



FALL
Weekly

Reader

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The Plano Rotary Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct 13

Camp RYLA

Oct 20

Greg Pappas

Hendrick Scholarship Foundation

Oct 27

NO MEETING

Hendrick Golf Tournament



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Maucieri	Oct 05
John Caldwell	Oct 06
Justin Roche	Oct 07
Rick Horne	Oct 08
Jan Sullivan	Oct 10
Dennis Hogg	Oct 16
Janis Allman	Oct 18
Robert Botts	Oct 20
Debbie Watson	Oct 25
Jessica Jackson	Oct 26
J. Marc Lewis	Oct 27
Casey Stewart	Oct 31



Steppin' with Bubbas

FANTASY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

NFC	AFC
McWhorter...5-0	Basham.....4-1
Kramer.....3-2	Sullivan.....3-2
Barbera.....3-2	Johnson.....3-2
Waterbury....2-3	Milby.....2-3
Greif.....1-4	Jackson.....2-3
Burke.....1-4	Walters.....1-4

King David aroused attention at 12:15, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Larry FLASH Flannery** for the Pledge. Judge **Johnny Lewis** glad-handed the Greeting. Substitute **SERGEANT, Rick Horne**, acknowledged the smattering of claps with "Thank you very little."

Rick was misinformed about Visiting Rotarians, thinking there again to be none, but **Nancy Humphrey** welcomed her guest, a CFB Rotarian and Boy Scout Circle 10 Field Director, **Bradley Falatko**. **Kenny Wilson** introduced us to his Plano Branch manager, **Brenda Irigoyen**. **Janis Allman** welcomed a visitor to the Rotary Booth at the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**, **Adrienne Anderson**, from the *Center for International Education Exchange* and seeking a Rotary to join! **Chief Greif** introduced his real manager, his wife **Rosemary**. Rick consoled City Manager **Bruce Glasscock** with "sorry, Bruce, you're not the boss."



King David informed us of his dispensation to the unavoidably AWOL **Maria Mott**, who was to have given her Classification Talk today. He'll pay her \$5 fine, and she'll speak next week. With that, in waltzed

SERGEANT KRAMER, just in time to miss his duties; **King David** fined the finer.

Jamie Schell called forth **Carrolyn Moebius** and Chief and Rosemary Greif to offer them recognition for *Paul Harris Foundation* activities. The Chief had ponied



up the entire kilobuck for a *Paul Harris Fellowship* without taking advantage of the Club's and **Ean's** match. (Those who wish to double dip are encouraged to do so before Ean jumps ship to the nascent *Plano East Club*.) Carrolyn earned her PHF+2 badge for her multiple contributions.

Mr. Wonderful

Burke was called forth to read us the October Birthday list and cajole Rick Horne (successfully) and **Randy Wright** (less so) to sing **Happy Birthday** to the standing October-born, including the speaker, **Sherrie Wilson**.



King David chastised August and September for not rising to July's challenge, and he predicted that October, with its record number of birthdays, would take the lead in contributions.

Nancy Humphrey hawked *Hendrick Golf Tournament* raffle tickets to would-be sellers, commenting that holders could choose their contest by dropping their tick-



ets in the boxes associated with the prize. She reminded us that our contributions help provide college for capable scholars unable to afford it.

Janis Allman reported on the “great turnout” (~20K) for the **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**. She thanked all those who turned out for shifts and said that Plano Rotaries had sponsored the kids’ *Passport to the World* into which booths like Rotary’s put “custom” stamps when the holders could answer questions about the countries.

Janis was enthralled to meet festival-goers from “all over the world.” Some immigrants teared up when they saw Rotary’s hand-operated water pump, because it reminded them of what they had left behind; they used it as a teaching moment for their children. “We’ll do it again next year!”

Rick Horne solicited volunteers for his **BBQ, Beer & Blues Festival** fundraiser to be held on **17 June** in *Oak Point Park*. He needs help with securing food and beverage vendors. Rick estimates that it will turn a profit if we sell 1,000 tickets.



Sam Greif mentioned that *Plano Rotary* was invited to field a team for the Oak Point Public Safety Fair and Fire Truck Pull the following weekend. **King David** said that he’d dropped the rope on that but would rustle up a team of (geriatric?) tug-of-war participants forthwith. Sam is counting on us to help wrest the trophy from **Chief Rushin**. He also offered to sweeten the Fine Bucket with the announcement that he’s to become a grandpa...again.

King David announced the morning’s Board meeting’s approval of **Daniel Askari** for membership. He also noted the close vote to approve formation of a satellite *Plano East Club* to which Ean, **Rick Maucieri**, **LB THE ONLY**, **Jan Sullivan** and **Rick Boyer** will all abscond. That club will offer no meals hence no meal invoicing. (Stampede?)

Alan SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum rose to introduce Sherrie Wilson, the first female firefighter/paramedic to join the *Dallas Fire and Rescue Department*. (**Maribelle** would’ve been pleased to greet another pioneer.) Sherrie was



here to create a market for her book, *Faith on Fire: The First Ingredient of a Miracle is an Impossible Situation*, and Alan had encouraged her to give an example of where grit and determination can get you in shattering glass ceilings.

Sherrie is a business woman, an author, and a speaker. Her contact information is sherrie@faithonfire.com and (971) 235-8330. Prior to her talk, she revealed that she’s spoken at over two dozen Rotaries, and she’s getting well-fed at them but especially at *Gleneagles’* buffet.



Saying she’d been a cheerleader in high school, she offered to eschew the microphone, but, seeing as how this was the *Geriatric Club of Plano*, she opted to use it.

As the first woman to join the Dallas FRD (in a non-clerical role), she “*had more brothers, fathers, uncles, and grandfathers than anyone!*” The first day she walked into the department, she greeted the throng with “*Hi! My name is Sherrie. How are y’all?*” to the sound of crickets. “*Some guy came up and sniffed me, checked out my backside, got real close...closer...closer*” and then “*started humping my leg.*”

The 19-year-old took it for a few moments and then asked, “*Are you finished?*” When asked why he did it, the Captain replied, “*I’m just seeing if you’re a sport.*” Sherrie “*let that simmer three days*” then went into Cap’s office and asked to talk to him. When he had done that the first day, “*it was funny,*” but now his firefighters were having the same sort of fun. To his credit, he announced at their next gathering that “*she’s now part of our team, and it’s not funny anymore.*” The harassment stopped.

Sherrie decried that “*people are offended by that behavior.*” She calls it “*The Spirit of Offense.*”



She was here today to “challenge your thinking,” to convince us “what you think, you become.” If you react with horror to something, you should think “I do not want to become that.” Being a Rotarian helps because “Honor is Rotary.” She wants us to “lift people up with our thinking too.”

Getting in a pitch for recruitment, she said, “And if you’re over 40, you need to bring two youthful” candidates into the Club to mentor. And, looking over our diversity, she waxed ecstatic, seeing “the variety of skin color, religions...I get excited...I have said the Pledge [of Allegiance] more at Rotary than [elsewhere] throughout my life!”

“Faith on Fire” is “really a way of thinking, a way of being.” An example came from her first huge conflagration. To her, the whole “freaking world is on fire!” An experienced buddy told her “No! That fire is out already.” It has met its match in us. “But that’s impossible. 12 units of apartments...snuffed out...I can think that!” So the subtitle of her book is “the 1st ingredient of a miracle is an impossible situation.”

It’s estimated that you have “60,000 conversations with yourself daily.” Let them be about **focus**. “Leaders look at choice.”

Sherrie was born in 1957. (Don’t do the math.) It was the era of school busing. In the 8th grade, “a Black kissed my sister” in a stairwell and the family packed up and moved to “safety.” But as a paramedic she often had to rescue “Big Mama” with her “chocolate skin and white teeth” in the Roseland Town Projects. She’d “give me a hug when I appeared” so “we took care of Big Mama.” Her son had “spent time in a penitentiary,” and when next she was called for “trouble breathing,” her son was there (with his gang), sitting in Big Mama’s chair and claiming “I’m sick.” As she approached to take his vitals, “his eyes glazed over and he grabbed for me.” Her partner ran out (for police backup). Big Mama appeared and shouted, “Get your stuff and get out!”

When the police backup arrived, “Big Mama loved me enough to tell the truth. She defended me over her own son, her flesh and blood!”

So her message is “find someone not like you” and learn some unique ideas. It’s a “catalyst for thinking and change.”

She thinks “we are a Great Society,” and we need to “focus on the positive and not the negative.” Then she opened the floor for Q&A.

Rick Grady asked if there was a different proving trial for women when she joined. Sherrie told him, “I had a body like a Greek goddess!” (She was a Pantherette.) So, no, it was the same test as for the men. In one fire, “I fell through a stairwell...it took 6-7 to get me out!” So “I’m a good team player!”

Alan Feigenbaum asked if she had slept at the firehouse. Sherrie said, “That’s a whole ‘nother speech.” But, yes, she slept in the same bedroom as her “bubbas.” But we must remember that they “were dog tired” most nights. And while there were “some hot firemen,” she had standards: no smokers and no marrieds. (The wives were most opposed to the sleeping arrangements.)

So she dated a few until it became clear that you don’t date the folk with whom you work.

Jamie Schell inquired why she didn’t take up her medical career in a hospital. Sherrie said that ever since seeing “Mother, Jugs and Speed,” she knew she wanted to be a paramedic. She was told, “Women can’t do that,” after which she couldn’t sleep. The next day she thought, “I’m a Duncanville Pantherette. I can do anything!”



King David presented her with our treasured, non-perpetual desk organizer, led us in the Four-Way Test, and disbanded the mob at 1:04.



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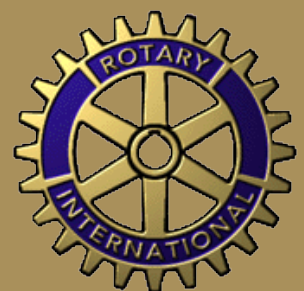
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Thank you Kenny Wilson

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Brenda Irigoyen

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None

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Kenny Wilson

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