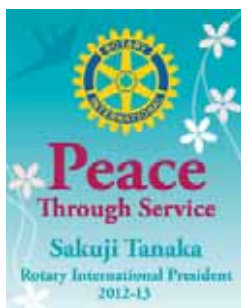


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 23 - Plano High School Football
Coaches: Mike Hughes, Jaydon McCollough,
Johnny Ringo
August 30 - Collaboration v. Collision: Closing
the Generation Gap:
Sherri Elliot-Yearly, President, Generational Guru
September 6 - Hendrick Scholarship
Foundation: Marcy Wilson & Student speakers
September 13 - How to Protect Yourself from
Identity Theft: Officer Christopher Biane, Plano
Police Department
September 20 - No Lunch - Fundraiser @
Haggard's Barn Dinner, Entertainment, and Live
Auction 6:30 pm
September 21 - Golf Tournament @
Prestonwood Country Club, The Hills Course
September 27 - Business Lessons Learned from
the Fast Lane - Scott Black, President, TimePiece
Public Relations

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Camille Ussery	Aug 10
Susan Shuler	Aug 12
Fortino Trujillo	Aug 12
Kevin Hanigan	Aug 14
Sarah Watkins	Aug 20
Michael Robnett	Aug 24
Michael Baldwin	Aug 28



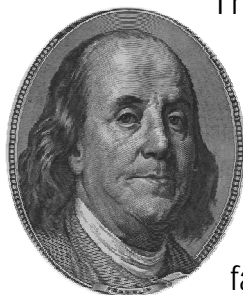
Long Live Chiang Kai-shek

FALUN DAFA is the attribute on the speaker's handout, but that is the same as the **FALUN GONG**, the "heretical" religious group in China that bedevils the Chinese Communist government to such an extent that it has been outlawed there. We were treated to their distaste for the regime in today's talk, ostensibly about "traditional Chinese culture and values," but actually a faintly-disguised political message that certainly resonates. It's the **REDS** vs. the **WHITES**, and Taiwan will yet liberate their oppressed brethren.

Yep.

Before the proceedings, **LENNY** permitted Sainted Editor "a nanny moment," during which Chris noted that the Pitchfork Hotel had washed the potatoes prior to baking. The implications were that we could safely "eat the skins, because that's where all the vitamins and minerals reside!" Someone accused him of knowing too much.

LENNY THE LAMPLIGHTER called us to attention at 12:16 with his signature quote, this time from **Benjamin Franklin**, to wit:



The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

LENNY cajoled **Joe Foor** to pray and **Brad Keith** to pledge. ("Thanks, Bob!") He credited **Jeff Frauenheim** with greeting. He called on substitute **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Jason Rice** to welcome guests and visiting Rotarians.



Jason introduced a Rotarian visiting from **Park Cities, David Goodson**. **Ean Sullivan** bade us welcome **Monica Moffitt** and **Abraham Grove**. **Rick Maucieri** introduced his "first wife," **Lori**, and their first child, **Dominic**, skipped his absent second child and moved on to the third, **Bell(a)**. **Tino Trujillo** greeted **Sandy LaClave**, General Manager of



Collin Creek Mall (getting tiresome, isn't it, **Octavio**?). **Bill Wray** welcomed son **Thomas** as a golfer; Thomas, we'll expect a foursome from you for the Hendrick! Speaking of our



Hendrick, **Wayne** introduced **Cindy Hendrick**, who must definitely be a relation. And Jason Rice bade us welcome **Anthony Miller**.



LENNY noted the welcome addition of our new District 5810 banner, celebrating our winning of the Perfect Attendance Award for the last time. (Corporate membership dictates that attendance will no longer be perfect.) In consequence, Lenny gave out Just Attendance pins to **Phil Dyer** (12) and **Howard Shapiro** (34), who had remained in the meeting long enough to receive it!



LENNY noted the receipt of a birthday check for 80 pesos from Tino, turning it back to him for dollars. He also recognized **Sarah Watkins'** birthday coming up on the 20th.

Back page advertiser, **Captain Kirk Bell** was invited to give a Classification Talk. He promised not to delve as far back in his history as had Rick, but then he broke the promise immediately, telling us that his name came about when Grandfather **Belzeski** fled the Bolshevik Revolution and had his name abbreviated at Ellis Island. **Kirk** grew up in Gary, Indiana, and joined the Air Force as a pilot and instructor. His son, born in Iceland, of all places, is currently working at Gleneagles! He worked at *Smith-Barney* through all its name changes, quitting just



before the Crash of '08 to form *Bell & Valente*. His daughter is currently teaching at *Shepton*, and he drove by there today, marveling at her car in its parking lot. He was about to wax even further ecstatic when he was stunned by a loud blast of music from the computer of **Shirley Hu**, the Metro Events Coordinator of *Shen Yun at DFW* and the day's speaker. Embarrassed, she apologized profusely, but the damage was done and **Kirk** retired from the Field of Battle.

LENNY called **Earnest Burke** to the podium to receive his commemorative plaque and 5-year attendance pin.

He drew attention to the *Golf Tournament* flyer on our tables (*n.b.*, Thomas) noting Scary Bob's securing of \$3,000 worth of prizes. We should go and do likewise.

Ean Sullivan introduced the 5810 Rotary Foundation Chair, **Larry Webb**, who will follow Ean as District Governor. Larry, in turn, summoned the Maucieri Clan to the podium, to fête them for their family *Paul Harris Fellowships* and Rick's becoming a Major Donor. Noting that the hardest thing about this presentation was the pronunciation of "Mah-see-ary," Larry spoke of the family as joining "*a dedicated group of humanitarians*"



who were "*changing lives*" through "*a legacy of hope*." Rhetoric aside, Rick received his crystal emblem and diamond pin, Lori, **Isabella** (*Carpenter* and *Christie Elementary* Rotary Citizen of the Month), and **Dominic** (*Stephen F. Austin*) were awarded pins and plaques, and there was one left over for absent daughter **Cess**.

Membership Vice Chair **Larry Flash Flannery** noted that the new membership incentive drive reminded him of a story. What doesn't?

A senior citizen, suffering a Late Life Crisis, buys a Corvette, pushing it past 140 only to be stopped by a State Trooper who offers him a pass if he can come up with an excuse the officer has not heard before. The octogenarian tells him that his wife had run away with a trooper some time ago, and he thought the officer was trying to *bring her back!* (bada-boom)

But seriously folks, Larry is going to put hooks on our badges indicating that we're *on-the-hook* for bringing prospective members to meetings. You're *off-the-hook* when they show. Howard Shapiro (still here?) asked, "*If they all join, where will we*



sit?" Unfazed, Larry concluded that the Club would buy them their lunch.

LENNY fended off Ean's question about the amount of Sarah Watkins' birthday check.

David McWhorter introduced Shirley Hu, a Paul Harris Fellow from *Metro Rotary*:

Shirley Hu is the marketing director of the *Epoch Times*, a grassroots publication of the Chinese people that tells the unvarnished truth about what's really going on in China. It's published in 15 countries and in 19 different languages. Shirley earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics from *Tulsa University*, a Master's degree in Guidance & Counseling from *Tulsa*, and another Master's in Computer Science from the *New Jersey Institute of Technology*.

In her Information Technology career, Shirley has worked for *Dow Jones*, *Bell Labs*, *Johnson & Johnson*, and *Alcatel-Lucent* as an applications developer and project manager. Recently, Shirley has been devoting her time to various volunteer activities. She teaches Chinese in Chinese school. She serves on the alumni board of Taipei, the *First Girl's High School*, and the board of her college alumni association. She provides community services for Rotary clubs, and the *Dallas Arts District*. She offers monthly meeting registration support for the *Project Management Institute*. She tracks finances for the *Global Federation of Chinese Business Women*. And when she's not doing all that, she serves as an events coordinator for the *Shen Yun Performing Arts of DFW* to promote moral values.

Shirley demonstrated the traditional moral values of the Chinese people:

Buddhism = compassion
Taoism = truthfulness



Confucianism = humanity and all for righteousness, propriety, wisdom, and faithfulness.

While Chinese tradition worships the divine, the Communist takeover in 1948 worships "*materialism and atheism*" and uses "*violence to stop its opposition*." The **C ultural R evolution** (1966-76) threw out "*old customs, old culture, old habits, old ideas*," re-educating the intelligentsia, and shutting down higher education for a decade! While it is widely admitted to have been in error, even in China, the tanks in **T iananmen S quare** (1989) confirmed an official intolerance of counter-revolutionary protest. Moreover the 2008 earthquake followed by tainted milk disasters and the recent high-speed train crash indicate that official corruption, fostered since the economic boom, plague the nation. Sixteen thousand officials have "*stashed \$125B overseas*" and fled the country.



Into this "*cultural abyss*," **S hen Y un** attempts to crystallize through art a desire to return to traditional values of a dynastic past. Six million audience members have witnessed the 20 episode show with a live orchestra.

Shirley showed a video of egregious praise for the performance from New York luminaries. And the dynastic review is coming to the *Winspear* on January 2-3 and the *Bass* on February 20.

LENNY gave her **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** dog tags and told us that he'd be dancing for us at a later date. Leading us in the Four-Way Test, he belled us out at 1:03.



Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?

Invite them to be your guest at Rotary!

The 4 Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest	Guest Of
Kyle Johnson Jeff Leach	Mark Johnson Olin Jaye
Visiting Rotarian	Home Club
Bill Langley	Plano Metro

Member NEWS

New Member Proposal:

John Yeung
Classification: Restaurant Management
Proposed by: Jo Via

New Member Proposal:

Timothy B. McCord
Classification: Signs Printing
Proposed by: Randy Wright

New Member Proposal:

Kevin Hanigan
Classification: Banking
Proposed by: Keith Sockwell

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award:
Randy Wright

Athena Award:
Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award:
Richard Butterly

Business Executive of the Year:
Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:
Vance Bryson

Citizen of the Year:
Beth and Duncan Webb

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