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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov 17th
Howard Templin
DG 5810

Nov 24th
No Noon Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 01
Stacey Ford - nonPareil
*"Building a Better Future for
Adults with Autism"*

Dec 8
NO NOON MEETING
*Angel Tree Shopping
at Target*

Dec 15
**Gift Wrapping for
Angel Tree**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Boone	Nov 2
Marie Curie	Nov 7
Grace Kelly	Nov 12
Alan Shepard	Nov 18
Dale Sheldon	Nov 21



Memorial Lane

THE PROGRAM today was advertised as "Rotary Club Remembers: A Walk Down Memory Lane and Tribute to Our Veterans." As such, ~~Sainted Editor~~ was all prepared for a Plano History Lesson from **Janis Allman**, but he was wrong about the "Plano."

PFL **Janelle Twyford-Silvis** commenced at 12:07, giving the Invocation and the Pledge herself. ↓ **SERGEANT MIKE** thanked **Rick Horne** for subbing



for him and promised he'd have to do it again. Then he welcomed prodigal son, **Randy Wright**, visiting Rotarian from Plano East and points northwest. (He and **Diana** have a summer home in Colorado).



Randy proudly proclaimed himself a 50-year Rotarian. Now he sports shirts that would rival some of **Hubert Aaron's** sweaters! But those are nothing compared with his and **Diana's** Hallowe'en outfits.



Sgt. Mike also welcomed ↑**Mark Mourer**, a Fort Worth Rotarian. And **Jeff** ↓ **McKee** had brought an acquaintance, ↙**Fran Allday**, who



had volunteered with Jeff to serve lunches at the Sam Johnson Recreational Center for Adults 50+. Her Dad and late husband were Rotarians.

Janelle had veteran members stand to be recognized and applauded for their service.

Nancy Humphrey offered a \$5 announcement that the VARTRE and 3 of the 5 Bond Issues for PISD had passed. Failed were the Event Center and the Clarke Field renovation. Still *“lots of amazing things are happening in the district. Stay tuned.”*

Janelle thanked **Paul Hernandez** for help with the Wine Tasting and the fact that she *“got to take food home!”*

Janis Allman begged a minute for an announcement, and then she fumbled with her smartphone long enough for Janelle to comment, *“Your minute is running out.”* Janis found the article and regaled us with why Veterans’ Day always falls on the 11th. It was because WWI ended at 11:11 (Continental Time) on 11/11/1918. And the Red Poppies worn in commemoration symbolize those whose lives were lost therein. The Black is for those who never came home, and the leaf should point to 11 o’clock. Rick Horne added that there were 1,111 flags on the field for Flags of Honor. Janelle avowed that we *“owe veterans a great debt”* for their *“courage and sacrifice that secured liberty.”*

Quoting **Truman**, **Reagan**, and **Kennedy**, she continued. *“Whenever and wherever the nation has called...America’s veterans have been there. Veterans have proudly carried the torch of liberty for all to see.”*

“We lay wreaths. We speak words of tribute. And in our memories and in our hearts, we hold them close to us still. Yet we also know, that many, so selflessly made a final and eternal act of devotion.”

“Each person, who has died in battle for the United States, is a victim of a failed peace process—something which is often lost on many Americans. Our country losing citizens to war represents that we, as a whole, have forgotten many things: the principles on which the United States was founded, the fact that we’re stronger together and even that common sense will always prevail.”—President Reagan

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”—President Truman.

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.”—President Kennedy.

Next Janelle played a medley of songs of the American Armed Services and asked members of each service to stand for their anthem. And lastly, she played a graduation address by a former Navy Seal. He told us of the 10 lessons he took away from Seal Training. They were:

1. Make your bed neatly. Even if your day is miserable, you come home to a fine bed.

2. A zodiac crew consists of 6 rowers and 1 coxswain. To succeed, everyone must paddle to the coxswain's cadence.
3. One crew consisted of short rowers called "the Munchkin Crew" by the other boats. They humiliated all the others by their will to win.
4. Uniform inspection always found something amiss. The victim was then force to roll on the beach. Everyone become a "sugar cookie." Deal with failure.
5. Multiple physical tests were to be endured. Failures were given 2 extra hours of endurance. You are tested to your core.
6. An obstacle course ended in a hand-over-hand descent down an inclined rope. One recruit beat the record by sliding down head first.
7. Underwater swim encountered sharks. You were to punch them in the snout to discourage attack. Swim; don't flinch.
8. The endpoint of the swim was the hull of a ship which extinguished all light. You had to remain calm and trust to your tactics.
9. During Hell Week, Seal candidates shivered in mud flats for hours. One broke into song and kept all spirits up when all joined in.
10. You could check out any time by ringing a bell in the center of the courtyard, but "*if you want to change the World, never give up!*"

Janelle invited vets to give us an anecdote about their service. Mike McCormack said that his military service got him into Rotary. He

"sought out Rotary because of my military service."

Randy Wright said his 9 weeks at Ranger School "*took 13 weeks*" because he was in hospital the rest of the time. The intention was to have sufficient qualified Rangers to embed one in every company. The Seal Program evolved from the Ranger Program. The Fulda Gap, separating East from West Germany during the Cold War, was where Russian troops and armor was expected to flow into the West. Randy was stationed there with tactical nukes to repel them. What surprised him most was the absence of command and control. **He** was authorized to release his weaponry as required.

Jerry Aris→ served in both the Army and the Air Force and thus underwent TWO Basic Trainings.



↓**Larry Bisno** opined that "*it doesn't matter how righteous, war is Hell.*"



Janis Allman's Dad spent 36 hours under an overturned truck before being rescued. He spent 4.5 months in hospital and never returned to service.

Mike McCormack said his family members never discussed their service "*until they got old. Then they opened up a bit.*"

Rick Horne found a group of elderly Marines being deposed by college kids via oral history. He offered to buy them all a drink. His "*bar bill was four figures!*"

Janelle led us in the 5-Way Test and turned us out to pasture at 12:51.



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