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Editorial

I Called Him Granddaddy



Brad Hancock

In 1979, as a requirement for a college class, I interviewed and audio recorded my grandfather and grandmother, Hugh and Nettie Mann, talking about their life. Granddaddy was the son and grandson of blacksmiths and he followed in their footsteps.

My grandfather was never a big talker, however, on this occasion he opened up. He talked about how when he was 8 he lost both his brother and mother in the great flu epidemic of 1918. At age 13 he quit school and started working with his father – learning the blacksmith trade.

He told me stories of being an apprentice to another area blacksmith for 9 years where he learned to shoe horses, work with metal, build wagons and buggies and how to repair the tools used by the local farmers. Granddaddy told me he once calculated that he had probably shod at least one horse every working day

for over 20 years.

We walked around the dirt floor shop and he'd pick up various tools and describe to me how he used them – hammers too numerous to count (each had a different purpose), anvils, forge, tongs, welding tools and the electric emery wheel. The two sounds I remember most when I visited my grandparents as a child was the sound of a hammer striking metal and the distinctive sound of blades being sharpened on the electric emery wheel.

My grandfather told me about being drafted into the military at the beginning of WWII. Once the word got out the local farmers petitioned the local draft board to exempt him so that he could shoe their horses and keep their equipment working. The

draft board agreed with the farmers.

Granddaddy talked about raising three daughters and the family tradition of picking blackberries every July 4th - my grandmother would make jams and pies from the berries. My grandmother talked about playing the piano in the Cereulean Methodist Church for years on end and about canning, gardening and why she never learned to drive (Granddaddy took her wherever she needed to go).

I still have the written report I turned in for that class 30 years ago and I have the pictures I took that day. I made copies of the audiotape and gave them to my mom and her two sisters for Christmas. In a small way I captured his story – in his own voice.

This summer, at your family reunion or when you visit relatives, get out the tape recorder or video camera and capture the story of the older members of your family. You'll be so glad you did.

*~Brad Hancock,
MJ Neeley School of Business*

Program

June 12, 2009

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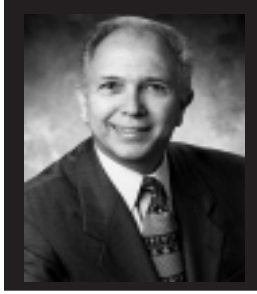
Joe Shannon,
District Attorney,
Tarrant County

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Chairman for the Day:
Ames Fender

NEWSCAST: *Bo Soderbergh*

Last Meeting



Phil Moroneso

Dennis Shingleton introduced our speaker, Dr. Kathryn Cardarelli. Dr. Cardarelli is the Director of the Center for Community Health at UNT Health Science Center. Her research focuses on Community-Based approaches to reducing health disparities and translating epidemiologic evidence into health policy. Dr. Cardarelli's work has currently focused on prenatal outcomes in African-American women and infant mortality. However her topic was an overview of Swine Flu.

Dr. Cardarelli explained the difference between an epidemic which is a cluster of cases and a pandemic which is a world wide epidemic. She quickly pointed out the normal burden of influenza on a seasonal basis. Globally there are 250,000 to 500,000 deaths per year with more than 35,000 deaths per year in the United States. Additionally, there are over 200,000 hospitalizations per year with an economic cost of \$37.5 billion annually and then \$10 billion in lost produc-

tivity.

The Swine Influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by a type of influenza that regularly causes outbreaks among pigs. Most commonly human cases of Swine Flu happen to people who are around pigs. The Swine Influenza A (H1N1) dates back to 1976 when a Swine Flu outbreak occurred in Fort Dix, NJ and caused more than 200 cases and one death. In 1988, a 32 year-old, pregnant woman in Wisconsin was hospitalized for pneumonia after being infected with Swine Flu. She died 8 days later.

Human-to-human spread of Swine Flu has been documented also and is thought to occur in the same way as the seasonal flu, through coughing or sneezing of infected people. Current outbreaks began in March and April of 2009. The World Health Organization has raised it alert level to Phase 5 which indicates wide spread human infection. The virus is described as a new subtype of A/H1N1 not previously detected in pigs or humans. The virus contains gene segments from 4 different influenza types: North American Swine, North American Avian, North American Human and Eurasian Swine.

To date there have been 92 deaths in four countries including 10 in the United States. Dr. Cardarelli once

again reminded us that the best defense, as with any flu, is frequent hand washing.

Kathryn Thompson offered the invocation. Doug Briley led the National Anthem, Connie Blake introduced guests and Jim Whitton tried to keep the newscast to less than 3 minutes. However close he got, we can still say that no one has been able to achieve the news in 3 minutes or less, funny or otherwise.

~ Phil Moroneso,
Mitchell & Moroneso

Next Week's Program

June 19, 2009

SPEAKER:

Aubrey McClendon,
Chairman of the Board &
CEO, Chesapeake Energy

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TBD

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ROTARIAN: Steve Dutton

ROTARIAN: Emil Friberg



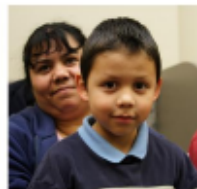
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Friday's Speaker



Joe Shannon

Joe Shannon Jr., was officially named interim Tarrant County district attorney by Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Mr. Shannon said he is considering running for the post next year.

Shannon has also served as chief of the Economic Crime Unit in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1964 to 1971.

An adjunct professor at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, he is also a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

Shannon previously served as president of the Tarrant County Bar Association, the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, and on the Family Law Advisory Committee of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

He has practiced in the areas of criminal defense, prosecution, personal injury, insurance defense, family law and commercial litigation, and is a certified matrimonial arbitrator.

He earned a B.A. from the University of Texas and his L.L.B. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Years of Service:

Preston Geren, 39 Years

Jim Parr, 28 Years

Roland Jary, 26 Years

Make-Up Attendance

Western Fort Worth — 6.2.09 — *Bill Belury, Clem Constantine*

Judith Carrier Online

First Readings

* Jeff Halstead:

- Proposed by *Dale Fisseler*
- Classification: Municipal Government - Police
- Company: City of Fort Worth

Bob Gill:

- Proposed by *Don Pierson*
- Classification: Law Practice - District Attorney
- Company: Tarrant County District Attorney

If no written objection is received in the Rotary office by next Friday, these proposals will be given second readings and voted on by the club.

ROTARIAN: *Tonya Veasey*

Your Dues are Due!



Dues for the July 2009 - December 2009 are due! Please print out your statement and put your name on it before sending in your payment.

At this time you are also welcome to join the prepaid meal plan. The cost for 6 months has increased to \$390, however that's \$5 less than you'll be paying at the door! But this option is only available twice-a-year at dues time so sign up now!

We also remind you that the Rotary Children's Fund cannot continue its valuable contribution to the community without your ongoing support. Plus, your Gold Badge depends on it!

If you did not receive a dues statement, please contact the Rotary office (817) 332.7977.

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- ~who our current officers are
- ~our club constitution and club by-laws
- ~history of our club



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Personals

On June 4, 2009, *Murray Morton* was honored at the First Annual Murray Morton Awards Dinner & Gala by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Fort Worth Chapter. In recognition of his 61 years as an insurance agent and financial advisor, NAIFA Fort Worth has named their annual awards dinner in *Murray's* honor. Their motto for the dinner was "Excellence with a smile!" because one never sees *Murray* that he does not greet you with a big smile.



June Birthdays

- 1 *Steven Harrison*
- 3 *David Parker, Robert Fernandez*
- 4 *Rob Optiz, Nancy Gibson*
- 6 *Erma Johnson-Hadley*
- 9 *Scott McAfee, Alann Sampson, Drew Martin*
- 10 *Neil Van Zandt*
- 11 *John Kober*
- 12 *Dale Fisseler*
- 13 *Amanda Stallings*
- 15 *Bob Cargill, Marilyn Gilbert*
- 16 *Earle Shields, Jimmy Burnett*
- 18 *Tom Leaverton, Dee Kelly Jr, Albon Head, Cliff Parker, Michelle Key*
- 19 *Sue Matkin*
- 20 *Kimberly Britton, Buzz Brightbill*
- 21 *Rice Tilley, Ralph Cox*
- 22 *Son Dalton, Alex Blanton, Barclay Berdan*
- 25 *John Dickens*
- 26 *Randy Gideon*
- 28 *Harriet Harral, Wayne Trimmer*
- 29 *Chris Hatch, Jim Nichols, Judi Bishop*
- 30 *James Eagle*

