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The Plano Rotary Club
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 2

David Taylor -
"The Future of Oil in Texas"

April 9

"Collin County Candidate
Forum" -
Joint Program with Plano
Chamber of Commerce

April 16

"Annual Four Way -
Test Contest"

April 23

"PISD Teacher of the Year"

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



Ensemble ☆ Assembly

AN INFORMAL SURVEY garnered the uncomfortable finding that **Sainted Editor** pulled his punches on the comedian who made the last presentation. This was in spite of his declaration to said comic of his intention to "trash your talk." But there's a method to his madness: **Sainted Editor** only skewers the self-important and infomercially-inclined. He makes fools of those who pontificate ponderously. He can't make a fool of someone whose profession is it to play one.

President Wonderful solemnized the gathering at 12:15, calling upon a pair of Howards for the Invocation (**Matson**) and the Pledge (**Shapiro**). (Thanks, **Bob!**) He credited



Karen Sheldon with Greeting and summoned **ACTING SERGEANT Kelly Palmer** to the Welcoming.

Kelly found **NO VISITING ROTARIANS** to welcome and so invited Earnest Burke to introduce **Blaire Ritchey** and **Reedy Spigner** to feed daughter **April** whom we'd not seen in almost 168 hours!



Earnest fêted a **Birthday Check** from **Jamie Schell** then casually mentioned non-checked birthdays from **Bruce, Marshall, and George**. On a happier note: anniversary recognitions were visited upon **Debbie Watson** (4 years) and **Kyle Walters** (15).

SPIRIT GEAR was touted next. Earnest noted the sign-up sheet making the rounds for hooded sweaters and jackets, but, since **Alan Feigenbaum** can order any-

thing with our Club Logo on it, we were encouraged to ask for whatever our little hearts desired. Alan needs only 10 items to make up each order.



CAPTAIN KIRK announced that our signatures were required on another sheet, the bi-fold itemizing sponsorships for our **SECOND ANNUAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET**, 27 May. It being the main fundraiser for our Club's Foundation, and "donations coming mainly from people in this room," we were encouraged to be generous.



Our Club honors students at six low-income schools: Barron, Forman, Meadows, Memorial, Mendenhall & Sigler. The kids showed up "in their Sunday best" for what neither they nor their parents had seen before. Last year, we had raised ~\$15K for scholarships.

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We netted \$10K back to our Foundation. \$1,000 was even funded to each school which went for pedometers, speakers' fees, and even a reference set for every 5th grader at *Barron*. **KIRK** found that they replaced the single, tattered dictionary in each room. 5810 kicked in \$3K of the \$10K the Foundation made off the event.

Earnest too urged us to support this event "*in a big way*." Then he called *Memorial Elementary* Principal **Sarika Pride** to the podium to announce the program.



Ms. Pride thanked us for *Send Me to the Symphony*, where all her 4th graders got bussed to the *Plano Symphony Orchestra's* recent concert for young people. (The PSO coordinates with PISD music teachers to reinforce musical principles under instruction.) She also offered profuse thanks for our **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET** for which the "*students were selected for doing the right things*." Then she introduced the *Memorial* music teacher, **Ms. Culp**, and 21 cute 4th and 5th graders who constitute the school's Musical Ensemble.

Ms. Culp noted that the group, which utilizes percussion instruments and so is more than a choir, had actually composed an *a capella* piece that would open their program today. The kidlets began a round of noises such as children might make with their mouths in idle moments, but which, taken together, constituted a catchy rhythm.

"Shhhhhh, bump bump, AHHH!"

Chigga chigga BOOM, AHHH!"

And so forth.



Ms. Culp added that the 25-minute class period was woefully short to be able to instill instrumental instruction so it consisted mostly of rhythm instruments. But she'd brought xylophones (unused) to indicate that melody too played a role.

But Ms. Culp is also the Band Director, so the second and last performance piece was a rousing rendition of the *Memorial* Anthem or, as she described it, the *Memorial* Bebop.



We are *Memorial* Bobcats, just listen to us roar.

(ROAR!)

We're strong and brave and mighty,

oh who could ask for more?

There's none like *Memorial*, we just can't be beat.

We're Bobcats for life, the best you'll ever meet!

We are *Memorial* Bobcats from different walks of life.

(YEE-HAW!)

The future of tomorrow, we'll keep on shining bright.

There's none like *Memorial*, we just can't be beat.

We're Bobcats for life, the best you'll ever meet!

(HOORAY!)



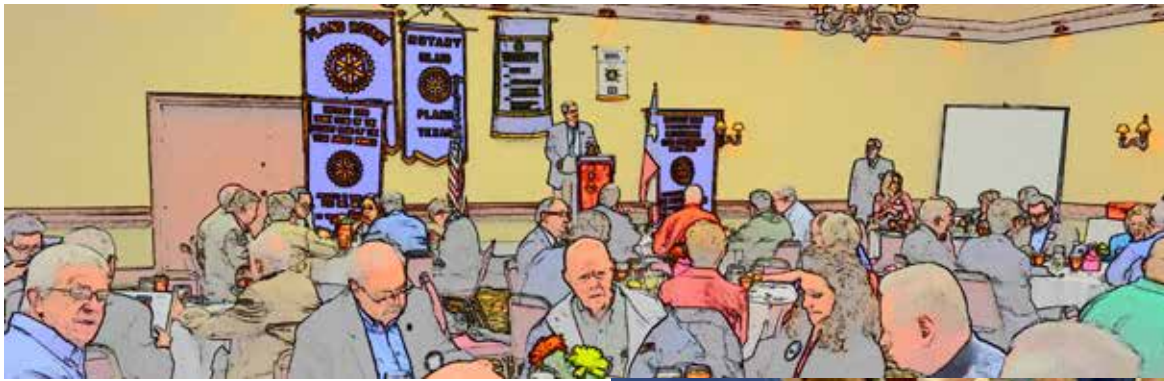
Ms. Culp too thanked us for our support.

Ms. Pride then closed the program commenting that *Memorial* is "*moving toward becoming a STEM school*" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), and "*the kids truly understand the expectations*" made for them.

Earnest noted again the brochures on our tables (courtesy of **Kenny Wilson** and **alphagraphics**) for our contributions to the **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET**. **Olin Jaye** asked him, "*Who's your favorite ex-Rotary President?*" and, without hesitation, Earnest turned to the Presidential Award Banner and chose "*Kirk Bell*."

Earnest asked **Dennis Högg**, "*Is your son one and done, or will he stay in college to finish his degree?*" Dennis allowed as how that was a tough question but he'd advise him to take offers as they come and finish college later if necessary.

Alex Johnson announced Four-Way Test Speech Contest prelims for 25 candidates at 6 pm on April 8th catered by *Raising Cain's*. We hear from the top 3 on April 16th.



Rick Horne announced another round of interviews on April 8th, this time for Camp RYLA candidates. They'll be held at **Sarah Watkins' Plano Senior High**, and the field will be whittled down to 9 scholars with 9 alternates. The number of alternates is that high because RYLA coincides with many other retreats (like Band Camps) this year.



Jamee Jolly reminded us of the April 9th **CANDIDATE FORUM** our Club holds jointly with the *Plano Chamber*. This year, only the City Council candidates will be featured; there'll be no time for PISD Board, which Howard Shapiro deemed "more important than the City."



President Wonderful led us in the Four-Way Test and announced early release for good behavior at 12:47.



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| Proposed Member : Mike Jobe | |
| Proposed by : Rick Maucieri | |
| Classification : VP Operations (YMCA) | |

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