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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1/5 MLK Presentation
- 1/12 Ron White — Two-time National Memory Champion
- 1/19 Mayor Dryer - State of the City
- 1/26 Plano ISD Teacher of the Year Award
- 2/2 House and Senate Candidates' Forum

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 ... David Hammel
- 1/5 Jo Via
- 1/8 ... James Anderson
- 1/12 Jerry Curtis
- 1/15 ... David McWhorter
- 1/17 Jerry Aris
- 1/17 ... L.B. Showalter
- 1/19 Sherman Millender
- 1/20 ... John Brodhead
- 1/21 ... Alan Feigenbaum



Faith-based Business

Kudos to **Laurel Simon** AKA **Lori Roberts** AKA *The Phantom Crocheter* for manning up and substituting for **Sainted Editor** on his latest foray beyond borders (to Grand Canyon). We promote her to **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT EDITOR**, and she gets the corner office with window (onto the parking lot).

The President Formerly and Again Known as **Printe**, gave the bell his patented triple-whack at 12:16, calling upon **JB the Good** for the Invocation and **Chief Esparza** for the Pledge. (Thanks, **Bob!**) **Earnest Burke** was credited with Greeting.

FLASH reminded us of **Esther's Follies** (whatever those are) in Austin.

<http://www.esthersfollies.com/>

He also insisted on regaling us with holiday mirth and defined **CLAUSTROPHOBIA** as a "fear of Santa."

When **John** could be heard above the groans, he summoned **SERGEANT JENKINS** to the lectern. **SKIP** introduced Rotarians visiting from Plano Metro, **Bob Ganson** and **Bert Kraft**.

Fearing that his first effort was less than successful, **FLASH** offered the condition of a depressed Santa's Helper as "low elf esteem." He should have quit when he was only behind.

Moving right along, **SKIP** introduced a Rotarian

from Frisco, **Laura Elmore**, and two from Coppell, **George Ritcheske** and **Robert Harogue**.

Chuck Morgan introduced two ladies from **GET ORGANIZED**, **Lorraine Brock**

and **Dana Bilbray**. **Ala n Feigenbaum** bade us welcome **Karla Graham**, **Tino Trujillo** gave us **Tom Cavanaugh**, and **Ray**

Huffines introduced a man who needed no introduction, State Representative **Van Taylor**.

John accepted a birthday check for an unhumiliated amount from **Kenny Wilson** with copious thanks. And he remained mute on the amounts of the birthday checks received from **Nathan Barbera** and **Lori Roberts**.

John usurped the **SERGEANT'S** role and fined **George Wong** \$1 for the color of his socks. When George informed him that he wasn't wearing a sock, the fine went up to \$2.

Carrolyn Moebius

was sad to tell us that a teacher at **Mendenhall Elementary** had passed away the previous Friday. She had struggled with breast cancer, and now her family is struggling with her medical bills. Her children are under the care of a legal guardian but donations are now appreciated. She had finished her final semester of teaching fifth graders before passing away.

John asked if there were any objections to opening up a short membership meeting, but he waited for none.

He introduced the candidates for Club Officers and asked for any other nominations. Hearing none, the Club applauded the slate into office by acclamation.



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President **Lynn Schwartz**
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 **Camille Ussery**
 **Chris Henry**

In an act of desperation, when we returned to the regular meeting, **FLASH** asked us why Santa maintained three gardens, and he was deafened by the number of responses, "...so he can **hoe, hoe, hoe!**"

Chuck Morgan introduced the day's speaker, **Garry Kinder**, a sales and management trainer for the financial services industry. Garry graduated from *Illinois Wesleyan University* where he apparently majored in football, basketball, and baseball. In his spare time, he was President of the local chapter of $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$. He is married with two children and six grandchildren, and he has taught non-denominational Bible Study at *Prestonwood Country Club*? His topic this day was **The 14 Principles for Leading the Good Life**, which is not to say *La Dolce Vita*, of course. The Good Life isn't *dolce*; it's responsible.

Garry said he was a member of a Rotary Club in Akron, Ohio, home of the Soap Box Derby, is it not? He hails from Central Illinois, started as a Lutheran, attended a Methodist Church, and married a Presbyterian! Now, having moved to Texas, he's a Baptist chameleon. And he had a religious anecdote to share.

A young priest came to a small Texas town and delivered a lousy sermon. At the end it, a badly dressed guy came up to the priest saying that he'd been a member for 10 years and



this was the worst sermon he'd ever heard; the priest just kept shaking hands. The fellow got in line again, and when he met the priest again, he upbraided him again. Returning to the line, he claimed it had be the worst delivery of gospel ever heard.

The priest looked nervously to his deacon, and asked who this fellow was. The deacon tried to calm the agitated preacher, saying, "*Pay him no mind. He's just the Town Nut who doesn't know what he's saying. He just repeats what others say.*"

He wanted us to appreciate the antiquity of his list. The first four commandments thereon come from the *Book of Joshua*. The next four are taken from *Proverbs*. They are:

1. Be strong and of good courage.
2. Banish fear and doubt—be courageous.
3. Pay attention to all the law.
4. Meditate in this book day and night.
5. Live the disciplined life.
6. Get wisdom.
7. Develop your business first before building your house.
8. Love your spouse.
9. Be a role model to your children.
10. Spend time alone.
11. Discipline your tongue.
12. Take all of your needs to God
13. Do what He says.
14. Be thankful in all things

His first law is necessary, he believes, because "*there are a lot of things wrong with this Country.*" And to solve them, "*everyone needs to be encouragers.*"



He recommends, "*replacing fear with something positive*" as a technique to obey his second law.

He advocates "*putting the laws on every wall, so people don't miss 'em.*" The Judges of the Supreme Court may take exception (and have) to that, but what do they know?

It's not the *Guinness Book of Records* to which #4 refers; it is the Bible on which we are to dwell 24/7. We may be forgiven the occasional lapses due to naps, earning a living (see #7), etc.

He decries the disfavor in which corporal punishment is currently held. How can we discipline the young (and impudent) without the paddle...or, in his case, the barrel stave replete with nails? *Child Protective Services* may take exception (and has) to that, but what do they know?

After we "*get wisdom*," we are to "*get going!*"

As for #7, Garry referred us to a man who never completed the 3rd grade, but he sent his sons to college, a clear case of "do as I say, not as I do." Garry came by rule #7 by noting the man's house was more splendid than his barn. He insisted that it should "*be the other way around.*" He might inquire of a wife on that one.

#9 was his excuse for #8. He might inquire of a wife on that



one too.

His Dad was his model as per #9. He was taught *"how to get up and go to work."* He was also taught how to tithe, and save 10% of all you make for the Church.

Numbers 12 and 13 are a pair; God can't tell you what to do until He knows your needs.

Garry describes himself as *"self-schooled in the Bible,"* but that hasn't deterred him in the least. He's even married four people, saying *"Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding."* (Water to wine.) Just following the Master.

The anecdote associated with rule #14 came from Lake Michigan where the *Lady Elgin* struck another ship while *en route* from Chicago to Milwaukee and 150 people lost their lives. It would have been 167 but for the heroic actions of a student who swam to and from the ship, saving lives. He was rendered an invalid by the effort, but he did not begrudge anyone. In an interview of the 50th anniversary of the tragedy, the hero mentioned that not one of the 17 rescued came to see or thank him.

Garry said the magic words were still *"please"* and *"thank you."*



With a wish for our being *"blessed throughout the holiday season,"* he concluded his address. John gifted him with our 4-Way Test medallion and promised a gift to *Shoes for Orphan Souls* in Garry's name.



The Machiavellian Prince then reminded us that there'd be no meeting for the next two weeks, and he received a *"bless you"* from

FLASH.

Rick Maucieri asked Ean Sullivan to stand, noting that if we all looked carefully, we'd see a right jolly old elf. Indeed Ean was playing Santa Claus the

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?

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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?



following night at 6:30 in the YMCA.

John led us in the Four-Way Test and tripled belled

us out at 12:56.

In August, we were visited by **Ramesh Chari** from a Bangalore Rotary who has since returned to India where he presented our banner to his club. The proof thereof is presented here:

Rotary Football Challenge FINAL STANDINGS

OVERALL:

1st Place: Nathan Barbera
2nd Place: Gerald Brence
3rd Place: Mark Waterbury

NFC Division

Nathan Barbera	12-5
Mark Johnson	10-7
John Ernst	10-7
Ean Sullivan	9-8
Martin Jackson	4-13

AFC Division

Gerald Brence	11-6
Mark Waterbury	10-7
Gary Basham	8-9
Octavio Ortiz	7-10
Kyle Walters	4-13

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

GUEST:

Lorraine Brock
Dana Bilbray
Carla Graham
Tom Cavanaugh
Van Taylor

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Chuck Morgan
Alan Feigenbaum
Tino Trujillo
Ray Huffines

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Bert Kraft
Laura Elmore
George Ritcheske
Robert Rarogue

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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

Rotary Make Up Website:
www.rotaryclubone.org

New Member Proposals:

Jayson Killough
Classification: YMCA "Community"
Proposed by: Rick Maucieri

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