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## Guest Speaker Last Week:

**Lubbock County Sheriff Kelly Rowe** paid us a visit, looking for a man on the run. We asked him if it was John Paul, & **Kelly** said "Nah!, he couldn't even walk fast!". So we invited **Kelly** to stay for lunch and he had a lot to say about the proposed County tax increase to obtain \$5+ million so LC could raise the pay of 550 Deputies and Detention Center/Jail officers and staff. Our County Commissioners have **not** kept pace with paying these officers a competitive salary and many are leaving for Lubbock PD and ISD PD's, and getting nearly 25% more pay! \$41,000 starting salary now, \$49,000 after tax increase. **Kelly** said the turnover rate is too high! So **please** vote '**Yes**' on the county's tax increase and help improve morale!

**Sheriff Rowe** has been with the Dept. since 1999 as a Lt. and was appointed to the Sheriff's position in 2009; he was then elected to that position in 2010. He's been here long enough to see the effects of gangs/cartels and drug trafficking in our county. **Sheriff Rowe** supports a 'Source to Solution' program that advocates addiction recovery as a way to prevent drug crime recidivism. 2020 saw an increase in crime: 42 homicides, yet all but one resolved! Thefts/robberies increased but nearly 80% had drugs involved, usually to get money to buy them and support an addictive habit.

**Sheriff Rowe's** goal is to have adequate officers & staff that are fully trained (721 hrs. over 9 mos.), with high morale, able AND willing to protect citizens and visitors alike!

## SPECIAL "THANKS" TO FLAG ROUTE VOLUNTEERS

Your efforts were REALLY appreciated this holiday!

### Member Announcements

1 - **Cindy Ham** is collecting money for meal tickets for the **Kairos Outside** organization that will be having a retreat on **October 1st**. Tickets are \$5 & each ticket provides a meal for a woman who needs assistance due to incarceration in her family. **Cindy** will have tickets at the Kiwanis meetings available for purchase.

2 - **Sandra Andrews** had foot surgery and she and Tom missed our meeting again this week. We hope **Sandra** and **Tom** will join us as soon as possible!

3 - **Charles Benge** is now residing in Ventura Place, 3026 54<sup>th</sup> St. Call him at 785-5565 and tell him we miss him!

4 - **Margy Manning** is doing better, so please give her a call, she misses us!

5 - **Evelyn Alexander** is doing better and misses us, so give her a call too! She is also having to leave our club due to health reasons.

6 - **Rufus Martinez** is on 'Senior Status' due to his health. Pray for him too!

### Vote for Kiwanian of the Year!

All members present had a chance to vote for who they thought was the 'Kiwanian of the Year' the past 12 months. **YOU** can vote too when you attend the next meeting! So be there to recognize one of our own who has done a '**beyond the average job**'. In the event of a tie, **BOTH** will receive the honor!

John Paul Batrice's

## Bits & Pieces

Last week, at the Kiwanis lunch, **James Dugger** had a nice watch on. I asked "where did you get this beautiful watch?" "Won it in a race." he said. "Who was in the race?" I asked. "A policeman, the owner of the watch, and myself!"

The Red Cross knocked on **Tanya Calderon's** door and asked if she could help towards the drought in Pakistan. She said "I would love to but our garden hose only reaches the driveway".

According to **Sandra Andrews**, the best way to get rid of kitchen odors is to eat out!

The other day **Mary Wallace** told me that I can make ice cubes with leftover wine. I was confused...what is leftover wine?

**Please!** ... make the speakers feel welcome. Introduce yourself, and interact with them. We need new members and they may join!

### Future Flag Date

**Nov. 11, Thurs.:** Veterans' Day

### SAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO:

**John Paul** - Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Tom Brown** - Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Charles Zeek** - Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Deborah Conn** - Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>  
**David Cook** - Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

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### NEXT THURSDAY

**Thurs. Sept. 16:** Laura Beth Pleasant, Attny., Pleasant Law Firm, about trusts, wills and other legal documents.

### ALSO COMING SOON

**Thurs. Sept. 23:** Robert Moses Peasley, PhD, TTU Assoc. Professor, & Chair: Dept. of Tourism.

**Thurs. Sept. 30:** Cynthia Quintanilla, Exec. Dir., Catholic Charities, Diocese of Lubbock

