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# Reader

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The Plano Rotary Club  
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## BANNERLESS YEAR

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 8th**  
**Sara Akers**  
*North Texas Performing Arts*

**July 15th**  
**Dan Henry**  
*Fox4 Weather*

**July 22th**  
**Jasmine Lee**  
*Addison Oktoberfest*

**July 29th**  
**Jeff Smith**  
*Plano High School Football Coaches*



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joe Camarena	July 01
Sara Akers	July 10
Emma Smith	July 11
Larry Bisno	July 16
Peggy Fenwick	July 19
Kathy Taylor	July 20
Matt Jackson	July 22
Jim Monroe	July 22
Maria Mott	July 23

**2020** was to have been our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Rotary Club, a milestone, a Banner Year. But COVID-19 had other plans.

Instead, we've met regularly, if with emaciated attendance, virtually by ZOOM. Indeed, we met enough times that outgoing President **Jeff Beckley** has had enough practice that he can commence the video recordings without prompts! Still, it wasn't all rainbows and roses; as with semi-infinitely many such video conferences worldwide, the most often used phrase was "you're muted."

So it was with real pleasure that we met a fortnight ago IN PERSON to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> + 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at **Rutledge Haggard's Party Barn** with a smattering of new faces we've not seen since March 2020! As ex-



pected, a **BBQ dinner** awaited us, but also a perk in the form of a Club His-



tory was laid out as well. It augmented an exposition on the same subject by Judge **Johnny Lewis**.

**JOEFFREY THE LAME DUCK** opened the festivities at 6:02, leading us in the Pledge and tapping **John Priest** for double-duty as both the Greeter and the *Invocateur*. We were treated to an actual singer, **Taiwan Thompson**, and his rendition of **The Star Spangled Banner!** The special guests were introduced: DG **John & Trudy Moser**, Mayor **John Muns**, State Representative **Matt Shaheen**, Councilmen **Shelby Williams**, **Anthony Ricciardelli** and **Julie Homer**. Then Jeff introduced the outgoing Board: PE **Joe Camarena**, Treasurer **John Caldwell**, Secretary **Janelle Twyford-Silvis**, At-Large members, **Mary Jo Dean**, **Johnny Lewis**, **Emma Smith**, **Paul Hernandez**, and **Bob Kehr**. Jeff then related PRC projects carried on even during the pandemic: Peanut butter drive, Xmas Coats, Angel Tree, support for the **Robinson Fine Arts Centre**, and sanitation kits for DFW area shelters.



DG John Moser inducted the incoming officers: Pres. Joe Camarena,



PE Janelle Twyford Silvis, Bob Kehr, and John Caldwell. DG John went on to recognize Major Donors to the Paul Harris Foundation: Johnny Lewis and **Chris Parr**. He then outlined the five Areas of Rotary Service and urged us to encourage new Rotaracters via a Rotaract Club soon to be installed. The DG also announced the creation of a new Area of Service: Supporting the Environment. He encouraged us a “*influencers*” to persuade the community movers and shakers to act.



Newly inducted President Joe (the only Joe whose presidency is uncontested!) passed service pins down from the old Board to the new. Jeff shouted with glee, “*I’m retired!*” Joe announced that although a committee is still looking for a permanent home, Plano Rotary will meet at noon on 8 July in the Plano Chamber HQ (5400 Independence Pkwy, Suite 200) and for the foreseeable future. Joe called upon Emma Smith to report on the activities of the Satellite Club. Emma announced a 6 pm Thursday networking and fellowship meeting and service projects with Children’s Advocacy Center with provision of back-to-school items.



Joe presented Jeff with a service plaque with gavel and said that Jeff was “a

*good listener*” to which Jeff replied, “*Could you tell my wife that?*”

Joe then honored members who were celebrating a Rotary anniversary of their own: Emma (“*who brought the average age down by half!*”), **Janis Allman, Rick Horne, Hubert Aaron, John Priest, Rutledge Haggard, and Randy Brodhead** (for 35 years!).



Major Muns the II, noting that his father had been mayor for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, read a COP Proclamation (above), citing the late **Maribelle Davis** as the 1<sup>st</sup> female member (1997) and declaring 24 June 2021 to be Plano Rotary Club Day.

Rep. Matt Shaheen did the same for State Resolution, quipping, “*You all look better than your ZOOM calls.*” He flattered us as “*community Titans*” with an innate desire to make things better, and concluded with “*May God bless you on your next 75 years.*”



Our US Representative **Van Taylor** pursued the virtual theme by prerecording his responses. He said it was “*my supreme honor to congratulate you*” on our longevity.

Johnny Lewis regaled us with the impacts of the Paul Harris Foundation. He cited the creation of 13 new PH Fellows even during the pandemic. And he recognized wife **Sharon Lewis** as among the area’s Major Donors. Sharon and Chris pinned the new fellows.



**Zoya McCarr**, 4WT Division Finalist, related her experiences as a rising junior at Plano Senior High. Janelle presented a PHF Special Recognition to **Leann Libby**,



who also suffered pinning.

Johnny Lewis commenced his Plano Rotary Club History. We were sponsored by Richardson Rotary in 1945, and PRC was started by the likes of **J.J. Pearce, Ted Harrington, A.R. Schell**, and the first PISD Superintendent.



We've sponsored six Plano Rotaries as well as Allen, Wylie, and the Oakcliff Latino. We've built schools in Puerto Vallarta barrios. The PV Rotary thanked us for "*teaching us how to do it for ourselves.*" We've funded Plano Children's Medical Clinic and built homes for seniors like the 103-year-old **Miss Jewel**. We've sponsored Jack Carter Park.

Zoya took the mic again to introduce her Father, **Mike**, who has encouraged her to volunteer and claims he's "*learning lessons from Zoya.*" Mike is moved to "*look into Rotary.*"

Jeff was called by Joe to be roasted. The roast centered upon Jeff's lack of control on his bicycle. Joe's daughter learned the importance

of bicycle braking by not following Jeff's example with the phrase, "*No Jeffy hands.*" She gifted Jeff with a girl's bike helmet and other pink paraphernalia. And he is invited to ride with her and her friends (to learn safety, apparently).



Rick Horned in with a roast of his own. He marveled at how Jeff's hair style changed as the weeks ZOOMed by. Rick said Jeff's become a ZOOM Master Jedi after finally learning how to display and remove the flag. John Caldwell piled on with Jeff's inability to answer phone calls.

Jeff thanked the sponsors of this evening's event and said that his one-year presidential stint "*felt like two*" during COVID. He marveled that Mankind has only eliminated two scourges: smallpox and polio. And he was "*glad to see you guys in 3D.*" He then offered a gift basket to Karen Sheldon, "*the glue that holds the Club together. She's a rock star!*"

His final act was to exhort us to take the deserts home with us, he led us in the 5WT and sent us off at 7:51.



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