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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 14

Joey McCullough-PESH,
Mike Huges-PWSH, Jaydon
McCullough-PSH -
"Annual Plano Senior H.S.
Football Coaches Program"
*Show their school spirit &
dress accordingly*

August 21

Nancy Voith -
"How to Grow Your Career
Within the Marketplace's
New Rules." *Bring a guest
under 50*

August 28

Bill Dendy -
District 5810 Governor

September 4

Royce West -
Texas State Senator

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

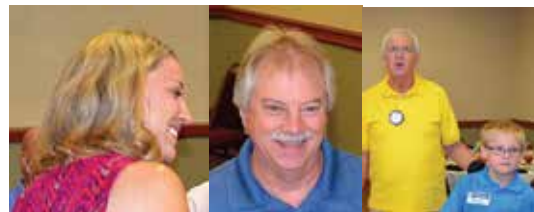


KAREN SHELDON was AWOL this day. Indeed, she's off while she hustles the last of her brood off to college. (Yea!) **Lynette** had to fall back into the role, so this was the first day that **Sainted Editor** actually arrived before her! She was ably assisted by her daughter, **Brittany McElroy**, who passed out handouts and staffed the presentation computer for **Bob Pikna's** chat about the Survey results.

President Wonderful politely inquired as to whether or not we were ready to meet at 12:16, calling upon **Yoram Solomon** for the Invocation and **Scary Bob Epstein** for the Pledge. **Scary Bob** noted that this was the first time in living memory that we'd had "two Jews in a row;" **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS-PRO-TEM Kelly Palmer** fined him \$5 for "religious ethnicity" infractions. **Earnest** thanked Lynette for Greeting.



Kelly welcomed Visiting Rotarian **Greg McKinney** from Metro and moved to Guests. **Alan Feigenbaum** introduced **Jon Buschman**. Yoram had brought **Alan Muruvitz**, prompting **Scary Bob** to remark, "Another Jew!" thus compounding his felony. Lynette introduced her daughter. PDG **SECRET SANTA Sullivan** bade us welcome **Rick Boyer**. And finally **Doyle Dean** told us that his grandson, **Cuyler**, had come today to see the Plano Fire Chief, so **Brian Crawford** waved at him.



Bob Pikna gave us an overview of the survey results, noting that we'd receive periodic updates on the Club's progress toward the goals identified through the survey. We were to receive an email with a link to the complete results, but the *précis* was as follows:

- 79% supported *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*
- 58% would like to help with Community Service
- 76% know 1-2 good candidates
- 69% had attended a Club Social and/or the Holiday Party

Bob thanked **Jim Cooper** who had created the survey and described "the labor of love" engaged in by him and **Alice Hobbs** (does **Bill** know?) in bringing it to fruition.

PDG **SANTA** told us of a "painless opportunity" to support the *RI Foundation*. Instead of a gala, 5810 will have a raffle. For \$100 you can be among the 1,500 vying for "a luxury sports vacation." The winner will have his/her choice of 1st class airfare and accommodations for the

- Superbowl
- Masters Tournament
- World Series, or
- Kentucky Derby.

The winning ticket will be picked at the dropping of the ball in Times Square. See Ean if you're feeling lucky. He told us that all of our donations count toward our *Paul Harris Fellowships*.

Earnest celebrated the Rotary Anniversaries of **Satinder Baweja** (1), **Janis Allman** (1), **Dennis Fuller** (3), **Nathan Barbera** (8), **Phil Dyer** (14), **Bob Bauer**



(16), **Howard Shapiro** (36), and **Sherman Millender** (36). Earnest took the pins to those recipients but he called the following to the podium to receive both pins and plaques: **Kirk Bell** (10) and **Herb Hoxie** (half a century!), who received a standing ovation. **LB THE RADIANT** also was on the rolls as 50, but he insisted it was 42.

Dave McWhorter came to the lectern to introduce the day's speaker, former **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER II Elizabeth McCormick**, YA Motivational Speaker but a Black Hawk (UP) Pilot!

She is CEO of *Soar 2 Success International*, a premier training and publishing company. As a decorated U.S. Army Black Hawk Helicopter Pilot, Elizabeth flew such missions as Air Assault/Rappelling Command & Control, VIP, and Military Intelligence. She supported United Nations peacekeeping operations in Kosovo, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal for her excellence in service prior to her career ending injury. In 2011, Elizabeth was awarded the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Elizabeth is a premier leadership trainer and founding member of the *John Maxwell Team* of speakers, coaches, and trainers, and a dynamic emerging entertainer. She inspires audiences with her experiences from her years as a pilot and turns those stories into actionable lessons.

A frequent face in the media, Elizabeth has been seen on ABC, CBS, Fox News, MSNBC, in the Wall Street Journal and more. A no. 1 best-selling author, her personal development book, *The P.I.L.O.T. Method* (\$14 Amazon; rank 983,350), is a "must read!" Elizabeth also has an extensive series of business success books: *Soar 2 Success*.



"Can you handle the Truth?" she challenged us *a la* **Jack Nicholson** in *A Few Good Men*. Apparently the Truth was that she almost failed Flight School. Her "starter husband" was in the military assigned to "Fort Puke" (Fort Polk, Louisiana). Elizabeth had graduated with degrees in Art, Math, and English, so, of course, could find only a job in a pizza place.

(Some cheers at that had the *Southfork* staff worried.) She was miserable and decided that joining the Army would be a step up. But she needed "*the coolest job*," so she asked seasoned soldiers what they'd choose if they had it to do over again. The answer was always, "*I'd be a helicopter pilot!*" Had she known there was only an opening for one single token female pilot at a time, she might have become



discouraged. Instead, she gazed longingly at the choppers through their chain link fence and thought, "*This is what I'm supposed to do!*"

She walked into a Recruiting Office and watched the denizens come alive with anticipation until she told them why she was there. "*I want to go to Flight School and become a Chief Warrant Officer.*" They immediately protested, "*You can't do that.*" Her response to that repeated protest was, "*Why not?*" And after demolishing their obstacles (perfect eyesight, perfect physical condition, college degree, leadership skills), Elizabeth came face-to-face with the real reason, "*We don't know how to do the paperwork!*"

She asked us (rhetorically) what would have been the result if she had chosen to believe them instead of herself. Answer: not a pilot, not the (modest) "*inspiration for millions*," and not here before us today. This was her first "teachable moment." "*Laws can be changed. Policy can be changed. Tradition can be changed.*" So she took their book of regulations and helped them fill out the forms.

At the physical, the examiner continued the discouragement. "*Little girl, don't you know that Flight School is really hard? Why are you wasting my time?*" Her response was a respectful, "*Sir, I have an appointment.*"

At the Flight Aptitude Skills Test she heard the same litany. "*Sergeant, I have an appointment.*"

Her packet went to the Pentagon, where they were working to fill only two vacancies. "*Had I known, I'd have been less confident. Confidence leads to competence. And competence leads to excellence. It's up to you how you perform.*" (Homily #2.)

When she first stepped into a Black Hawk, her instructor told her point-blank, "*Women shouldn't fly!*" (She apparently resisted the urge to explain the meaning of WAC.) Her first task was to hover; "*hovering is the hardest.*" A helicopter is inherently unstable, requiring constant attention. "*You are wasting my time. A monkey could fly better than you.*" She failed the 1st week, but she was not alone in that, so she took some comfort.



Over the next five weeks, everyone improved except Elizabeth. She asked for a change of instructor but was denied. The sixth week, her tormentor was AWOL, and his substitute reviewed her pitiful record, reducing her to tears. *"Crying in uniform is REALLY bad."* He asked, *"Do you want this?"* When her head came off nodding, he said simply, *"Then let's teach you."*

A simple suggestion of locking her elbow permitted her to hover smoothly. When her tormentor returned to grade her, he was forced to give her a pass.

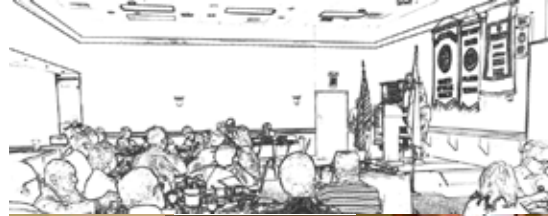
She was to fly FEMA officials to survey the results of the Great Ice Storm of '98. It was 4" thick on the trees, so de-icing was *de rigueur*. Both engines had to be working for de-icing to occur, and midway through the flight, a warning light and siren popped up for Engine #2. Her pilot moved to feather it, but she was piloting the bird from the co-pilot's seat, right below #2. She heard no telltale sounds or vibrations and so ORDERED her pilot *"not to TOUCH that throttle."* When he tried to pull rank, she said, *"I'm flying the helo. Look up the regulation in the book."* The bluff worked,

and the flight proceeded successfully. But the "pucker factor" didn't end at its conclusion.

She was called into her superior's office, not to be reprimanded but to be commended. *"Had Derek moved to shut off the engine, I would have climbed over [the FEMA officials] to stop him myself!"*

So (homily #3) *"when you see a need, choose to rise (to the occasion) and lead."*

Earnest bestowed upon Elizabeth "The Coveted Rotary Clock," and thanked **Randy Wright** for *"being with us the evening, er, afternoon."* Earnest fêted Randy for the many things he had done for the Club, calling him *"Mr. Dynamite."* Then he led us in the Four-Way Test and recommended dispersal at 1:03.



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Dr. Myrtle Hightower

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Lynette Pieper

Proposed by: Kirk Bell

Classification: Financial Services

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Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

Date: August 24, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Ken & Lori Roberts Home

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