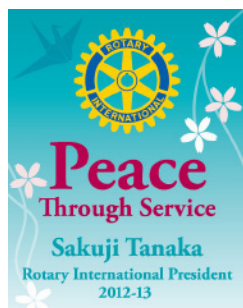


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 13:

Thurs., Dec 13 @ 6 pm
Holiday Party at
Rutledge Party Barn
"Coat Drive"

December 20:

Christmas
No Meeting

December 27:

Christmas
No Meeting

January 03:

Larry Webb
"The Rotary Foundation"

January 10:

Al Olson
Dallas Arboretum:
"Behind the Scenes"

January 17:

Earnest Burke
MLK Presentation

January 24:

Dewy Elliot, COO
Trident Response Group

January 31:

Karla Oliver
Plano ISD "Teacher of the Year"

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vance Bryson	Dec 03
James Lowe	Dec 03
Earl Simpkins	Dec 03
Nathan Barbera	Dec 09
Johnny Lewis	Dec 10
Kenny Wilson	Dec 11
Jamee Jolly	Dec 13
Nancy Humphrey	Dec 19
Laurel Roberts	Dec 20
James Cooper	Dec 23
Herbert Hoxie, Sr.	Dec 23
Chuck Morgan	Dec 27



MEMORABLE † MEMORIAL

LENNY THE LAMPLIGHTER wanted us to notice that Bevo was replaced by an A&M shirt, and he grudgingly admitted admiration for their accomplishments on the gridiron. Rick Maucieri giggled him about the Heisman Trophy going to A&M's Johnny Manziel, the first freshman to be so honored. He made some comment about Notre Dame as well that threw LENNY for a (5-yard) loss since "those are two of my least favorite teams."

Trooper to the core, LENNY called the meeting to order at 12:17, persuading Ean Sullivan to pray and, commenting that Mark Geller had arrived on time, expecting him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Those accomplished, LENNY thanked Larry Bisno for greeting and impressed Lori Phantom Crocheter Roberts into service as SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

She called David Craig to the podium. He skulked forward to taunts of "You're in trouble now" from the peanut gallery. But all Lori wanted was to proffer a New Member Proposal form that he had requested. She promised to email them to all of us, and Lynette has since carried that out.

Lori then welcomed Ken Chute (Allen) and David Craig (Sunrise) then proceeded to Guests: Bob Pikna's Charlene Stark, Plano Star Courier publisher Mike Miller (guest of Randy Wright), Lori's own perennial guest, John Caldwell (who is joining the Club),

Susan Shuler's Jennifer Smith, and Shaelee Stuart, guest of John Yeung.

LENNY awarded (non-Perfect) Attendance Pins to Susan Shuler (11) and Rick Kasmiskie (18). He then congratulated Vance Bryson, Rex Lowe, Earl Simpkins, Johnny Lewis, Kenny Wilson, and Jamee Jolly on their upcoming birthdays.

It was at this point that Chuck Morgan drew Sainted Editor out of his reverie to note the absence of a photographer. As a reward for that bit of diligence, Sainted Editor handed him a point-and-shoot to record the meeting for the Bulletin.

LENNY condemned John Yeung to give his Classification Talk. John spoke of being a Houston native and attending the University of Houston for 3½ years as an Electrical Engineering major only to cast it aside at the last minute to go into Hotel/Restaurant Management. Turning down the likes of Hyatt upon graduation, John went to work for John Longstreet with the Harvey House and Bristol Resorts, the Pitchfork Hotel in a former life. He moved to Hilton Hotels and became Manager of the Galleria's DoubleTree before returning to Longstreet's Quaker Steak and Lube. They opened QSL in February 2011 and intend to follow that success with more Texas openings.





LENNY called upon **Carrolyn Moebius** to warn us that there'd be **NO NOON MEETING NEXT THURSDAY**; instead, we were to meet from 6-8 pm for our **Holiday Dinner**. We were also to RSVP on the circulated list to Lynette. Someone prompted her to add that the dinner would be held at **Rutledge's Party Barn** and that admission is a new coat for a youngster.



Spouses will cost a bit more than that.

LENNY mentioned that we'd share the **Holiday Dinner** with the *Sunrise* and *Pioneer* Clubs. Then he dropped *The Big One* on us: instead of a pass on **December 20th** (as advertised in the Bulletin), we would suffer **CLUB ASSEMBLY**. He promised the stunned audience to "*make it interesting*," an oxymoron if there ever was one. **Sainted Editor** hates to condemn Lori to cover that, but he'll be in the Falklands then.

Gerald

recommended the upcoming game of *Plano West* vs. Austin's *Westlake*, both teams being 9:4. In response to a gag question, he said that he "*didn't know what the line is*." If we couldn't attend, he recommended we listen on 1160 AM or follow the game at

<http://www.planoisd.net>

Susan Shuler was called back to the podium to receive \$1,000 in bucket money for *Plano Children's Medical Clinic*. She thanked the club and noted that "*Wylie East won't be playing*" this weekend.



Susan also introduced the program, a medley of **Seasonal Carols** from the *Memorial Elementary* Choir. Susan reminded us of our involvement with *Memorial*: building the PTA, judging their Science Fair, mentoring students, etc. She said she was proud of the Club for its commitment to the school. She urged us to revisit the place now that they've moved into their new building, the "*ultimate gift*" for the school.



Then she introduced choirmaster **Heather Culp** who also thanked the Club for its support of *Memorial*. Heather led the group in four carols including **Harry Connick's** "*jazzy version*" of *Let it Snow*, *Old Man Winter Knocking on Your Door*, *Silent Night*, and *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

At the conclusion of the serenade, Heather thanked us for having her and her children and accepted dog tags from **OPERATION ONCE IN A LIFETIME** from a grateful **LENNY**, who then called upon **Karla Oliver**.

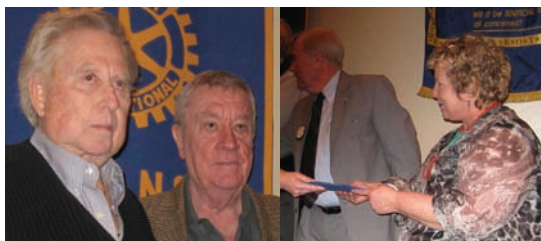
Karla introduced *Memorial's* Principal, **Sarika Pride**. Sarika told us of the crash course taken by the choir in preparation for today's recital; they had had only six practice sessions over the last six weeks. It was a tribute not only to them but also to Director Culp. Sarika also left with us a 50-minute video of the rededication ceremony following the move into the new building.

Karla remained on the podium to induct two new members, **Jim Burton** (sponsored by **John Pittman**)



and **Sara Akers** (sponsored by **Larry Flannery**). Karla read **Ken Roberts' Deathless Prose**, following which Jim and Sara were pinned and welcomed into the Club with a standing ovation.

Wishing us a *Happy Chanukah*, **LENNY** led us in the Four-Way Test and adjourned the proceedings at 12:55.



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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

Charlene Stark
Mike Miller
John Caldwell
Jennifer Smith
Shaelee Stewart

Guest Of

Bob Pikna
Randy Wright
Lori Simon-Roberts
Susan Shuler
John Yeung

Visiting Rotarian

David Craig
Ken Chute

Home Club

Plano Sunrise
Allen

Member NEWS

New Member Proposal:

Larry Bisno
Classification: Health Care
Proposed by: John Ernst

Sara Akers
Classification: Children's
Theater
Proposed by: Larry Flannery

James Burton
Classification: Telecommunications
Proposed by: John Pittman

AWARDS:

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Camille Ussery
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