A note from the President:

THE WHY, THE WHO & THE STAY OF BEING A ROTARIAN

THE WHY:
Why do people become Rotarians? This is a question I often ask myself and other Rotarians in our Club specifically. The answers usually fall within several different categories: Service Above Self, Fellowship, Friendship, The Four Way Test and for connections with other like-minded individuals.

THE WHO (HENCE THE PHOTO):
Welcome to the year of puns (something I do pride myself on). Who are Rotarians?? They are service minded individuals, who see the greater good in giving back to a community that they live in and want to be involved in. During the recent Rotary International Convention, the term “DoGoodery” was mentioned. I connected with that term immediately. More about that term during my July 19th Upcoming Rotary Year Presentation. Mayor Betsy Price will be giving her City of Forth update as well on July 19th. Hope you can make it.

THE STAY:
YOU CANNOT CHANGE WHAT YOU DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE.
YES, we have had some transitions this last year. However, with the help of a lot of people in our Club and staff, we have made significant progress for the betterment of the Club. Big Thank You’s to all who have been so integral in assisting.

Today, I ask that the members of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth stay and remain loyal to the Club. By becoming and remaining engaged, you will be a part of our stability and a part of our growth. Honestly, we have some Impressive Programs & Panels along with Local Community Engagements you will NOT want to miss.

I look forward to serving you and the Club. My door is always open. Feel free to call, text or email.

Have a Great 4th of July and see you for Coach Patterson on July 12th.

Cheers, Ciao & Hasta Luego!

Rachel Marker
JULY BIRTHDAYS

1
Anna Summersett
John Farrer
Pam Cannell

3
Joe McIntosh

7
Judith Carrier
Tom Batenhorst

11
David Richardson

12
Victoria Puente

13
Joel Sawyer

MAKEUP Meetings:

6-14-19 Washington
Joe Michels

6-21-19 Parker County
Kathryn Thompson

UPCOMING Events:

7-12-19 Rotary Blood Drive
Burnett Park

next WEEK:

12
Friday, July

Gary Patterson
Head Football Coach, TCU

2019/2020 Board of Directors
Rachel Marker President
Carlo Capua President-Elect
Wesley Gentle Vice President
Christie Eckler Secretary
Courtney Lewis Treasurer
James Parr Board Member
Elliot Goldman Board Member
Tran Trong Board Member
Leslie Oliver Board Member
Shawn Snell Sargent-at-Arms

New Rotary Office Hours
9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday
You’re always welcome, but please make an appointment.
Office will be closed July 4th & 5th

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President Larry Anfin called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Mark Nurdin gave our invocation.

With our hands on our hearts we sang in a loud, patriotic fashion “The Star-Spangled Banner” which was accompanied by pianist Doug Briley.

Gary Cumbie read the names of visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no long distance Rotarians.

Leslie Oliver did her last official duties as secretary. She was “excited” that all the words and instructions were on her sheet. There were two second readings.

BRENDA BEVERIDGE
Proposed by: Mark Nurdin
CLASSIFICATION: ASSOCIATIONS – TEXAS CAN ACADEMY
Company: Texas Can Academy

LARRYSSA HILCHER
Proposed by: Bob Mitchell
CLASSIFICATION: AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY – AUTO LEASING
Company: D&M Leasing

These new members were elected to membership subject to attending the Rotary Information Session.

Bob Parmelee gave an update on our foreign exchange student. Her name is Vitalina Tsarev and she’s from Irkutsik, Siberia.

Becky Fetty shared an update for our blood drive which will partner with CARTER BLOODCARE AND BE HELD ON JULY 12 AT BURNETT PARK. CURRENTLY THE TIME IS 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM but Becky said they are trying to extend the time until 3:00 pm.

Our speakers for the annual Roast needed no introduction but here they are: J.R. Labbe, Wayne (Or Shane) Carson, Jim Whitton, and Doug Briley. Many of the past year’s mistakes, flubs, and unintentionally humorous moments were on display. J.R. noted that these included “any mistakes seen by any of us.” Along with “what’s a bar-b-que without guests?” President Larry did apparently pick “his own executioners” at the start of his term.

President Larry is rarely described as “outgoing” since he just likes to sell beer. The opening song was done to the tune “Amie” and included the classic lines:

LARRY, IT’S TIME FOR YOU TO GO
LARRY, IT’S OVER, DON’T YOU KNOW?
IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED BUT YOU’RE THROUGH

The world-famous Last Meeting Notes Chair Michelle Crim was admonished for taking three minutes to setup her first punchline in her Newscast and by then “no one cared anymore.” SAD SNOOPY DANCE.

(Editor’s note: Michelle we were all fair game. AND YOU ARE FABULOUS!)

The group did blast Rotary staff (Editor’s note: not current staff since January) for mistakes on the Rotagraph, on its late arrival and even having guests do the Invocation. Blasphemy.
Wesley Gentle was runner-up on most mentions during this Roast. But when someone volunteers as much as Wesley does, “Haters Gonna Hate.”

Bob Parmelee was reminded of the time he thought someone’s job title was “Lone Arranger” which invoked memories of the Lone Ranger in popular Westerns.

Jim Austin was mentioned for his 41 years of “self-service.”

The Roasters noted that several people were out of a job after having their photo taken with President Larry such as Sean Burke who was formerly with the Star-Telegram, former State Senator Connie Burton and former Fort Worth Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald. Few groans on that one. Too soon?

One of the popular but unfortunate Roast Awards is the “I Thought I Was the Speaker” and drum roll please, we have our winners!

1ST MIKE MONCRIEF whose introduction of Fort Worth Fire Chief Jim Davis was very thorough.

2ND SUSAN GLENN

3RD JIM PARR

OTHER COLORFUL AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

• Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price’s comment that the city’s budget was “tighter than her bike shorts.”
• J.R. Labbe has been married so many times that she can’t get a personalized license plate.
• Cathy Sheffield needs an accordion name tag for all of her credentials.
• Christina Judge’s impressive use of German to introduce guests.
• “There’s no such thing as the First Annual,” said J.R. Labbe which sounded more like “NO WIRE HANGERS!!”
• Andy Taft doesn’t like to wait in line like everyone else to buy his meal tickets.
• Gary Cumbie dresses like Magnum PI’s grandfather.
• Ty Stimpson read the names of visiting “rodents.”
• President Larry doesn’t have a filter so he says things like:
  o “Don’t come up here!”
  o “Well, you still don’t get the putter!”
  o “Their beer tastes like mud.” (which many would assume he would say)
  o “Well, that was a bad idea!”

In closing, the Roasters sang a final tribute to President Larry to the Journey song “Don’t Stop Believin’”.

HOPE IT WOULD GO ON FOREVER
JUST STAY HUMBLE, DON’T FUMBLE
IT WAS THE TALK OF THE TOWN, HARD TO KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN
DON’T STOP, YOU’RE LEAVING
TO GO ON AND ON AND ON

Former Club Presidents participated in the Pass the Gavel ceremony to new President Rachel. Outgoing President Larry presented President Rachel with her President’s Pin and the gavel.

President Rachel closed the meeting with the presentation of a book plate to the Roasters. Former President Larry and Deah Mitchell presented flowers to Neva Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1:06 p.m.

AS RECORDED BY MICHELLE CRIM