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The Plano Rotary Club

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I'm going to set the mood.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/15 Garry Kinder - Fourteen Principals for Living the Good Life
12/22 Christmas - No meeting
12/29 New Year - No Meeting
1/5 MLK Presentation
1/12 Ron White - Two-time National Memory Champion

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/3 Vance Bryson
12/3 James Lowe
12/3 Earl Simpkins
12/9 ... Nathan Barbera
12/10 Johnny Lewis
12/11 Kenny Wilson
12/19 ... Nancy Humphrey
12/23 James Cooper
12/23 ... Herbert Hoxie, Sr.
12/27 Chuck Morgan

I am going to set the mood, right up front.

1. I am working too hard, so I can have the last two weeks of the month off, (we are having a forced shutdown.) But I am not one to complain. I have 4 new GREAT books to read, new movies I have not seen, new pairs of pajamas and two wine shipments from my favorite Texas wineries and I am ready to get snowed in. Oops, I am in the wrong state and that will not likely happen.

2. I am all shopped out, (and so is Ken).
3. The biggest day of the year is next week, and NO NO NO it is not Christmas or Hannuka. It is my birthday, so I am too excited to sleep at night.



4. There have been too many parties.
5. EVERYONE is in TOO good of a mood. They all have to be good in order to get their gifts, so they are being "Very Good".
6. I gave Ken his Ipad early and he has not looked up for in over a week, so I am feeling ignored.

So if this newsletter sounds snoddy, read again from the top. I am female and that allows certain emotional indiscretions at times like these.

On with the show:
Lenny opened the meeting very



promptly, and put all of our fears away with "I know you all missed me up here." Yes, that is enthusiasm and confidence, and "yes" we miss you, Lenny.

LB Broach led us in the invocation and Rutledge Haggard led us in the pledge, and we were off and running for another week. We had no greeters to shake hands and give hugs to the needy, (I am only talking about me, of course).



Skip played Sergeant-at -arms and proceeded to announce that there were no visiting Rotarians. He asked any that were present but had not signed in to stand, in hope of finding a guest that slipped in unnoticed.



He next asked Thad Stammen to introduce his guest, 3rd grader at Hightower Elementary, Dayton Stammen.

Lenny brought up Thanksgiving, letting everyone believe that he was interested in how their celebrations went. But oh no!!! He had to gloat and Yes, I mean Gloat, about the Texas and A&M game. There will be other years Lenny. Enjoy this one while you can.

He went on to give out the Perfect Attendance Awards, with the



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first one going to LB Broach for 29 years.

Then on to announcements;

Birthdays : Vance Bryson -December 3
Earl Simpkins -December 3
Nathan Barbera-December 9
Johnny Lewis -December 10

Announcements were:



Christmas Party at the Haggard Party Barn. Susan Shuler was given the floor to announce that we are suppose to bring coats for larger kids or adults, which will be given to the Christmas Cops who help the needy at this time of year.



Thad was asked to take the podium and give his proud announcement. Thad introduced his son, Dayton and explained that at Hightower Elementary, Dayton had to do a class project.

Dayton chose to collect coats and stuffed animals from his friends as his project. He collected over 20 coats and over 100 stuffed animals in total. He presented these items to Mrs. Pride, the principal of Memorial Elementary School.



They hope need of these items. Mrs. Pride presented Dayton with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts and thoughtfulness. She had already gotten the word out that the

coats and stuffed animals were coming, and the list of people requesting them was growing. Lenny declared Dayton a "True Future Rotarian".

Johnny Lewis walked in the door, a bit late, and Lenny had to wish him a Happy Birthday, so everyone noticed. Earnest Burke was called to the podium to announce the program for the day.

Earnest started by explaining that the program was in line with one of our Five Avenues of Service, that would be Community Service. He introduced Mrs. Pride and gave us a little more background than the last time. She is the youngest of five children, the mother of two, former professional dancer and has a passion for teaching. She has sixteen plus years in education and she is the current principal of Memorial Elementary School. She has a long list of accomplishments, but Earnest wanted us to understand



that this was one very motivated individual when it came to her school and the her students. With this, he turned the audience over to Mrs. Pride.



The first thing she did when she got the mike, was to explain "Professional Dancer". Now there are good and bad kinds of Professional Dancers, so she made it clear that her dancing was Ballet. We all had to giggle at the images that crossed very quickly through our minds.

Mrs. Pride played a video of short talks of what the participants like most about Memorial Elementary School. She introduced Christie Pine, who is the Math Specialist at the school. Mrs. Pride added that the math scores last year were great and every fifth grader passed the state test in math.

She came to talk about what more we could do, if we could, for the school. She explained the different field trips which the classes want to go on, but they need money for the buses to transport the children to and from. Admission is free to the school, once they get there. They also need door prizes and money to help with their Math and Science Night. For the past five years they have had a great experience for the students and their families, showing different ways that math and science are used in our everyday lives. If your company has things which could be handed out, bundled into a door prize or used as a door prize by itself, please think of donating it to Memorial Elementary. Items having to do with or relating to Math and Science would be very appreciated.



Christie also explained that their new building is almost finished. They need picture frames for the display cases, signs to show each of the grade levels and items to make the teachers' lounge warm and inviting. If you have any such items, think of Memorial.

Christie turned the floor back to the Mrs. Pride, she could explain the last of their requests. They would like to give one of the staff members with a very special award this year for the holidays. She feels that one person should be nominated to be rewarded with a great many gifts to pamper, in appreciation for everything that the staff members do at her school. If you have anything that would be suitable to pamper a teacher, feel free to take it to Memorial. Memorial Elementary has a ballot to vote for a new mascot for the new school. The ballot is online also, and



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you can go online and vote. They have a new and improved website to go along with their new school. The students came to present us



with the Annual Christmas Concert. It was the best concert they have ever given. They kids were relaxed and happy and their contentment



showed in the way they performed. I went back to work feeling much happier and in a Christmas. At the end of the concert, Lenny gave each of the ladies a Rotary Four Way Test coin. Earnest had the



honors of presenting the Mrs. Pride with a BIG check. To help Memorial Elementary with all their needs, the Plano Rotary Club gave Mrs. Pride a check for \$1000. Lenny says that the fun of being a Rotarian.

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?



Lenny introduced his wife to make one final announcement. There will be no Angel Tree this year, but if someone wants to give something to a needy child, bring it to Patti Schwartz or Susan Shuler and they will take it Memorial Elementary.



After the Four Way Test, Lenny dismissed us, to go about our day.

Rotary Football Challenge Week 14:

NFC Division

Nathan Barbera	9-5
Mark Johnson	8-6
John Ernst	8-6
Ean Sullivan	7-7
Martin Jackson	3-11

AFC Division

Mark Waterbury	9-5
Gerald Brence	8-6
Gary Basham	7-7
Octavio Ortiz	7-7
Kyle Walters	4-9

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

GUEST:
Dayton Stammen

GUEST OF:
Thad Stammen

VISITING ROTARIAN

HOME CLUB

Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award
Randy Wright

Athena Award
Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award
Richard Butterfly

Business Executive of the Year
Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:
Vance Bryson

Citizen of the Year:
Beth and Duncan Webb

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www.rotaryclubone.org

New Member Proposals:
Jayson Killough
Classification: YMCA "Community"
Proposed by: Rick Maucieri

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