



# FALL Weekly

# Reader

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**October 14th**

**CC Homeless Coalition**

*Homeless but Working*

**October 21**

**Bill Dendy**

*Rotary International Foundation*

**October 28**

**Fellowship Meeting**

**November 4**

**Steve Stohler**

*The News Behind the News*



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Caldwell	Oct 6
Justin Roche	Oct 7
Rick Horne	Oct 8
Janis Allman	Oct 18
Marc Lewis	Oct 27
Casey Stewart	Oct 31



## The University of Collin County

**IN** Peggy Fenwick's absence, **Bob Kehr** took over the exalted position of Club Photographer du Jour. That's how he makes the big bucks!

**He Who Shall Be Named, Joe Camarena**, commenced the festivities at 12:12, assigning the Invocation to himself and enlisting **Jim Monroe** for the Pledge. **Bob Kehr** was Greeter.



**SERGEANT HAYDEN** welcomed Guests **Porcha Maten** and **Carter House**, both destined to become members. He then gave the nod to members to introduce their spouses. **Brad Keith** did the honors for his "keeper," **Marna**. **Chris Parr** introduced his "geriatric baby doll," **Pat**.



Joe then held nominations open for Rotarian of the Month and called upon **John Caldwell** for an Interact Report. John punted in favor of Porcha Maten who told us of her efforts to establish an



Interact Club at her *Legacy Preparatory Charter School*. John also mentioned the efforts of 5810's 4-Way Test Speech Contest winner.

Joe told us that *North Texas Giving Day* is still dividing up the spoils, and the most we can get from it is \$3,700. **Jeff Beckley** is waiting on 5810's grant to get the check out to **ShelterBox**.

Joe vamped about volunteer hours (2 from 9 'til 6) at Habitat's ReStores. Then he honored years of service, 7 for **Justin Roche** and **Sam Greif** in absentia and **50(!)** for Brad Keith, present and accounted for. Brad got the obligatory pin but no gold watch. (Bummer.) He did, however get a generic anniversary cake which made his eyes go wide before asking, "Can I share that with everyone?" Of course you can, and he did.





Joe read the **Birthdays Celebrants** (see pg.1), and **Janis Allman** promised a **Birthdays Bucks** check anon if not anonymous. She noted **Sharon Robinson's** husband's passing, saying that he'd told her "Welcome to your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter." Janis, loathed to be alone, asked how many had joined her in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Life. She was pleased with the results from the Geriatric Club of Plano.

Joe asked Brad for a synopsis of his 50 Rotary Years. Brad said that they began in Slippery Rock PA Rotary Club where he was President for two years. He became DG for W & NW Pennsylvania, responsible for 14 clubs. His district's major project was a summer camp for the developmentally challenged which morphed into all ages. He loves "Service Above Self."

Joe bragged (\$20) on his Iowa Hawkeyes who have moved from 5<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Someone cruel added, "for now."

**Janelle Twyford-Silvis** introduced speaker, **Dr. Neil Matkin**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of Collin College. Before joining Collin College, he was Exec. VP of Louisiana Comm. & Tech. College Sys. He was Pres. for San Jacinto College, Vice Chancellor for the Virginia Comm. College Sys., and CAO for Illinois Century Network. He is now a board member of the Collin County Business Alliance and the North Texas Commission. He lives in Farmersville with his wife, **Janyth**.

Neil stalked Janelle to the lectern before launching into a PowerPoint™ presentation laced with videos. They were shepherded by a long-suffering techie who bore the brunt of Neil's jocular teasing about each misstep with equanimity.



Neil noted that 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. **John Anthony** is "doing well." And he praised 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres., **Cary Israel**, for "working hard to establish" Collin's Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, noting that it is only 1 of 4 colleges awarded for that.

Collin College has classrooms scattered all over the county, so they're building a central classroom building in McKinney. And they have 104 acre campus starting up in Anna to house academic and vocational interests. It'll be the 8<sup>th</sup> campus overall.

Collin has been voted among the Great Colleges to Work For and is included among the Best Colleges for Vets for the 9<sup>th</sup> time. It is ironic then that Collin is the only county in Texas to have no military base! That doesn't stop Neil from "helping vets come back to civilian life."

Collin College's service area extends from Collin to Rockwall to parts of Denton. It has a \$800M budget gathered from the "lowest tuition in the State." Unsurprisingly then, it is the "top destination for high school[ers]." Neil is working toward having dual enrolled high school students taking 10 classes with Collin College. That would give them a head start on completion, and the TEA (Texas Education Agency) Coordinating Board has determined that Collin already has the highest degree/certification completion rate in the State.





Collin College has the highest “Success Rate” of any institution of higher education in the State based upon completion of degrees, certificates, and successful transfers. About 1/3 of transfer students go to UT Dallas. Another 1/4 go to University of North Texas in Denton.

In addition to finishing academic degrees at other institutions, Collin students have “*work-force training*” options available to them. 100 different degrees and certificates fill in the “*major gaps in training*” locally. Collin College offers:

- **Activity Care**, part and parcel of elder care.
- **Automotive Repair**, where recipients can bring down salaries up to \$100K.
- **Banking & Financial** Service training.
- **Biomedical Equipment Technology**, where students learn to service everything from patient monitors to large scale scanners.

**Mary Jo Dean** confirmed that Collin College makes for “*incredible partners.*” Neil himself was incredibly grateful to biomedical equipment technologists when a colonoscopy light went out during his examination. He had opted

to not to take Versed (Midazolam) and remain awake and alert during the operation. (Less than 2% of patients opt for that. It is a pity since the video exploration of one’s digestive track is a bit like spelunking, and the pain is endurable if the physician’s assistant holds your gut.) Instead of canceling the procedure, which would have sent Neil back to the bowel purge once more, a graduate of someone’s biomedical equipment technology training fixed the problem while he relaxed on the gurney.

- **Collision Technology**
- **CADD** (computer-aided drafting & design)
- **HVAC**
- **Industrial Automation**
- **Pharmacy Tech** (through to advanced “compounding!”)
- **Health Professions Program**
  - Certified Nurses Aide
  - Electrocardiology
  - Phlebotomy
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- **Cybersecurity**

The litany continued through a video entitled “Find Your Future.”

Janis Allman suggested a Customer Service class to eliminate robo-scripts. Neil said “*in an era of the worst customer service on the planet,*” Amazon points the way to proper service.

To **Karen Taylor’s** question, Neil responded with reference to **Paul Tough’s** “*How Children Succeed*” by getting them to believe in themselves. Porcha wanted to know about credit transfer, and Neil told her “*all credits transfer.*”

Joe said we’d donate “*7 Habits of Highly Effective People*” to the library, led us in the 5-Way Test, and released us at 12:59.



**Porcha Maten**

**Proposed by:** John Caldwell

**Classification:** Education

# NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL



**Carter House**

**Proposed by:** John Caldwell

**Classification:** Real Estate

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Guest	Guest of
Marna Keith	Brad Keith
Pat Storck	Chris Parr
Porcha Maten	John Caldwell
Carter House	John Caldwell
Visiting Rotarian	Home Club
None	

**OCTOBER 2021  
YEARS OF SERVICE**

**BRAD KEITH | 50 YEARS**

**JUSTIN ROCHE | 7 YEARS**

**SAM GREIF | 6 YEARS**

