

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Rotarians Celebrate Installation of New District Governor for 2024-2025



Members of the Lewisville Noon Rotary club joined their peers from across Texas at the Circle R Ranch in Flower Mound last week for The Rotary District 5790 Installation Celebration. Rotarian Bobbie Mitchell (bottom row) gave the invocation as celebrants enjoyed great food and fellowship while honoring our district's dedicated members and welcoming new District Governor Andy Eads (bottom right) and his District leadership team.

Lewisville Detective Uses Forensic Genealogy to Crack Cold Cases



Detective Scott Kelly from the Lewisville Police Department last week gave a captivating presentation on how forensic genealogy can help detectives crack cases and



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Club Meetings

Lewisville Noon meets Wednesdays at 12:00 PM at Bistecca - An Italian Steakhouse 2300 Highland Village Rd. Highland Village, TX 75077

REMINDER
The club will be DARK next week, due to the Independence Day holiday. Our next meeting will be July 10th. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July celebration!

Events

July 13th
Adopt A Spot July 2024

Years of Service

John Kazor
06-30-2009
15 Years
Thomas R. Emmet
07-14-2021
3 Years
Jim Baker
07-07-2022
2 Years

Birthdays

put criminals behind bars.

Detective Kelly (pictured above with LNR club president Eyad Salloum and Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Rachel Roberts) joined the Lewisville PD 30 years ago and currently works on robberies and homicides. After several years with the department, he started looking at cold cases, putting them in what he termed "a solvability matrix" based on the possibility of using this new genetic technology to find the perpetrators.

One of the most memorable cases involving forensic genealogy was that of "Baby Boy Doe" in 1991, in which a landscaper at Arbor Creek Apartments in Lewisville found a trash bag containing a deceased newborn. Police officers immediately canvassed the area and knocked on doors to question residents but had no leads.

"The case went cold very quickly," Det. Kelly said, adding that the baby and the bag were the only evidence. Samples of the infant's major organs and skin tissue were stored at the medical examiner's office, should they be useful in the future.

"[In 2013] I was able to convince the state lab that the mother is a suspect," Det. Kelly shared, which meant her DNA could be considered for the case. But when he requested DNA samples from the infant from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, he learned they were destroyed after refrigeration units had failed.



A couple of years later, Det. Kelly arranged to have the trash bag re-examined for traces of blood. The DNA sample was added to the state database. "We had no hits for several years," Det. Kelly said, but when serial killer [Joseph James DeAngelo](#) was captured using genetic genealogy, the determined officer was inspired to pursue a new strategy.

"We had to get FBI assistance," he recounted, which took nine months before approval was granted. The DNA was processed two months later and the data entered into a system called [GEDmatch](#). "We had about 20 nanograms of blood left over" from the sample originally taken from the bag, of which the department sent half to GEDmatch in hopes of getting a hit, he explained.

Although they did not find a clear hit, they did have a match from the same family, which turned out to be a half aunt. Det. Kelly and the FBI agents were able to contact her and started building a family tree.

"He went from Baby Boy Doe to Baby Boy Jackson," Det. Kelly said, and the team later discovered law enforcement officers actually had spoken with the birth mother and family members the day they originally canvassed the apartment complex.

"The birth mother was 13 years old at the time she gave birth. Her mom was a nurse working a shift" when the teenage girl had the baby home alone, Det. Kelly explained. What's more, the birth mother was a victim of incest; her uncle was the baby's father.

Because of the suspect's age at the time of the crime, she would have had to be charged as a juvenile when law enforcement finally found her. Given that she had three more children in the past 30 years, one of whom died by suicide, and her mother also had since passed away, the state chose not to pursue charges.

Although the outcome was unexpected with various plot twists, Detective Kelly finally was able to close the case, thanks to forensic genetic genealogy.

John Walker
June 25th
James Russell
Kerbow
June 26th
William Collins
July 1st
Thomas R.
Emmet
July 8th
Rachel Roberts
July 13th
Kyle Shipp
July 16th

Speakers

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Chair

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Foundation
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Chair

[Rachel Roberts](#)
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[Audrey L. Stansbury](#)
Club Service
Chair

Prayer Requests - June 25, 2024

Dr. Audrey Stansbury's daughter is due with her first child on July 17th, but due to concerns about her high blood pressure, doctors plan to induce labor this week. Please pray for a safe and joyful birth!

Please also pray for the families in Ruidoso, New Mexico, including friends of John and Mary Jennings, as they are forced to evacuate their homes due to raging fires.

Please send prayer requests or praise reports to be included here to Melissa DeWitt at mdewitt1977@gmail.com.

