### Winter

## Weekly





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**ILLY** Season is indeed upon us. Politicians lined up as far as the eye can see, promising

bestest own

to be our very friend the whole wide world, at least until they take office. Our **Mabrie** 



Jackson is running for Brian McCall's

seat (sounds vaguely suggestive, doesn't it?) with his blessing, Alma Mays' running for Collin County District Clerk, and Cathy Fang's running for City Council.



Prince John, heir to oueen susan, who was camping it up at the Miss America Contest in Las Vegas, called us to order early at 12:15, promising a full meeting. He invited Brian Stamper to pray and Marty Murff to lead us in the Pledge ("Hi, Bob!") after which John recognized the Receiving Line consisting of Boyd Craig, Earnest Burke, and Louise Davis. It looked a little strange, then, that Octavio was drumming up Greeters later in the meeting; he wants



CAPTAIN KIRK reprised his role Sergeant-atas Arms to welcome Eileen, a Visiting Rotarian from Iowa who scored our flag without giving one

of her own. Someone called for a photo,

Randy and Wright sprang to the task (of "emergency photographer") in Ean's absence.



Kirk collected beaucoup fines from willing political candidates. He got \$5 out of Mabrie and Alma, but he only fined **FLASH** \$1 for his advertisement for

Debbie Strain and FLASH didn't even



pay it. That was shifted to **Ken Roberts** who had his

own candidate to tout. Tino escaped anything for his sponsorship of Cathy Fang, but that was probably because she announced her candidacy for Plano Rotary as well.

Howard Shapiro had neglected to



document his guest, County Court at Law candidate Greg Willis. Since both he and Greg

stumped for the position, they were both

fined \$5 by Kirk.

John lived up to his BOMBAY SOCIETY sobriquet of LORD HAW HAW with the definition of COFFEE as someone "upon whom one coughs."



Perfect Attendance pins went to Louise Davis (2), Alan Feigenbaum

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Four Way Speech 2/4 Contest

2/11 Identity Theft. Mark Dawson, Plano Police Dept.

2/18 Carv Israel, Collin College

2/25 TBD

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2/1	Maribelle Davis
2/10	Cary Israel
2/13	Karla Oliver
2/16	Jim Murrell
2/19	Doyle Dean
2/22	Dennis Fuller
2/26	Ed Rawls
2/27	Kyle Walters





#### AVID Fans continued...

(3), Kelly Palmer (8), John Ernst (9), Charles Milby (13 in absencia), Gary Basham (17), Jo Via (18), Maribelle Davis (20), Larry Flannery (27), and Mark Geller (34).



**Barbera** brought out the *Plano Rotary Fantasy Football League* 

Winner's Trophy and didn't award it to Marc



Johnson since he came in second. Instead the 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to a novice in Fantasy Football, "a copier salesman who had to be tutored in the sport," Martin Jackson. Martin

promised that his rebuttal would be carried in the next Bulletin (this one), but it is noticeably absent.

**Earnest Burke**, referring to the May 21-22<sup>nd</sup> Soap Box Derby, suggested, "Gentlemen, start your engine(less vehicle)s." He warned us that we'd be looking forward to "plenty of emails" between now and then.



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Marc Johnson reminded us that Deptistry with a Heart event would run on the following Friday. He recognized LB the Wiched for organizing the Rotary volunteers to augment the 30 dentists and 120 staffers expected to see over 250 patients (with over 60

on the waiting list). It would take place regardless of the weather, because "neither rain nor snow..."

Randy was called upon to recap the previous day's Rotary Field Trip to judge a Science Fair at *Memorial Elementary*. He waxed ecstatic over



a third grader whose project tested the "3 second rule." POed by audible scoffs, Randy explained the experimental procedure: use peanut butter, bologna, and M&Ms lying on a kitchen counter or the floor

for either 3 or 6 seconds. The kid found that after 6 seconds, the samples were contaminated with enough bacteria to culture, but after only 3 seconds, they weren't!

Prince John noted the birthday check written to the Plano Rotary Club Foundation by LB the Wiched. Apparently the value of the check was so great that LB

wanted to ensure he could take it off on his income tax. (The Foundation is tax-exempt, but the Club isn't.)

Jessica Jackson introduced Kristen Anderson, the Director of PISD's AVID Program (Advancement via Individual Determination), "designed to reach underserved inner-city students."



http://www.k-12pisd.edu/avid/

She had brought three AVID students with her to tout the program. Plano commenced AVID four years ago with 9 schools then added 7 the next year and 5 more last year. Indeed, the first AVID class is graduating this year. The 59 AVID seniors have taken a total of 105 AP courses. 30 of them have been accepted to 53 universities, and \$170,000 in scholarships has already been offered them with more to come. These students are leading several student organizations as well as excelling in academics. In three years, 245 students have entered AVID.



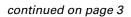
Yareli (right) was first to speak. She spoke of her fellow students as not only friends but as family. She

said that the most important thing she'd learned was "how to dream." And she dreams of helping people, becoming a support system for others. In other words, she has plans to become a teacher.

Ashley spoke of "innumerable benefits" to the program. She described it as not college prep but life prep. She has learned study skills that have permitted her to become a more effective student. She is now graduating in the top 20% of the class! Her AVID teachers have been the "greatest influence in my life."

She said that her character had developed to the point where it "fills

a three-page résumé." She has been an officer in 15



#### AVID Fans continued...

different organizations. She's on the RYLA Advisory Committee. She seeks a Corporate Communications degree from SMU with a minor in Spanish. While at SMU, she'll help high school students prepare for college.

Last it was Gustavo's turn. He had a tale of Head of Family to tell that implied absence of an childhood for him. He cared for his invalid Mother as the family moved



to the U.S., but she returned to Mexico to flee the abuse of his Father. An alcoholic, the Father was soon deported, leaving his business to Gustavo to run. He has done so while maintaining a 3.75 GPA. He has been the President of AVID for four years, trying to "set a good example." But for AVID, he would never have dreamed of college, but now he's scheduled to be interviewed by Harvard University on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

John told the speakers that the flashlights, donated in their honor to Memorial Elementary, are "beacons of hope," reflecting their own stories. Then he dashed all the nobility thus accumulated by giving us the definition of "frisbeetarianism." It's the belief that, "when we die, we come back to be stuck on a roof."

Randy couldn't stand it and countered with the story of an

> Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?

Invite them to be your quest at Rotary!

#### The 4 Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, and do:

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

"A" paper on a class theme that the instructor required to contain "religion, royalty, sex, mystery." The winning essay was composed in less than 10 seconds, and consisted of two sentences: "My God," said the Queen, "I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it."

Before **FLASH** could utter a syllable, John produced the Award Cup, going to the winner of the Soap Box Derby contest between the Fire and Police Departments. It's a good thing that Chief Esparza is in the Club!

John led us in the Four-Way Test and thrice pranged us out at 12:52.



#### **WORDS TO GROW BY**

"I will simply rely on you, as responsible people, to see to it that we have more quali- fied members. true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment."

— 2009-10 RI President John Kenny at the RI Convention in Birmingham, **England** 

#### Member NEWS

#### AWARDS:

**Harold Sullivan Award** 

Athena Award

Alice Hobbs 2008-09

Fred Moses Award Richard Rutterly

**Business Executive** of the Year

**Ray Huffines** 

Kersey Cane Holder **Earl Simpkins** 

Citizen of the Year: Beth and Duncan Webb **Rotary Make Up Website:** www.rotaryeclubone.org

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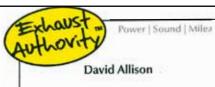
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