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OUR BOYS IN KHAKI

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1/6 MLK Presentation
- 1/13 Blue Star Inc. - Lone Star Chapter #6
- 1/20 State of the City - Mayor Dyer
- 1/27 Club Assembly led by President John
- 2/03 Mike Howard "Retired Secret Service Agent "

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 DAVID HAMMEL
- 1/5 JO VIA
- 1/8 JAMES ANDERSON
- 1/12 BRAD SHANKLIN
- 1/12 JERRY CURTIS
- 1/17 L.B. SHOWALTER
- 1/17 JERRY ARIS
- 1/19 ..SHERMAN MILLENDER
- 1/20 JOHN BRODHEAD
- 1/21 ALAN FEIGENBAUM
- 1/30 DAVID ELLIS



THE esteemed, soon-to-be ex-City Manager, **Tom Muehlenbeck** and his staff, including his loyal assistant, **Bruce "Tonto" Glasscock**, subjected themselves to the silly-hat season with a Holiday (not to say "Christmas," mind you) Greeting sent to all the Friends of the City Manager. You say you didn't get yours? Well, we know what we can conclude from that! But just so you don't feel left out, we reproduce for you it below.



Prince John opened the conclave at 12:16, summoning **LB** the Good for the Prayer and **Kyle Walters** for the Pledge. John thanked **Alan Feigenbaum** and **Herb Ziev** for Greeting and called **SERGEANT SKIP** to the campfire to extend the greetings to Visiting Rotarians and Guests. We actually had a Visiting Rotarian this day, but, as he was the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector, **Ken Maun**, perhaps he doesn't count.

There was only one Perfect Attendance Pin earned this day. It was **Maribelle Davis**, first woman inducted into the Club, for 21 years of



putting up with us. Someone commented, "It must be nice to be named after a library." (Sainted Editor concurs.)

John then asked our ex-District Governors to stand (there were three in attendance), and, with them tottering on their pins, he announced that **SIR EAN SULLIVAN** had just been knighted as **DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2010**. John surmised that it was Ean's experience, knowledge, proven ability to play nice with others and direct volunteers that clinched the deal. It's getting to the point where half a dozen members can respond to the title "Governor!" Surely that's the hallmark of a **FLAGSHIP OF THE DISTRICT** Club.



It was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote that we now constitute a Membership Meeting at which we were entitled to vote upon the slate of Officers to execute a *coups d'état* on July 1, 2011. The rebellious crew was marched out before



the congregation for one last, anxious look before the vote, and someone asked, "Why

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is it so disproportionately male?" **Brad Shanklin**, head of the nominating committee, hastened to point out that three of the distaff officer candidates were absent this day.



CAPTAIN KIRK announced the inception of our Collin College Scholarships, beginning with one for next Fall. We've raised some \$30K for that purpose, of which \$27.5K is an endowment to continue the donations in perpetuity. Each year we will contribute \$6K with \$2.5K going for the **PLANO ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP** and the remainder will accumulate in the endowment until it is self-sustaining (in 5 to 6 years). We will hear more about it from **Mary Frasier** from Collin College in January.

Acting Executive Secretary **Jan Sullivan** announced that invoices for next quarter would be appearing in our email boxes shortly. If we have questions about them, we are to contact her at jan@cinco.net or at the meetings. Those of us who have trusted Jessica not to overcharge our credit cards will now trust Jan. She offered up a jaunty, plaid cap left at the previous meeting, but no one claimed it.



We then adjourned the Membership Meeting at 12:27 and resumed the usual nonsense.

Earnest Burke announced to **SKIP JENKINS** that the Club has awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to a RYLA participant now in the military, **A.J. Wilson**. **SKIP** said that A.J. had been **SKIP'S** counselee at RYLA before attending **TAMU** and going to Afghanistan, and he was "a great kid. (Young man, really)."



John announced that the fine bucket proceeds this day would go to the wait staff as a Holiday Bonus from the Club.



Ean took the podium to announce the winner of the **Harold Sullivan** Keyway Award. He had all previous recipients present stand at the podium to welcome **Randy Wright** as its newest winner. Ean told us that the nomination and election of the award winners is the duty of

all previous winners. It is an award given to the member most exemplifying **Harold**



Sullivan's drive as long as the nominee is not (at the time) a member of the Board of Directors or an Officer.

Ean presented both the certification plaque and the archival plaque containing all previous names to Randy to hold until a new winner is chosen. Randy accepted with uncharacteristic humility.

Former winner **Johnny Lewis** came forward to give us the history of the namesake. Harold, a retired Executive from Boy Scouts of America (how appropriate for the speaker's topic), moved with his wife, **Helene**, to be



near his family. He joined Plano Rotary in the late '80s with the Classification of Farmer. He quickly got Rotary active in projects by borrowing a talent shared with Maribelle Davis and **Myrtle Hightower**, to whom we could also not say no. He started projects aimed as much as "Getting to know your fellow Rotarians" as raising funds. His two years of **Rotary Garage Sale and Dog Dip** served at least the first purpose. In 1993, he morphed the event into the **Rotary Fish Fry and Dog Dip**, which was much more successful. With three years of efforts, Harold managed to re-energize the Club, but, all along, he was suffering with a cancer which became terminal in 1995.

The Keyway Award was created and named in his honor and after the notch in the Rotary wheel which transmits power from the shaft to the wheel. It was felt that Harold had successfully transmitted energy from Rotary to our members.



Kyle Walters, Club Liaison to Boy Scout Troop 1776, introduced the troop as chartered by the Rotary Club in 1993. Kyle said he took the charter away from its first holder, **Mary Jo Dean**. He said we had two troop officers in attendance, Committee Chair **Sam Stricklin** (who doubled as AV drone today), and the day's speaker Scoutmaster **Bill Hemenway**.



Bill thanked us for our continuing support of the troop of about 100+ boys. He introduced a video produced by the boys themselves specifically for this presentation. It identified the organization as the **High Adventure Jamboree Troop**, and insisted that "we are an arm or a branch of you!" Indeed, one narrator, in his best **STAR TREK V'GER** accent, intoned, "You are our Creator."

They praised our liaison with the question, "Are you sure he's not dead?" (See the slide from the video.)

The video went on to describe 1776 as one of the largest troops in **PISD**, serving East Plano, Richardson, and Murphy. It not only serves 103 boys, but it has, this year, graduated its 50th Eagle Scout! (That's an average of almost three per year since its inception.)



They are currently homeless after the collapse of their former venue, a church's Fellowship Hall. They meet now at **Canyon Creek Presbyterian** across from the new **Doug Otto Middle School**. The troop teaches citizenship, leadership, and self-reliance, or, as one of the narrators put it, "If you don't cook, you don't eat."

The High Adventure in their name includes bungee jumping, excursions to the Florida Keys, sailing, tubing, fishing, and snorkeling under the watchful eyes of the Scoutmaster. In the winter, they camp out with what better be "good sleeping bags." In the summer, they kayak down the Guadalupe and spelunk, which was coincident with the entrapment of the Chilean miners! And, of course, they make campfires. "We love fire."



In 2010 alone, they have performed 1600 hours of community

service without the threat of incarceration. These include *Scouting for Food* to provide the *Plano Food Pantry*. 1776 is its major donor. They have replaced the siding on a church, built wooden walkways and flagstones in Oak Point Park. They have assisted Cub Scout Webelos (*"We'll be Loyal Scouts"*) to become Boy Scouts, participated in our Soap Box Derby (hopefully 40 scouts in attendance), and one of their number led 70,000 in the Scout Oath at a recent Jamboree.

They think it only appropriate that a Rotary Club chartered them because the Four-Way Test is so similar to the Scout Oath! And while they insist that 1776 is *"not an Arts and Crafts troop,"* they must be doing something right as they will graduate five Eagles in 2010.

Bill praised the past leadership of the troop, some of whom have risen to prominence in the national organization. The Staff Photographer for *Boy's Life* is from 1776. (And 1776's staff photographer is our own former member, **Barry Benton**.)

Bill points out that 1776 is financially independent of Plano Rotary. They raise monies through the sale of greenery, fertilizer, and mulch to fund camp for those boys in the troop whose parents cannot afford to send them.

Randy Wright wanted to know if the boys themselves created the presentation. Sam assured him,

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?

"Mostly."

Scary Bob asked, *"How can the Club assist you?"* Bill wanted Service Projects to be recommended by the Club, and he also suggested that mentoring would be welcome.

Prince John presented Bill with *Skipper John Jones* to sign for donation to *Memorial Elementary*. Then he asked if the delivery of fertilizer was like what the legislature does when it's in session.

John acknowledged receipt of **Nathan Barbera's** birthday check, suggesting that he'll be 39 for many years to come. Then, with the Four-Way Test accomplished, he belled the conclave to an end at 1:01.



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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