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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 24th
Janelle Twyford – Silvis
"Update on Texas Blues & Red Hots...ins and outs... preparation"

March 31st
Isaac McNary
"Rotary Outreach"

April 7th
Bob Kehr
"Nuts about Pistachio's"

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Kehr	Mar 07
Marshall Johnson	Mar 10
Jamie Schell	Mar 18
GaryGarza	Mar 31



Human Traffic Jam

MARCO Solano is to be thanked profusely for the *St. Patrick's Day* cakes he provided. They were chocolate and strawberry, but the strawberries did have **green** leaves!



Sometime, one-time, never-never, member **Carrolyn Moebius** was here today not only to pick up her PH+8 pin but also to pay for it by being our substitute *President du Jour*. She read from a prepared script (how thoughtful, **Joe**) and called upon **Peggy Fenwick** for the Invocation and **Jamee Jolly** for the Pledge. She hung the Rotary banner on the American Flag stand (out of respect), and welcomed speakers **John Perez** and **Marissa Miller** from the Dept. of Justice. Then she called upon **John Caldwell** for a Four-Way Test Speech report.

He said that the 1st and 3rd place winners both hailed from *J.J. Pearce HS* (Richardson) and the 2nd and 4th from *Liberty HS* (Frisco). (Whatsamatter with Plano?) He's going tomorrow and Monday to present the winners in their classes. He'll be proselytizing for next year this Wednesday in **Coppell**. (Great! Next he'll invite Fort Worth, Austin, and Chicago.)

Janelle Twyford-Silvis, looking thoroughly healed, gave us an update on our 3/26 **Texas Blues and Red Hots BBQ** in Haggard Parking Lot. She's successfully obtained the permits for the PPD and



PFD to cook our \$2,000 worth of brisket! She is in desperate need of coolers, and we can still volunteer at Sign-Up Genius (see your email from Karen).

Porcha Maten said that her Inter-acters are "moving in a new [fundraising] direction." Since the Principal of her Academy is involved, she's sure it will be remunerative. She also touted the Academy's Earth Day celebrations.

Johnny Lewis rose to talk about Paul Harris (with an eye on Porcha) saying that \$1K donation to Rotary International makes one a Paul Harris Fellow (or Dame, in Porcha's case). Your kilobuck sits, accumulating interest for 3 years, at the end of which, 1/2 is returned to 5810 for distribution to clubs with projects. Your 2nd kilobuck earns you a PH+1, and when you reach PH+9, you become a Major Donor! So Carrolyn only has to pony up one more!

Jamee Jolly ponyed up \$5 for her announcement of her 2nd grandbaby with two more on the way!





Janis Allman followed that fiver with one of her own, celebrating the life and death of **Al Dougal**. He passed away 3/2/22 at the ripe old age of 97; we should all be so lucky. He was the youngest of 5 boys and was a 1941 (Sainted Editor's birth year!) graduate of Timberlake HS. His attendance at SD School of Mines was interrupted by Korean War service, but he returned for a CE baccalaureate. He worked for the predecessor of Lockheed Martin in aircraft manufacture.



In 1955, Plano, a community of 3,000, ran out of water everyday about 2 pm. Al fixed that building a water treatment plant for Lake Lavon in Wylie that serves Plano even today. All the resulting eager flushes meant that Al also worked on sewage treatment. He left *Forrest & Cotton* to join City staff, rising to

Dir. of Planning, Development, and Engineering. "*Best job he ever had.*" He had two sons and a daughter by his first wife of 35 years, marrying his second when she died. In retirement, he took up painting, "*creating masterpieces.*" Some were on display at his services.

Janis owed the bucket **\$12,733**.

Janelle rose to introduce the speakers: Marissa Miller, Dep. Criminal Chief for Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation in the Eastern District of TX. She has been recognized as the N TX Crime Commission's 2019 Prosecutor of the Year and received the 2021 Director's Award for her prosecution of U.S. vs. **Alexander Barter**. She earned her J.D. from U. Michigan Law.

John Perez is a Supervisory Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations in Dallas. He is assigned to the N. TX Trafficking Task

Force (NTTTF) as Group Supervisor. He has worked a wide variety of investigations including online trafficking, massage parlor and residential brothel cases.

John mentioned that two girls were trafficked in Janelle's neighborhood; one was found in Las Vegas, the other hasn't been located. He is in charge of the NTTTF which comprises 11 agencies, including PPD. (Their badges are in the last photo on pg.1.)



Marissa is with the DOJ serving in a district including Collin and Denton to Cooke and Fannin and whose district seat is in Beaumont. So it incorporates everything from cities "*to the piney woods.*" And she has to be nimble: a sex ad "*is answered in 4 minutes!*"

John's NTTTF has its HQ in Irving. He spends his time training officers from participating agencies. They get a couple of weeks of training. He intersperses that with working investigations and changing the public's perceptions of trafficking.

Last year, NTTTF rescued 21 children and made 177 arrests.

Marissa chimed in about how much she hated the **Liam Neeson** movie *Taken*. It is rife with misconceptions which misinform the public. (And it's been doing it through four iterations.) She reminded us of the preposterous plot: Albanian traffickers kidnap Neeson's character's daughter



while she's on the phone with him!

John cautioned us not to confuse trafficking with smuggling; the former is a crime against persons while the latter is a crime against a border.

“No one is happy to see us,” especially the victims who experience Stockholm Syndrome, having been taught that law enforcement is there to take them back to the reason they jumped ship in the first place. The trafficker is “*the only person who loves them.*” Marissa remembers sitting down with one victim who asked, “*What do you want, b*tch?*” That victim climbed a 12’ fence to escape from John.

“*Traffickers aren’t always male.*” She recalled a particularly vicious woman in a posh Plano residence running a multimillion dollar, unlicensed “*therapist*” operation. She is known as a “*bottom b*tch,*” one whose perks include seeing fewer disgusting customers by doing day-to-day management and accompanying the victims. She herself is a victim but does all this “*to survive.*”



There’s 3 categories of male enforcers: the Gorilla, Boyfriend, and Businessman Pimp, but traffickers can be any ethnicity, age, or sex. The wealthier a community in which they work, the more business transpires, so Plano is a prime target.

They work out of affluent, multimillion dollar homes. They are so wealthy that money doesn’t matter. One particularly stupid pimp called the PPD to complain of being robbed; the responding officers were invited in to take the particulars, noticed everything wrong and arrested the perp twerp.

Between 3/15 and 3/16, 12,405 sex ads were posted online! Although nextdoor and craigslist try to police the ads, they can’t keep up. The backoffices for the perpetrators are off shore.

John Caldwell asked what makes their recruitment tactics so productive. John Perez explained that they recruit from broken homes and offer victims the “*promise of a better life.*” They are showered with gifts and drugs, and middle schoolers are encouraged to recruit their friends!

Janis embarrassed herself with a tale of seeking “*old woman bras*” online, which garnered a multitude of unwanted responses!

John Perez said that teenagers have “*no rights to privacy from parents,*” so check their phones for inappropriate or dangerous postings.

Marissa confirmed that “*children are velociraptors, so electrify those fences.*”

Janis admitted amazement at the “*pouty mouth*” selfies they take which “*look like a plucked chicken.*” On that note, Carrolyn led us in the 5-Way Test and dismissed us at 1:06.



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