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OTTOMATIC DRIVE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- April 12 — Joel Small, DDS — Face to Face Leadership
- April 19 — Dr. Chris Parr — Lighting the Dark Continent
- April 26 — Andy Rittler — Director of Corporate Affairs, LBJ Infrastructure Group
- May 3 — City of Plano Employee of the Year

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Keith Sockwell	April 01
Rutledge Haggard	April 05
Lawrence Flannery	April 09
Andy Sayers	April 11
Kirk Bell	April 12
Alice Hobbs	April 13
Bob Pikna	April 16
Alex Johnson	April 22
Kenneth Roberts	April 22
Ricardo Kasmiskie	April 27
Jerry Kezhaya	April 28



NEXT week, bring the grandkids. **Sainted Editor** will present a video of the photo safari Pat and he took in Africa last year. (Of course, you may have to shield their delicate eyes from the lion-mating sequence, but it's Nature in the Raw, as it were.) If they can't come, fear not. There'll be free DVDs or Blu-Ray discs to take home to them. If you've an HDTV but not a Blu-Ray player, fear not. You can pick up one at Fry's for as little as \$60 now, but my video is worth it. ☺

Lenny Schwartz, subbing for Prince John, opened the festivities at 12:17 with his traditional quotation: "Every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshiping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience." **President George Washington**.

Lenny called upon **JB** the Good to pray and **Bob Pikna** to pledge. ("Thanks, **Bob!**") And he called upon **SERGEANT JENKINS** to deliver his patented stirring introductions. **SKIP** bade us welcome **Randy Sandifer** (Allen Rotary), **Dick Palin** (Sunrise), and **Ken Shute** (Longview). Ken was in Chemicals, so **SKIP** asked him, "What kind?" Ken had the answer straight out of *The Graduate*, "Plastics."

Keith Sockwell introduced **Kevin Anagin** to scorn from **SKIP**. Keith apologized for his lackluster welcome. When Lenny returned to the podium, he thanked **David McWhorter** for greeting.

Rick Horne waxed eloquent about his recent RYLA interviews with **Randy Wright**. Rick said that after talking with 32 PSHS

juniors, he had "no worries about our future." He found it "inspiring" and said our twilight years will "be in good hands." He wanted not monetary donations but rather six volunteers to ferry the kids to and from camp in **Ray Huffines'** donated vans. Because they're underage, Rotary requires a driver and a "shotgun" on June 2nd and again on the 7th.



Lenny had the Club sing "H*ppy B*irthday" to **Keith Sockwell**, **Rutledge Haggard**, **LARRY FLANNERY**, and **Andy Sayers**. Lenny swore that the check from Rutledge must be greater than his age, but **FLASH** asked, "Are you sure?"



Perfect Attendance pins, but not plaques, were picked up by **Jerry Aris** (3), **Karla Oliver** (7), **Kyle Walters** (12), and **Wayne Hendrick** (22). Lenny allowed as how anyone who had put up with the Club for that long deserved to have his pin delivered personally, so he strode over to complete the transaction.

Ean Sullivan followed Lenny's example to award Wayne his PHF+5 for his cumulative \$6K



donation to the Rotary Foundation. He wanted to award **Louise Davis** her initial PHF pin, but she was AWOL.

Sounding like a District Governor already, Ean touted the Foundation as “*fuel that powers the tools that let’s Rotary accomplish what it does.*” While many charities struggle to put 90% of your donations toward their good works, Rotary exceeds 100%! That’s because the administration of the Foundation runs off interest on the donations (and there’s volunteer advertisement for it, so little is wasted in fundraising). Indeed, 50% of the donations are returned to 5810 for redistribution to the Clubs.

Ean said that a policy change next year will give the clubs greater freedom in the spending of those funds. The other half of your donations goes toward international relief, global grants for water wells and education.



Randy Wright was present, so he received his pin for PHF+7 or a \$8K donation to the Rotary Foundation. (Randy will be AWOL this week, as you read this, so **Jamee Jolly** will do the photographic honors.)



Lenny reminded us that we’d need 33% of the Club to come forward for the Soap Box Derby, which, this year, is decoupled from Akron and is instead a fun run. There will be no building of cars this year; we’ll use our current inventory. Ean asked Lenny to mention our banner across 15th Street now posted according to John.

Karla read **Ken “Too Tall” Roberts’** deathless prose to induct a pair of new recruits, **John Parker**, sponsored by Ean Sullivan, and **Bill Wray**, cousin of and sponsored by **Jeff Frauenheim**. Ean was poised throughout the non-moving candlelight ceremony to pin John, but he had to be patient as Karla intoned the duties. “*Especially in attendance*” was again missing from the charge. Ah, we’re goin’ soft then.



Mark Johnson appeared in his jammies again to dodge credit for **Dentistry with a Heart**. He deflected praise, emphasizing the “*small part*” he had to play, but we all knew there’d be no **DWAH** without him. Mark told us that just under 100 people had been served, doling out some \$80K worth of dental service. He thanked the Club for its money and time, and he credited Ray Huffines with service beyond the call of duty for donation of the three vans that shuttled patients between the church and dental suites. He said that they appreciated “*being guests in our house*” with the attention they received. He spoke of the on-site lab work that permitted retainers to be created immediately. So we “*did more for fewer people*” than last year’s 300. He closed with the statement that it was the first time **Lee Dunlap** had visited the place without being sedated.



(Sainted Editor has a bit of advice for Lee and the entire Club. Next time you have minor dental work done, try going all macho and take it without anesthesia. I know it sounds crazy, but drilling *isn’t* actually painful! Dentists used to use burr drills, and those were **excruciating**! But since they’ve switch to water-cooled drills, the pain has gone! What you’re reacting to is the heat generated by the burr, but the water now carries away the heat, so all that’s left is odd vibration, unpleasant but not painful. Even dentists don’t believe that, but I’ve finally trained mine to give it a try, and now he knows. He can’t convince others, of course, but it’s well worth it to avoid the slack-jawed numbness that follows the procedure for hours.)



Lenny presented the 2012-13 Rotary slogan: **Peace through Service**.

Chuck Morgan introduced the day’s tag-team speakers, PISD Board of Trustees newly-elected members **Nancy Humphrey** and **Carrolyn Moebius**.



Nancy, the Board VP, asked the assemblage to “*be kind*,” but she’s been here long enough to know that’s wishful thinking. She said that the hunt for a Superintendent (to replace **Doug Otto**) is the most serious business facing any Board of Trustees. That individual is going to be called upon to manage a teaching and administrative staff of ~7,000 across ~70 schools and 11 service facilities.



The Board held four meetings last November, but virtually no one showed up. So they have to be sharp on behalf of all those not present. They established a set of attributes that candidates must present and began looking for a search firm to implement their will.



Carrolyn told us that the one on which they settled knows PISD and has been “proactive in education.” After interviewing two firms, they chose *Moses and Thomson* headed by **David Thomson**, a lawyer who counsels on school law and finance. He has been the Associate Director of TASB (Texas Association of School Boards).

Nancy said that both the firm and the Board created focus groups to aid in the search. There were faculty councils, principal councils, as well as community focus groups. PTA presidents and the Council of PTAs (headed by **Angela Miner**) were involved.

The application deadline was 24 February, and, to date, they are almost done with the interview process. The successful candidate will be announced on 12 April, today as you read this. After a thorough background check, a contract will be signed on 3 May.

Carrolyn told us that we’ll “be pleased with the decision.”

Randy wanted to know how much was spent on the search firm. Nancy told him that the \$20K cost was (inadvertently) the lowest bid.

In response to a question about the sought attributes, Nancy said that a future vision with an emphasis on the children was paramount. Also, a Superintendent will need to fight the State (not only for funding but also for autonomy). She hopes “doing things differently” will be a priority; Doug can’t be happy to hear that. She wants “forward thinking.”

Jessica wanted to know the number of applicants. There were 100 of which 28 were serious contenders.

Earl Simpkins asked about promotion from within, but “no one expressed interest.” (So those that know the job best are avoiding it; *fools rush in where angels fear to tread?*)

Lenny mentioned the huge pay Nancy and Carolyn must be receiving just “to be public servants.” He conceded that it must be a big sacrifice, and they deserve to have their pay trebled. (Oddly, that would leave it the same.) He gave them our Four-Way Test coin and promised donations to *Shoes for Orphan Souls* in their names.



After leading us in the Four-Way Test, and an exhortation from *Hill Street Blues* to “be careful out there,” Lenny struck us gone at 12:53.



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