



Spring Weekly

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The Plano Rotary Club
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 18

Dr. Hank Seitz
"Creating Authentic Relationships that Rock!"

April 25

Jamee Jolly, Plano Chamber of Commerce
"City Council/Mayoral Candidates Forum"

May 2

Dr. "Bob" (James R. Baird, Ph. D.). Inventor of the LED
"Invention of the LED"

May 9

Tom Moore
"Port of Corpus Christi Authority"

May 16

Bruce Glasscock
"City of Plano Employee of the Year"

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Thru the Valley of the Politicians

FORTY ONE guests and visiting Rotarians descended upon us for the political theater of our PISD Board of Trustee Candidate Forum. Members outnumbered guests only two to one. One hopes we all put in an effective pitch for joining our Club! **Sainted Editor** wanted **PRESIDENT LAMPLIGHTER** to announce that our programs run the gamut from the Mayor's State of the City to a Treatise on Lion Mating Rituals, but he demurred. (So much for **Sainted Editor's** foray in PR.)



LENNY cautioned all the electioneering candidates to stand by their tables and began the ritual at 12:15, calling upon **Ean Sullivan** for the Invocation and **LARRY FLANNERY** for the Pledge. (*Scary Bob* was *sotto voce* today.) **LENNY** credited **Jamee Jolly** with Greeting and announced that, such was the turnout, we would forgo the usual guest and visitor introductions. (See page 3.) He also thanked Jamee for organizing this day's program (and the next in a fortnight).

LENNY congratulated birthday boys and girls including **Andy Sayers**, **CAPTAIN KIRK**, **Alice Hobbs**, and **Bob Pikna**. Then he explained that, due to the number of contested races, we'd have to abandon our usual candidate forum format. Instead, he would offer each candidate 90 seconds to proselytize (fine free!) from their tables. We would then have an opportunity to meet with each before concluding the meeting.

PLACE ONE: Tammy Richards & Tammy Hooker.

Tammy Richards is the incumbent and current Board President. She has been a "PISD Mom" for 14 years and is "dedicated to the children." She got her (Industrial En-



gineering) degree at TAMU and is a Harvard MBA. Among her accomplishments on the Board, she is most proud of the selection of the new Superintendent (**Richard Matkin**).

www.TammyRichards.org



Tammy Hooker emphasized her 26 years of experience bringing about collaborative development of employees while she worked as a Human Resources and Organizational Development Director for businesses large and small. She has been in Plano for seven years, having had children in both Highland Park and Plano ISDs. She looks forward to "dialogue with voters."

www.TammyHookerPISD.com

PLACE TWO: Paul Kaminsky, Carrolyn Moebius, and Mark Hanna (not present)

Paul Kaminsky said, "You know me from before," referring to his previous runs for the PISD Board. He thanked Rotary for its service to the community. He identified himself as a Substitute Teacher and a Retired Army Officer. He has had two daughters in PISD, one now at UT and the other on scholarship at TCU. He says that he is a businessman who "wants to do the job."



MrKaminsky.com

Carrolyn Moebius, the incumbent, is a business owner and volunteer. She is most proud of the Board's purchase of the PISD Academy building (which will emphasize project teaching in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math; a daughter will attend that



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Academy next year). She also helped write new Board procedures and saved some \$38M for PISD taxpayers.
www.CarrolynMoebius.org

PLACE THREE: John Caldwell & Nancy C. Humphrey



John Caldwell has lived with wife Robin in Plano for 25 years. Their son, Robert, is taking the International Baccalaureate at PESH. John taught Creative Design at PISD and holds two U.S. Patents. He took his B.A. (Economics) at Duke, MBA in Finance (Georgia State), and earned the credentials leading to his CPA at NYU. John recently (2012) retired from leading financial positions at J.C. Penney's after 34 years. In 2011, he met with PISD leadership and has visited with all seven Board members. He offered copies of the PISD Annual Report at his table.
www.JohnC4PISD.com



Nancy Humphrey is the incumbent. She has been the Board's VP for the past two years. She's lived in Plano for 21 years. She has a daughter in the IB program. Nancy has her M.S. in Accounting. She has worked for "increased transparency" for Board Policies. Her most satisfying achievement was as Chair of the Search Committee that led to the hiring of the new Superintendent. She has served as the delegate to a Legislative Advisory Council for the Texas Association of School Boards.
NancyHumphrey.org

PLACE SIX: Patty Harris, Marilyn Hinton (not present), and **Yoram Solomon**.

Patty Harris proudly proclaimed herself to be a former *Rangerette*! She has been a member of a Houston Rotary Club. She has four children shaped by PISD. She has Certification as a Teacher, Campus Administrator, and District Superintendent (expires 9/30/2013). She is a teacher with DISD (having successfully challenged a wrongful nonrenewal action http://www.tixednews.com/2012/34/Harris_v_DallasISD_098-R1-0712WEB.pdf). She was a candidate for Corpus Christi ISD Board (<http://www.caller.com/news/2013/feb/18/plano-teacher-who-remained-on-ccisd-ballot-now/>).



Yoram Solomon told us a story about how his father had sacrificed in 1942 to put his son through college. He has his doctorate, but his daughter insists, "You're a doctor but not the useful kind." His mantra is that we "must teach children to make choices and own their future." He is the VP of Corporate Strategy for Plano's *Interphase Corporation*. He is endorsed by the *Plano School Coalition*.
www.YoramSolomon.org

PLACE SEVEN: Missy Bender & Steven Kravit



Missy Bender is the incumbent. She has served as a PISD Trustee for the last seven years. She has been a Rotarian since 2006. She is proud to have made a friend of her former campaign opponent, **Nathan Barbera**. She is supported by Senator **Shapiro**, Dr. **Otto**, and Dr. **Israel**. "We must inspire children to want to attend college" since our technical society will demand a degreed education.

She is a first-generation college graduate, but her mother and her two brothers followed her example and sought their own degrees.

www.MissyBender.org



Steven Kravit has been in Plano 12 years. He has 30 years experience in business creating and implementing strategic and financial plans. In traveling around the country (visiting potential colleges for his children) he has found that PISD is "highly regarded." He has volunteered for and trained many nonprofit organizations and fundraisers. He volunteers to help kids with sports activities and claims that the parents of his charges have encouraged him to run.

Kravit.com

Following the informal meet-and-greet session that followed the formal presentations, **LENNY** asked all of the visiting Rotarians and guests to stand and be recognized. Noticing one participant out of place, **HE** said, "**Kelly Palmer**, please sit down." **HE** recommended that parties interested in *Plano Rotary* see **Chris Parr** for an enthusiastic recommendation.

After fêting **Patti Schwartz** on her 8th grandchild (which **HE** shares), **PRESIDENT LAMPLIGHTER** led us in the Four-Way Test and dismissed the congregation at 12:58.

After air and water but before food and sex comes the urge to edit the work of others. So **Sainted Editor** eschews the pedestrian editing his own work, instead handing it over to a phalanx of hands within and without the Club. Nowhere is that more evident than in this Bulletin where he has seemingly forgotten his reportage of **LENNY'S** quotations from *Thomas Jefferson*.

(He will try manfully to explain that he didn't include them in their proper place because he didn't know if he'd have room what with chronicling long-winded politicians, but the truth is he forgot.) But since we've dispensed with the candidates' entreaties handily within the allotted pages, he can redress the wrong now.

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

I never...believed there was one code of morality for a public and another for a private man.

Earlier in the day there was a meeting of the Plano Rotary Board of Directors at which there were several interesting announcements.

From April 24-27, Plano Rotary is hosting a delegation of Zambian doctors as a part of the district's Group Study Exchange. Those interested in hosting a member of this delegation should see **LENNY** or **Lynette**.

Raffle tickets will soon go on sale for the Soap Box Derby to be held again in Haggard Park.

Plano Rotary Club is #2 in 5810 for total RI Foundation contributions. Since we're #2, we're obliged to try harder, but as soon as Lynette forwards this quarter's contributions to RI, we'll likely pull ahead of *Richardson Rotary* and take the #1 spot!

We have been inadvertently hoarding money. Plano Rotary has almost \$100K in cash as a result of accounting legerdemain. We have apparently been socking funds away in our Foundation but distributing them from the Club's larder. And our accounting practices made it impossible to see the problem until **LENNY** and Lynette audited the books. (Kudos)

This means that we can be of more assistance to more of the community in the immediate future. So that's a good thing. **PRESIDENT LAMPLIGHTER** will (when the full extent of the accounting fog has been swept away) make a recommendation to donate more to the *Collin County Adult Clinic* which has grown significantly in the last couple of years. Past President **T** made no objection whatsoever.

And Future President **KIRK** will inherit a financially healthier Club, but, being a cracker-jack fiscal manager, he can certainly fix that.



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Wally Reed
Jan Basham
Marty McGee
Carole Greisdorf
Pete Patel

Guest Of

Herb Hoxie
Gary Basham
Olin Jaye
Mary Jo Dean
Casey Stewart

Guest from Plano Chamber

Tammy Richards
Missy Bender (Plano Metro)
Trudy Hale
Tamra Sadafszaz
Jeri Chambers
Tammy McSwain
Alfonso Valente

Lori Geer
Matt Shaheen
Drinda Randall
Dan Mugg
Patty Harris
Kim Hutson
Brian Hutson

Kim Ostert
Pat Gallagher
Michael Lee
Stefany Offenhauser
Gary Greer
Kathy Blank
Bob Gibbons

Buddy Minett
John Simonsen
Greg Oslin
Jonathan Seyoum
Bart Ridley

Visiting Rotarian

Rusty Gentry
Karen Marks
Dustin Kolb
Andrea Thompson
Ken Chute

Home Club

Plano Metro
Plano West
North Texas Pioneers
Plano Metro
Allen

Proposed Member

Proposed member: Brian Crawford
Classification: Fire Chief
Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock

Proposed member: Wallace Reed
Classification: Insurance
Proposed by: Herb Boxie

AWARDS:

Athena Award:
Camille Ussery

Citizen of the Year:
Jamie Schell

Outstanding Corporate:
The Shops at Willow Bend
(Octabio & his team)

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