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PLANO international festival

Profile photos/Mike Newman

YOUR PASSPORT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY is right here—and it's free! The **Plano International Festival** is Saturday, October 10 at Haggard Park. The family friendly event promises an array of music, dance, crafts, games, and ethnic cuisine. A Parade of Nations will kick off the festivities, and a naturalization ceremony will highlight the event. Last year, more than 100 cultures were represented, 75 people were sworn in as U.S. citizens, and artists from around the

globe displayed their work in an International Art Exhibit.

"The festival is an opportunity for the community to witness the many rich heritages that make up as cosmopolitan a city as Plano," said **Dr. Christopher Parr**, MCOR (Plano MultiCultural Outreach Roundtable) liaison officer to the festival. "It benefits those

ethnic communities as well, by proving that they can showcase their differences for all to respect."

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the festival's "green"

Celebrate the myriad cultures of Plano at Haggard Park in old downtown on October 10

initiatives again this year. In 2008, the Plano International Festival diverted more than 50 percent of waste from landfill through a comprehensive Zero Waste program and received the City of Plano's Environmental Star of Excellence Award.

"We are very excited to have won this award," said festival president **Graciela Katzer**. "We showed

that a large public event like ours can be green, and we hope that other events and organizations will follow in our footsteps."

The festival is sponsored by the Plano International Festival Corporation and is underwritten by the City of Plano. Other



sponsors include DART, EDS Credit Union, The Medical Center of Plano, BancCard, L.B. Showalter, Flat World Design, and Dr. Christopher A. Parr. Admission and parking are free. Visit planointernationalfestival.org.



Voted by Texas Monthly as one of the best burgers in Texas, the half-pound Southwestern Burger at Kelly's Eastside is layered with Jack cheese, roasted poblano peppers, red onion, fresh pico de gallo, guacamole, and sour cream. Profile photo/Britt Mott

Taste of Downtown Plano

Make your way down the red brick road on Sunday, October 18 for **Taste of Downtown Plano**. 15th Street at Avenue K will be alive with music, food concessions, and retail vendors with unique items for sale. Presented by the **Historic Downtown Plano Association** and sponsored by the **City of Plano**, Taste of Downtown Plano is from 12–6 p.m. More information is available at visitdowntownplano.com.

Frisco Arts Festival

More than 125 artists from around the country in one place? That's right. The **Frisco Arts Festival** is October 16–18 and will showcase visual and performing arts groups in and outside of Collin County. Other entertainment will include **The Grenadines**, the **8-Tracks**, the **Ronny Spears Band**, and **Urban Renewal**. The **Collin County Songwriters**, the **Frisco Community Band**, and the **Frisco Jazz Band** will be among the local acts.

The Frisco Arts Festival will take place at Newman Village, located on the northwest corner of Legacy Drive and Eldorado Parkway in Frisco. Admission is \$6 in advance at Market Street, or \$7 at the gate; \$5 for seniors; and free for youth under 18. Shuttle service will be available at Wakeland High School. Visit friscoartsfestival.org.

Harvest Festival and Craft Fair

The **Heritage Farmstead Museum's** annual **Harvest Festival and Craft Fair** is Saturday, October 3 and will include activities like mule-pulled wagon rides, blacksmithing, soap making, and pottery demonstrations. The festival will be from 12–5 p.m. and admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and free for children under 5. Call 972.881.0140 or visit heritagefarmstead.org.

SILENT FILMS UNDER THE STARS



Kicking off its film series, the Heritage Farmstead Museum is showing two Gothic horror silent films, *Jekyll & Hyde* and *Nosferatu*, Friday, October 30 from 5–10 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic basket. Costumes are encouraged! \$2 donation per person.

Job hunting?

The **Women For Hire Career Expo** and **Work From Home Event** is Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Sheraton Dallas hotel. Register before the expo for a seminar with Women For Hire CEO and *Good Morning America* workplace contributor **Tory Johnson**. Business attire required. Visit womenforhire.com.

BIZ: BYTES

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Visiting foreign countries provides educational opportunities, lasting memories, and unique adventures like no other experience. Where have your journeys taken you?

Von Truong, International Real Estate Specialist, Re/Max:

I have been to France many times and it's a lovely country with so much history and romance, especially in Paris and Bordeaux, the red wine region. von@vtruong.com

Peggy Ostrander, Institute of Health Promotion:

My favorite memory is standing on the marble streets in the midst of the excavated ruins of Ephesus (where the Ephesians lived) in Turkey, examining the grooves where chariots used to drive. It is incredible to realize that a civilization thousands of years ago could build such an advanced city for their time. ihpweightloss.com

Linda Adler, D Media Inc.:

One of my favorite countries to visit is Germany. I have to admit I'm biased because I'm originally from Germany, but I just love the sense of history I get there. Walking along cobblestone streets too narrow for any modern vehicle to navigate makes me realize I'm walking over the same stones medieval lords, ladies and peasants once walked on. It's just an amazing feeling! dmedia-inc.com

Susan Kerr, Missions & Outreach Director, Christ Church Plano:

Visiting the orphanage in Arequipa, Peru, that Christ Church Plano supports is one of the biggest blessings in my life. I am a proud member of the original "Roof Dog" team—a group of short-term missionaries who work year-round to support our precious children there. Add your support through the annual Roof Dog Run! christchurchplano.org/rdr



Plano mayor **Phil Dyer**, in a ceremonial German apron, taps a keg of beer to celebrate Oktoberfest. With him is **Juergen Mahneke**, owner of the Bavarian Grill, and **Bill Moore**, Sunrise Rotary member and chairman of the event. Profile photo/Mike Newman

Oktoberfest

A 16-day tradition that began in 1810 in Munich, Germany continues in Plano as a one-day celebration at the Bavarian Grill. Presented by Plano Sunrise Rotary, **Oktoberfest** is Monday, October 19 from 5–9 p.m. and will include a \$10 raffle drawing for a chance to win a trip to Germany.

Entertainment will include live accordion music, the 16-piece brass band **Kleine Blasmusik** playing polkas in the Biergarten, and the **Texanische Schuhplattler** dressed in their lederhosen (leather breeches). “There is always an atmosphere of joy and good cheer as our guests visit with their neighbors, just like they would if they were going to the big one in München, Bavaria,” said **Juergen Mahneke**, owner of the Bavarian Grill.

He added, “We offer an all-you-can-eat bratwurst buffet with potato salad, sauerkraut, and cheese spaetzle. We also offer a Bavarian pork roast and a whole hind leg of beef, all served with salads and authentic Bavarian breads. Since the Hofbrau Muenchen brewery is the Bier sponsor, we will enjoy the authentic Bier of the Bavarian kings. For those who prefer wine, we will pour a great German Riesling.”

Plano mayor and Plano Rotary Club member **Phil Dyer** raises a glass for Oktoberfest. Said Dyer, “Oktoberfest is a great event. People get together to have a good time with new friends, and it raises money to help with the many projects of Rotary. It is a win on all fronts.”

Through Rotary, Mayor Dyer has witnessed many citizens become passionate about serving others. “Rotary has literally transformed good, decent people into good, decent, *involved* people,” he said. “It has reminded me of the good that is in people and the amount that can be accomplished when people give of themselves. The Rotary motto “Service Above Self” says so much about the organization,” he added. “Rotary has engaged so many in serving others, and that has made our community a more caring place.”

Proceeds will benefit **Children’s Medical Center Legacy**, the **Assistance Center of Collin County**, and other Rotary International charitable projects. Tickets are \$35. Call 214.562.6363 or visit planosunriserotary.com.

Swing fore funds

Supporters of **Habitat for Humanity—South Collin County (SCC)** will hit the fairway for the **4th Annual Golf Tournament** on Wednesday, October 14 at Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Entry is \$100 per person, or \$400 per team and includes a cart, lunch, raffle, and prizes. Contact Jerry Kolesiak at 469.693.6720 or Scott Blair at 214.405.3134.

Good Puppy Dog Open

Golf enthusiasts may want to *paws* from their busy schedule on Monday, October 19 to play a round of 18 at the **Collin County Humane Society’s 2nd Annual Good Puppy Dog**

Open. The 4-man scramble begins at 1:30 p.m. at Castle Hills Golf Club in Lewisville. Games and a betting hole will provide opportunities to walk away with prizes. Entry is \$125 per person, which includes dinner and dessert. Visit collincountyhumanesociety.org.



4th Annual Roof Dog Run

What are roof dogs? In Peru, roof dogs are pets that live on flat housetops and serve as a family’s guard dog. At Christ Church Plano, “roof dogs” are church members who desire to serve the Casas Hogares Children’s Homes in Arequipa, Peru.

The **4th Annual Roof Dog Run** is a 5K run/walk and a 1-mile run on Saturday, October 24 in the Christ Church Plano neighborhood on Legacy Drive. Proceeds will be used to build an orphanage in Peru for children ages 12–18. Dogs are welcome! Visit christchurchplano.org/rdr.