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## UFOs The Media & The Military

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sep 15th  
**Marjorie Lewis - Author**  
*"When the Men Were Gone"*

Sep 22  
**Be an Angel**

Sep 29  
**RYLA Students Share Their Experiences**

Oct 6th  
**Nancy Humphrey**  
*PISD Bond Updates*

Oct 13th  
**Graciela Katzer**  
*Executive Director – Plano International Festival*

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hubert Aaron      Sep 17



**9/8 meeting** At president **Janelle's** request, **Jeff McKee** gave the invocation and **Peggy Fenwick** led the pledge. Sgt at Arms, **Mike McCormack** welcomed **Alan Feigenbaum** and re-welcomed **Mavis Everett**. It's good to see old friends.

Alan spoke about a new Facebook group: 'Rotary means Business'. The idea is to create a professional networking group for Rotary members and guests, like the Plano Chamber's Business Interchange. The first meeting will be: Tuesday, September 20 5 PM – 7:30 PM @ the 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse. (18010 Dallas Parkway)



Members **Greg Patterson** and **Maria Mott** are busy working with the Plano Symphony Guild program. Greg is the new executive director and Maria is a long-time guild volunteer.

### Notes from the President:

We move to Gleneagles Country Club on 10/6 Karen will be sending out dues on 10/1; let her know your option by 9/16. Options: (1) No lunches (2) Lunches. Lunches are \$25/week; you must commit a quarter at a time.

Please sign up for a shift at the Plano Balloon Festival Information Booth. Dates are Sept. 22-25 and shifts are 3-4 hours. You get a free pass to the festival and a coveted balloon shirt! Plano Rotary Club Supports Plano Balloon Festival

Mark your calendar for October 21 for the Plano Rotary Football Tailgate for All clubs. Go to Clark Stadium at 5pm to find a spot; the game begins at 7pm.



We welcomed **Eleanor Knox**, who has applied to be a member. She moved to Texas 2 ½ years ago from Louisiana. She is a psychiatrist with a 2½ year old

and a 4-month-old. Her husband is an anesthesiologist.

**Rick Horne** has asked to rejoin the Plano Rotary Club. The board has given their blessing; we are presenting him to the club for membership.

Our speaker was Jeff McKissack, on the right. He has many hats; none are made from tinfoil.



Jeff is a noted authority on physical, data & reputational risks, having spoken for the past 35 years to over 350,000 in live audiences, millions more via radio and television. He regularly speaks at conferences and conventions as well as onsite employee training programs and continuing education workshops.

He is also very interested in UFOs & UAP (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) in the media and Congress, having followed them since he was a child. He brings 35 years of professional speaking experience as well as work with the national media to audiences in Rotary and beyond.

This week's topic was something completely different for Plano Rotary: UFOs & UAP. For years, government officials ignored or ridiculed sightings of UAP. In 2020, however, the US Department of Defence made the astonishing admission that strange aerial and underwater objects reported and videoed by pilots and tracked by sensors are real, unexplained, and are a national security concern. For example:

**June 1947:** Private pilot **Kenneth Arnold** claimed that he saw a string of nine, shiny UFOs flying past Mount Rainier at over 1,200 mph. This was the first post-World War II sighting in the United States and is credited with being the first of the modern era of UFO sightings. Arnold's description of the objects led to the press coining the term 'flying saucer'.

**The Roswell incident** is the **July 1947** recovery of

balloon debris from a ranch near Corona, New Mexico by United States Army Air Force officers from Roswell Army Air Field, the conspiracy theories claiming that the debris was a flying saucer, and that the truth had been covered up by the United States government. On July 8, 1947, Roswell Army Air Field issued a press release stating that they had recovered a "flying disc". The Army quickly retracted the statement and said instead that the object was a weather balloon. In a 2012 visit to Roswell, **Barack Obama** joked "I come in peace." In June 2020, **Donald Trump**, said "I won't talk to you about what I know, but it's very interesting."

**1952:** In 1952 there was a large increase in the number of UFO reports. This included incidents in Washington DC the weekends of **July** 19-20 and 26-27. CIA historian Gerald Haines noted "A massive build-up of sightings over the United States in 1952, especially in July, alarmed the Truman administration. On 19 and 20 July, radar scopes at Andrews Air Force Base tracked mysterious blips. On 27 July, they reappeared. The Air Force scrambled interceptors to investigate, but they found nothing. The incidents, however, caused headlines across the country. The White House wanted to know what was happening."

The **Robertson Panel** was formed in **January 1953** headed by Howard P. Robertson. The panel was briefed on U.S. military activities and intelligence. The report **concluded** that UFOs were not a direct threat to national security, but could pose an indirect threat by overwhelming standard military communications due to public interest in the subject. The Robertson Panel recommended that a public education campaign be undertaken to reduce public interest in the subject, minimizing the risk of swamping Air Defence systems with reports at critical times, and that civilian UFO groups should be monitored.

**1960:** The Brookings Report was commissioned by NASA and created by the Brookings Institution. The report is noted for one section: "The implications of a discovery of extraterrestrial life". It recommended continuing studies to determine the likely social impact of such a discovery, including the question of how national leadership should handle the information.

**2004, 2014, 2015 & 2019:** The Pentagon's UFO videos are visual recordings of cockpit instrumentation displays from **United States Navy** fighter jets based aboard aircraft carriers USS Nimitz and USS Theodore Roosevelt in 2004, 2014 and 2015, with additional

footage taken by other Navy personnel in 2019. The four videos, widely characterized as officially documenting UFOs, have received extensive coverage in the media. The Pentagon officially released the first three videos in 2020 and confirmed the leaked 2019 video in 2021. Publicity surrounding the videos has prompted several explanations, including drones, unidentified terrestrial aircraft, human error, and alien spacecraft.

On **June 25, 2021**, the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) released a preliminary report on UAP, largely centering on evidence gathered in the last 20 years from **US Navy** reports. In a few incidents, UAP appeared to exhibit unusual flight characteristics, including high velocity, breaking the sound barrier without a sonic boom, high maneuverability, and an ability to submerge under water.

The report indicated that, in most cases, the UAP recordings were of physical objects. The report gave five possible explanations: airborne clutter, natural atmospheric phenomena, US government or industry development technology, foreign craft, and an "Other" category. The report raised concerns that the UAPs could be a safety issue, regarding a possible collision with US aircraft and that they could pose a security threat if they were foreign craft gathering information.

**2021:** Under Section 1683 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2022, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and National Intelligence Director Avril

Haines must establish an "office, organizational structure, and authorities to address UAP."

The new agency will submit annual reports to "the appropriate congressional committees" and give the committees classified briefings twice a year. The program seeks to quickly investigate unidentified aerial phenomena, share information with other countries, tell Congress if other nations are behind the cases, and check reports of service members who have experienced health issues after they encounter unknown objects.

Scholars are also involved. A researcher at Stanford University is examining brain scans of service members who claim they have encountered UFOS. Avi Loeb, an astrophysics professor at Harvard University, has helped create the Galileo Project, which seeks "to bring the search for Extraterrestrial Technological Civilizations (ETCs) into the mainstream of scientific research".

In summary, Jeff said there are 5 possible explanations: (1) Extra-terrestrial (2) Extra dimensional (3) Ultra dimensional (4) From the future (5) ???

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**Rick Horne**

**Proposed by:** Janelle Twyford-Silvis

**Classification:** Retired

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Eleanor Knox  
Mavis Everett

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Alan Feigenbaum

#### Guest of

Joe Camarena  
Janelle Twyford-Silvis

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JANELLE TWYFORD-SILVIS | 4 YEARS



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