



SUMMER Weekly

Reader

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 2nd
Mimi Connor/LovePacs
Please bring a jar of peanut butter to donate to LovePacs

June 9th
Curtis Howard/CPS Board
Transitioning from Foster to College

June 16th
Colin Cahoon/Author
"Mended Wings"

June 23rd
TBD

June 25 SATURDAY
Rotary Social
Please read weekly email for details

June 30
NO MEETING
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Charles Milby	Jun 07
Mark Waterbury	Jun 08
Mark Geller	Jun 09
Bradley Keith	Jun 12



Bianez of Scammers' Existence

ERRATUM² Sainted Editor got it wrong when reporting the Leadership Plano expense for non-Chamber members. It was not \$1,700 but rather **\$1,750**. And the erratum had to be squared because he was to have made the correction in the previous Weekly Reader, but he had a senior moment (or two or three).

He Who Shall Be Named Joe began the meeting at 12:13, invoking the Deity himself but permitting **Maria Mott** to lead us in the Pledge. She is newly-returned from nursing her husband back from the **Clutches of Covid**, and she reports that, even though he was fully-vaccinated and boosted, his struggle with the virus was severe. "*He didn't open his eyes for four days!*" The same is true of **Rick Maucieri's** 20-something daughter who has yet to recover; so it strikes terror in the youth as well as the elderly. This current variant is more infectious, more deadly, and more evasive of vaccines than previous versions. So ignore *this* surge at your peril.

Joe C. lauded **Marco Solano** for bringing today's fruit platter for those who neglected to bring your baggies. **Janis Allman** said she do the honors at the next meeting. Or was it **Janelle Twyford-Silvis?** *Senior moment!*!



Joe also complimented **Senile Editor** on the **RYLA** reporting in the previous *Weekly Reader*, commenting on the photo-op of the kiddoes, but



that was the work of **Photographer du Jour, Mike McCormack**. **Joe** commented too upon the apparent lack of dress code, having an "in MY day" moment. **Randy Brodhead** admitted to being sent home one school day for wearing jeans. **Janis** too was disciplined for a dress infraction.

Janelle summarized our July 4th Plano Rotaries function in cooperation with the City of Plano. Of course there'll be fireworks, food, and fun. Instead of a movable feast, it'll be a stationary one with fixed floats, booths, and tables. Any company or group is invited to participate, so the Rotary Clubs of Plano will have a 38x20' booth at the (stationary) parade. Apparently the Lions Club is mentoring us poor Rotarians, and it is they who will judge the excellence of the exhibits. **Janelle** will need volunteers for the evening at Oak Point Park. **Janis** volunteered the Rotary Clubs of Plano banner she uses at Plano International Festival. <https://www.rotaryparadesofplano.com/>

Karen Sheldon will send out email and further information will, no doubt, be forthcoming here in the bulletin.

It was announced that Hendrick Foundation will have a celebration on June 11th for its 19 graduates plus one Surgical Tech degree!

Janelle noted a fiscal-year-end cookout on Saturday, June 25th in celebration of the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors of Plano Rotary. “*Come have a good time,*” bringing a side dish and BYOB. Speaker du Jour, PPD Officer **Christopher Bianez**, piped up, “*Be sure to bring your Designated Driver!*”

Joe mentioned having a hard time with the novel *Beneath the Scarlet Sky*, a WWII tome wherein a major character is outed as a betrayer. But now that he’s less emotional, he’s read it again with the wisdom that comes with age. He also, inexplicably, mentioned that his nickname as a youth was Pequeño, literally for short. Maria’s was Pequeña, the feminine form. Officer Bianez had his hair shampooed by his sister with glue; it had to be cut off, leaving him with the nickname “Peylo,” which connotes baldness. Janis declared herself “Moose” for her tomboy propensity to run over people. Janelle was “Rabbit” since there was no female track, so she was told to “*Go catch the Rabbit!*” Marco was embarrassed to be called “Enano,” which means “dwarf” because he used to be very short.



Janelle introduced Officer Bianez. (Having previous dealings with Rotaries, Officer Bianez called for backup in the form of Officer **Ted** ←**Hirsch**.) By way of introduction, Janelle played a Channel 11 News clip of Officer Bianez break dancing with the reporter, prompting the anchor to caution, “*Don’t hurt your hip, buddy!*” The video has been seen by 668K

viewers, which, in turn, prompted the 52-year-old Crime Prevention Officer to quote his catchphrase, “*Plano Police Dept. is in the house!*”

When the applause died down, Chris Bianez posited that you’ve just received an email from a dear friend out of the country who tells you she’s been robbed and can’t take her flight home unless you wire her \$2,000. “*What do you do?*” Mike McCormack had the right answer: “*You call them to see if it’s true.*”

Chris then told us his childhood dream of being an actor *playing* a cop in movies. He never

thought he’d be one for real just as he never thought he’d end up on the cover of AARP!

Then he thanked Janelle for the invitation and the Club for its good works.

So his first take-away of the day was: NEVER SEND MONEY WITHOUT TALKING TO SOMEONE!

The fraudsters are counting on you being so rattled that you’ll do as you are told. Resist.

He gave us the trusted website: [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)

While victims over 80 lose an average of \$1,300, only 20% of them ever report the loss. They feel embarrassed. The less aged feel angry.

Seniors are especially targeted because:

- They are trusting.
- They have money.
- They aren’t as strong as youngsters.

So they make easy marks.

Why do identity thieves want your personal information? Because they want to be paid for their efforts. The pandemic didn’t stop fraud, it increased it; it’s now a \$4.7B industry. Up 33% from prior to the pandemic.

Chris asked us to come up with ID Theft schemes, and fraudster McCormack won a Jr. Cop badge, saying, “*It’s a long time since I was a Junior anything!*” Officer Bianez recommended he use it to get out of a ticket. His next prize was a ballpoint pen with writes with a “*thin, blue line*” and is emblazoned with his likeness. **John Priest** offered computer hacking as an ID theft avenue and won the pen.

Randy Brodhead said his credit card company called him with a curious charge of \$5,000 at a bicycle store, which Randy denied making. The thief had earlier charge a trivial amount to test the card’s worth. Officer Bianez added:

- Dumpster diving
- Credit card skimmers
- Debit card fraud like losing cash
- RFID (radio frequency ID) readers
- Email and phone phishing
- Rerouting mail to another address

And he offered ways to protect oneself against the onslaught:



- RFID blocking wallets
- Limit the number of credit cards carried
- Place them in a front pocket
- Shred, shred, shred ID documents
 - Using a cross-shredder not linear
 - A cat lady mixes shred with litter!
- Be aware of your purses, never distracted.
- Don't click on email links
- Use VPN (virtual private networks) in public
- Never use automatic logins
- Update browsers
 - Use a *Brave* browser which shields
- Never fall for fake phone #s
- Never pay "taxes or fees" on "free" items
- Hang up on robocallers (or use blockers)

He invited us all to consider attending the Citizens Police Academy where we'll learn shoot or don't shoot tactics as well as how to drive fast! It runs for 12 weeks on Thursday nights.

Janis Allman asked the difference between shopping in a store or online. Wherever a miscreant can access you, you're unsafe.

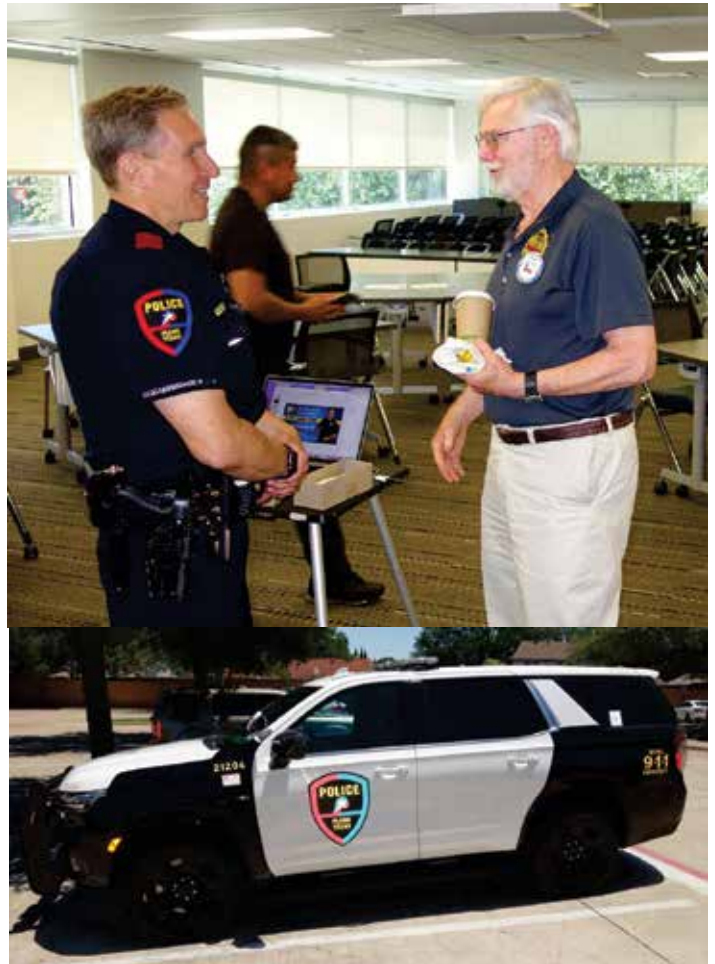
Officer Bianeze offered [FTC.gov/scam](https://www.ftc.gov/scam) as a resource for up-to-date information about fraudulent schemes in circulation. His final slide held his phone #: 972-941-2437. And he showed a Safety Minute clip from the PPD website. Accessible by:

- Opening YouTube
- Searching for "City of Plano"
- Clicking on the Plano P logo
- Click on PLAYLISTS
- Scroll down to PLANO POLICE SAFETY MINUTE

John Priest told a tale of his wife's business computer being hacked, and four years later, hackers are still passing around the company information. *"It never goes away."*

Joe thanked Officer Bianeze for his insights and led us in the Five-Way Test. Officer Bianeze said, *"Love that number 5!"*

We were turned loose on the world at 1:05.




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