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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 13th

Graciela Katzer

*Executive Director – Plano
International Festival*

Oct 20

Jeff McKee

*The Benefits of Toastmasters
International & How it
Aligns with the Rotary
5-Way Test.*

Oct 27

Duncan Webb

*State of Affairs in
Collin County*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Caldwell	Oct 06
Justin Roche	Oct 07
Rick Horne	Oct 08
Janis Allman	Oct 18
J. Marc Lewis	Oct 27
Casey Stewart	Oct 31



Darth VATRE

BACK in the Saddle Again and in new/old digs! **Sainted Editor** wishes to thank profusively substituted editor, **John Caldwell**, as well as **Peggy Fenwick**, our stalwart photographer, for their yeoman efforts! He's sure that they had nothing to do with the sale of **Alphagraphics**.

And the welcome we received from **Gleneagles** was warm enough to suggest that they missed us. Everything worked with the single exception of the mic battery, which went out toward the end of **Nancy Humphrey's** presentation. Especially welcome was the luncheon,



spread out self-service cafeteria style. **↑Kathy Taylor** and **A New Guy** (Sainted Editor must be excused his ignorance enforced by the month's absence) helped themselves to vittles.

PFL Janelle Twyford-Silvis called the meeting to order at 12:03 while **Sainted Editor**, unaware of the new timing, was caught with his fork down. She anointed **John Caldwell** to Pray and **Bob Kehr** to Pledge. **Joe Camarena** was our Greeter this day.

SERGEANT MCCORMACK prompted members to identify their guests, and **A New Guy** introduced **Rosemary Somebody** to the group. (Sainted Editor was hastily swallowing a bit of roasted potato, and missed the last name.) Speaker **Nancy Humphrey** had to be



prompted to welcome **PISD minions** ("here to spy on me"), **↵Britney Ussery**, an Executive Director, and **↑Gloriane Fernandez**, a Policy Manager.



The DG is cooperating with the UN which has declared this to be the *Year of the Girl*. Our club is leading the others working to make *Girl Possible*. We are soliciting essays from girls in 6th through 8th grade, indicating what they are doing.

Janis Allman announced the flyers on our tables for the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**. All the Plano Rotary Clubs are cooperating in it. It is to be held in Haggard Park on 15 October. Janis wants to know what time slots we'd like to work.

Joe Camarena announced that our Membership Committee will meet next week after our luncheon meeting.

Then the spotlight (not the Moving Candlelight Ceremony's) turned to PISD Board of Trustee member, Nancy Humphrey. She had brought a data-dense PowerPoint™ presentation seeking to explain, in a way that the ballot will not, the rationale for both the upcoming Bond Election and the **VATRE**, Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election. This will all be decided on 8 November 2022. If it passes, it'll be worth **\$1.5 B** to PISD.



↑**Johnny Lewis** called inductee ↑**Eleanor Knox**, a psychiatrist by trade, and her sponsor, Peggy↓ Fenwick, to the front. He recapped the



many accomplishments of the Plano Rotary and invited Eleanor to New Member Orientation. Then Peggy pinned her with no visible bloodshed.



The **VATRE** part of it seeks to modify the Tax Rate to net PISD \$9 M annually. She interrupted her presentation to greet old friends; *"I'm crazy excited to see people back!"*

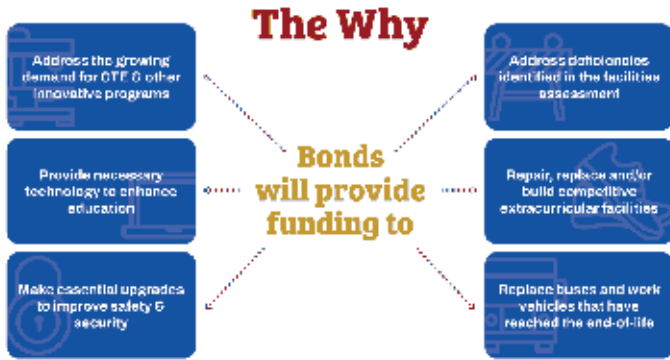
The Bond part was cobbled together by a task force of 75 community citizens from Chamber leaders to grandmothers. PISD provided them with financial data, and they took it from there. Their results were presented to the Board.

The finances come in two parts: Interest & Sinking Fund vs. Maintenance & Ops,

i.e., new construction vs. salaries, etc.

The aforementioned \$9 M goes to M&O; “inflation requires this.” Quality programs & instruction need competitive salaries. Those are being offered, leading to a budget deficit. The approval of the bond will clear this.

Robin Hood is increasing from \$214 M to \$250 M next year. That difference must be made up. The ballot says PISD gets \$35 M but Robin Hood reduces that to \$9 M.



School Renovations and Safety

- Safety and Security
- Major Renovations
- Minor Renovations
- ADA-Accessible Playgrounds
- Technology Infrastructure
- Transportation
- CTE & Innovative Programs
- Infrastructure & Maintenance
- Fine Arts
- Athletics

- NEW CONSTRUCTION:**
- CTE Center
 - Replacement Building for Haggard MS
 - Addition of Transportation Center
 - New Gyms at All 3 Senior High Schools
 - Bus and Trucks at All Middle Schools
 - Restroom Additions
- MAJOR RENOVATIONS:**
- Safety & Security Infrastructure
 - Plano Senior High School
 - Kitchens & Cafeterias at Multiple Campuses

Proposition B = \$1,172,976,000

The slide above details the largest chunk of the bond package and what it offers PISD.

It was the meat and potatoes of the total at \$1.173 B. It is Proposition B.



Prop. C is for Technology upgrades. ↑Bob Kehr, an IT specialist, said that current wifi per building amounts to 10% of home throughput! So if instruction is to be electronic, this has to pass. This proposition includes classroom AV, data center upgrades, a Learning Media Lab, and other improvements. \$173 M

Prop. D is for District Event Center, modeled after Garland’s Curtis Culwell Center, which is an 8500 seater, required for graduating ceremonies. \$130 M

Nancy said that the tax rate won’t increase while taxes themselves will due to prop. values.

Prop. E is for stadia improvements. \$19 M

The current tax rate of \$1.0224 per thousand is the second lowest in the county. While the election is 11/8, early voting is from 10/24-11/4. And you’ll find PISD at the END of the ballot, after you’ve sweated Governor, Congressmen, etc.

Separate from PISD, Bob Kehr has set up a PISD PAC, “FriendsOfPISD.org” which advocates for the Bond Election in ways that PISD employees are forbidden.

Mark Geller asked the student population and was told it dropped from 55K to 50K due to covid, decrease in affordable homes, etc.

Janelle led us in the 5WT and closed at 1:02.



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