future

Feb 9th

Marvin Jolly

Housing in Plano

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pamela Little	Jan 04
Mike McCormack	Jan 15
Jerry Aris	Jan 17
Randy Brodhead	Jan 20
Paul Hernandez	Jan 25

Happy
Birthday

Rotary Members Share Their Service Experiences

January 5, 2023, meeting At president **Janelle's** request, **Peggy Fenwick** gave the invocation and **Jeff McKee** led the pledge. Sgt at Arms, **Mike McCormack** gave us the Rotary anniversaries and birthdays: Mary Jo Dean (28) Chris Parr (21) Joe Camarena (5) Kathy Taylor (2) January birthdays were: Pam Little, Jerry Aris, Randy Brodhead, Paul Hernandez, and Mike McCormack who put a check

with his age in \$s into the Bubba Bucket.

Our Brag collection included: **Rick Horne** is running for Plano City Council. He needs to collect 177 signatures on an official form that is **too small**.

Mike told about his niece that went to Tulane undergrad, Georgia for her Masters, and Florida for her PhD. His wife went to TCU. I assume they will be watching the football game Monday.

Johnny Lewis is our meeting coordinator for January, taking some of the load off Janelle. We wrapped gifts for 50! families at Samaritan Inn and helped Santa with his duties. We had many volunteers at Heritage Homestead, but the event was not well organized. Johnny Lewis told about our club and District's history of "service above self". Three examples are in **Mexico, Plano, and India**.





The photo shows the before and after images of a school in Puerto Vallarta **Mexico**. In 1997, Johnny Lewis, Ean Sullivan, and Tino Trujillo brought a District 5810 work crew to Mexico. They finished the scheduled project, but then were told about a much bigger opportunity. You can see what the primitive school looked like. It had 200 students and 4 teachers. At dinner that night, Don Carter of the Mavericks donated \$50,000 to start the fund raising. The school was finished 1 year later, with the supervision of a Mexican Rotary.

The NW corner of the photo is of the school with 3 walls, no bathrooms, and no running water. The SW corner shows the completed school. The SE corner shows the original inside conditions while the NE corner shows the new interior, with desks and happy students. Johnny went back several years later and had trouble locating the school. A town had built up around it!

That area of Mexico was very poor and had no way of transporting sick or injured citizens to medical help. Tino helped get grants from District 5810 for 3 ambulances. They were refurbished in the US, driven to Mexico (with some border

issues), and delivered. The Mexican crews were also trained in using the donated Jaws of Life.



In Plano, the original Jack Carter pool needed major repairs. Plano decided to close the pool and build a better pool close by. Our club donated \$25,000 to help build a playground for special needs children in the freed-up space.



Mary Joe Dean, Kelly Palmer, Earnest Burke, and Rick Horne played important roles in the project.



Rotary clubs in Plano and Richardson

worked together to create the Children's Medical Clinic in east Plano. Many times, there would be 20 families waiting for the clinic to open.

Tino was the driving force behind a Spanish library in east Plano. He also was one of the first trustees of Collin College and recruited more Rotary members than anyone else in District 5810.

LB Showalter helped create wells in India.



Jeff McKee was recruited at a District 5810 meeting to go to **India** on a 2-week Rotary Global Grant tour. India is literally

on the opposite side of the world. The trip opened his mind.

Jeff visited hospitals with a wide range of services. The first hospital looked like one of the premier hospitals in Plano or Dallas. Other hospitals had less resources. Very few patients had insurance.

Jeff also visited St. Thomas Asylum, which is run by the Catholic relief organization Caritas, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations operating in over 200 countries and territories worldwide. Collectively and individually, their missions are to work to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed. St. Thomas serves women who were battered, broken, and left behind. They sew bags, clothing, and other products to sell to schools and businesses. All Jeff's clothing you can see was made by the women. Their sewing machines were 100 years old; they recently were given machines only 40 years old. We in the United States are very lucky. Jeff had a very fresh lunch at St. Thomas. He noticed that the milk was quite warm. The director explained that it had just been milked from their cow.



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