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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 5
Carole Greisdorf & Bob Kehr
Leadership Plano

May 12th
Jo Via
"Things are looking up at Plano Balloon Festival"

May 19th
RYLA
"The Closer Few"

May 26th
Christopher Biane
Plano Police
"The Scams we were not prepared for"

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Huffines	May 01
John Priest	May 05
Chris Parr	May 06
Howard Matson	May 11
Mary Jo Dean	May 27



Poles (& Ukrainians) for Peace

CRICKETS could be heard throughout the Chamber's chamber. Apparently, it was holding a do elsewhere, siphoning off most of our members. Hence the crickets and echoes of crickets.

He Who Shall Be Named Joe called us to order at 12:12, summoning photographer **Peggy Fenwick** for the Invocation and **John Caldwell** for the Pledge. Again, no Greeter.



Porcha was AWOL, so there was no Interact report. **Johnny Lewis** was similarly absent, so there was no RYLA or Foundation report. So **Joe** bent to the missing tasks. He told us to expect our RYLAers (is that a word?) in person to extol their accomplishments and be feted with pizza (provided by **Sainted Editor**, the resident Pizza Pusher). He also noted that the Foundation had met an apportioned donation dollars out to our usual charities. **Gary Garza's** Habitat for Humanity got a "well-deserved" \$5K, **Kathy**

Taylor's Family YMCA got a respectable \$2.5K which might be enough to offset our arrears and bring back the Rotary flag. "All others are in place." But if we have more in mind, the Foundation will be glad to listen to proposals, especially when Joe takes it over next fiscal year.

Mike McCormack's phone rang twice in succession, earning him a \$5 fine. (Someone must be anxious to speak with him, so it may be worth it.)



Rick Horne wished "the remaining Rotary" a welcome before insulting "the loser,"



Robert Reed, for his incipient abandonment. Rick said that Robert's absconding to Madison, WI, has "left a hole in our Board" ("and our hearts," opined John Caldwell). Thus, there is an opening on the Board for a Member-At-Large (appropriate for Robert) for which the Board nominated **Larry Bisno**, "who appar-



ently had nothing else to do." And so it was put to the members present (who didn't constitute a quorum, but, hey, who's counting?). The proposal was moved by **Jim Monroe** and seconded by John Caldwell and passed by acclamation with but one abstention, Larry's. Larry was offered congratulations and condolences.



Robert tried to salvage what he could of the trashing by telling the assembly that he'd bring his PSO replacement, **Greg Patterson**, to Rotary on 19 May to receive the Club's annual donation via John Caldwell's Big Check. He also promised to pressure Greg to join our Club before Robert

heads north to Madison, where today it was snowing. Robert himself will be joining the Madison Downtown Rotary Club where he'll be lost in the swarm of 500 members! (So much for a big fish in a small pond.) He also promised to return (to exchange banners) whenever the weather drives him south.

But with him goes our Venue Chair. So he must complete our move planning before decamping. The Venue Committee has established four options for the club to vote upon. The last member survey betrayed the "strong feelings" held by most as to how what kind of facility offering what kind of services they prefer.

Joe mentioned that he's in discussions with Rotary East about reunification of the clubs. **Janis Allman** recommended an eastside venue to facilitate that and service the majority of members who live or work east of Independence. Plano East's President, **Lisa Bloomer**, daughter of **LB the Wicked**, concurs. Although Gleneagles is available (and utilized by Metro), it requires a 25 lunch minimum, so we'd be paying for lunches unconsumed. Robert surmised that a venue with a smorgasbord of choices is best. Mike McCormack reminded us that the venue needs A/V. Rick Horne said the rest of Plano Rotaries meet at Norma's and the Plano Housing Authority. The venues large enough in Downtown Plano have disappeared, and if we rejoin Plano East, our size increases and the options decrease. **Joe** noted that mandatory attendance is a thing of the past. RI is much more flexible for members in Good Standing.

John Caldwell introduced today's speaker, **Gene Davenport**. A Rotarian for over 40 years, Gene has been involved with District 5790, the Rotary E-Club of Central Texas, and RI. With his wife, **Janet**, he went to Ghana to inoculate children against Polio in 2006. Six years later, he was in Bangladesh on a cleft palate mission. He helps clubs with their Strategic Plans and other leadership programs.

Gene warned us not to expect a formal presentation. He started by saying, "I don't know what life would be like without Rotary." Within Rotary he has had "the privilege of associations" with movers and shakers. Before he was a Superintendent of Allen ISD, he learned the trade from our own **Wayne Hendricks**. He was amazed to learn that Wayne had shepherded PISD through 35 schools!



He was in the 120-member Georgetown Rotary for 20 years before moving to Denton. (He will move his membership to Dallas Rotary.) He rose to DG in Georgetown. While there, he witnessed a presentation by a black pastor on what it was like being black in a white society. Under the pastor's leadership, they started a Racial Unity Committee. One of the precepts of Rotary is that it "creates environments of peace."

He awakened his laptop and a stand-in **Bob Kehr** helped him start his PowerPoint™©.

- Racial Unity is possible if we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life.

- By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships, we can create the environment where peace can happen.

The necessary conversations are difficult but can be accomplished with “*courage and honesty.*”

Janelle Twyford-Silvis will have handouts to facilitate such discussions.



Gene then touted **PEACE POLES**, tangible objects that remind us of the necessity and joy of peace. The originated in Japan in 1955, but they are now found worldwide in over 200K places. Peace transcends race, religion, political affiliation, creed, and other divisive agencies. Gene

favors the 4x4 vinyl pole 4' in height set in concrete. They can be made for \$70 each at Sign-a-Rama in Lewisville. (But perhaps **Maria Mott's** Signs by Tomorrow can help.)

He suggests erecting them in a city park to “*enhance the club's image*” when they're dedicated and commemorated. He also recommended them for peace gardens on the campi (the Latin plural) of PISD. “*People are attracted to it.*” **Joe** suggested the Plano International Festival.

John Caldwell asked how they are advertised. Gene said, “*I got assigned here.*” Then John commented that they would be good objects to send to Rotarian members of Congress.

Joe said that it was a great project on the order of the West's Field of Honor. Tongue-in-cheek, Janis Allman recommended sending them to the Russian Federation.

Joe thanked our speaker and led us in the Five-Way Test and belled us out onto an unsuspecting world at 1:05.




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