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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

Nov 3

TBD

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



Get Yer Festival Here!

EMBARRASSINGLY, “a New Guy” turns out to be hardly new. **Jeff McKee** was inducted before **Sainted Editor** departed for parts unknown, so **SC** has no excuse for having forgotten him save senility! By way of compensation for the affront, we highlight Jeff as a Realtor™ with **exp Realty**:



ThanksInAdvanceJeff@gmail.com

PFL **Janelle** commenced the program at 12:09, summoning the aforementioned Jeff McKee for the Invocation and **Mike McCormack** for the Pledge. No one was Greeter.

SERGEANT MIKE condemned us to sing HB2U to **Rick Horne** and **Janis Allman**. It was truly horrible. Nevertheless, it couldn't ruin Janis' day as she



announced her guest to be **Darrell Wood**, her fiancé! They met, inexplicably, over a “rusty tin box” (no doubt con-

taining some ancient Plano lore). We wish the youthful couple all the best!



SERGEANT MIKE threatened **Hayden Padgett** with a fine for “not finding” his badge in the badge box. Janis confirmed her inability to locate it

as well. Mike produced the badge which had been hidden “exactly where it was supposed to be” in Hayden's numbered slot in the box.

Janelle said that 3 schools have asked for information on Girl Possible. She also informed us that we'll sponsor an All-Club Tailgate Party at Clarke Stadium on 21 October.

Hayden announced that the City expects Rotary to sponsor the Holiday Parade downtown on 12/10. He's begging members to sign up.

Johnny Lewis postponed the membership meeting until next week due to a member's unavailability this week. He also called for the playing of a 5810 video starring **DG Bill Dendy** which announces World Polio Day on 10/24. He's anticipating \$1500 in contributions to the RI Foundation to help end the scourge which has reared its ugly head in NY wastewater recently. He wants every club to produce a public service video of events tied to Polio+ like Dallas Rotary's Pints for Polio fundraiser. A prize will be awarded for the best video/project.



Then Janelle fêted the return of the prodigal son, Rick Horne. Rick explained the epiphany



he had while hiking the Colorado Trail. He had retired from his job and from volunteering (except for P&Z) and sought me-time, but faced with the grandeur of the Rockies, he reconnected with his servant's heart and "just had to get back into it." Although he chastised us for letting him back in, he said he was "looking forward to helping you guys" (and, of course, you gals as well). He earned a cupcake for this epiphany.

Then it was time for the speakers, **Graciela Katzer** and her lieutenant **Donna Hart-**



man, to tell us about this (last, as you read this) weekend's **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**. It takes place at Haggard Park (as usual) on 15 October. Graciela (who has promised to apply to this club, following the disbanding of her Plano Latino Club), told us the **FESTIVAL** was the outgrowth of Plano's Multicultural Outreach Roundtable, the brainchild of then **Mayor Pat Evans**. Graciela has been President of the **FES-**

TIVAL ever since its incorporation as a 501(c)(3). For her efforts, she has been voted the Volunteer of the Year (in a ceremony to be held 10/29).

Donna Hartman eschewed the mic in favor of a stentorian voice. She told us that the **FESTIVAL** "takes a village," including its Godfather, Chris Parr. Even Plano Rotary Club donates to the **FESTIVAL**.

MCOR started in 2002 as an Advisory Board to the City Council. Having no budget, MCOR donates time and talent to the **FESTIVAL** which runs from 11 to 5. It includes a Free Health Fair



from 10 to 1 which commenced on the cancellation of Williams High School's Health Fair. **Mary Jo Dean** and Presby Hospital donate services. 26 vendors have given their services at no cost to either the **FESTIVAL** or the public; this year, following the cancellation of the **FESTIVAL** for the two years of covid, the number is now 15. They include flu shots, covid vaccines and boosters, blood pressure tests, eye exams, and mammograms, among other services. Lines for these begin at 8 am, so anxious is the public.

The **FESTIVAL** begins with a Parade of Flags, hoisted by international PISD students. There follows the only outdoor naturalization event

Naturalization ceremony



hosted by Homeland Security. After that comes 5 hours of onstage performances by local music and dance companies.

There is a Children's Activity area for kids up to teenagers. Rotary sponsors the Children's Passport to the World which encourages them to



acquire stamps from the cultural booths that crowd cheek-by-jowl along the parks walkways.

Plano Rotaries offer such a booth. There are ethnic food trucks lining H Avenue that not only offer international repasts but also do so responsibly with biodegradable utensils offer free to the vendors. The **FESTIVAL** manages to reduce its waste by 86%. Indeed it has won numerous awards for its environmentally friendly ways. 120 volunteers sort trash.



At the close of the **FESTIVAL**, the curtain goes up on *Dancing with the Symphony*, a cooperation between the Plano Symphony Orchestra and several dance companies held in the Courtyard Theater. This event is a ticketed one, raising monies for the PSO's Educational Scholarship Program, which offers PISD music students private lessons for a year.

The Courtyard also hosts an international art exhibit in partnership with the Plano Art Assoc. It runs begins on 10/19.

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Janelle thanked Graciela and Donna and led us all in the Five-Way Test, dismissing the assembly at 12:45.



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