

Summer Weekly

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 11th

Past District Governor Panel:
"What does Rotary mean to you?"

July 18th

Jim Gatewood-
"Benny Binion, the Dallas Vigilantes and Texas Hold'em Poker."

July 25th

Dr. Stephen Steinlight-
"Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Good for Americans? Good for Republicans??"
(Noon-1:05pm meeting time)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jenkins, Lloyd	July 04
Killough, Jayson	July 04
Dyer, Phil	July 06
Ernst, John	July 07
Akers, Sara	July 10
Shapiro, Howard	July 12
Burke, Earnest	July 14
Bowman, N.	July 15
Bisno, Larry	July 16
McCord, Timothy	July 17
Jackson, Matt	July 22
Monroe, Jim	July 22
Broach, L.B.	July 30

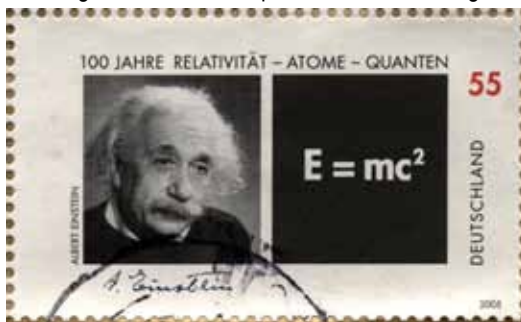
LAME DUCK WADDLES OUT

NOT ONLY are we losing **LENNY** as President, but we're losing **Kent Stone** as District Governor's Liaison. He promises that he's not yet dead, so he'll make up at these meetings, when the need arises. But he was a good and faithful ADG, whose passing deserves an epitaph. However, if **Sainted Editor** dishes it up, it'll end up sounding vaguely snide, so he'll resist the urge.



PRESIDENT SCHWARTZ opened the conclave at 12:15 with quotes from the person he'd most like to be, **Albert Einstein**!

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.
Imagination is more important than Knowledge.



For his last trick, **LENNY** conjured up **IB** the Good for the Invocation and **Bradley Keith** for the Pledge. ("Thanks, **Scary Bob**!") **HE** also thanked **Carolyn Moebius** and **David Bowman** for Greeting, and called **John Caldwell** as **SERGEANT DU MOIS**.

John introduced a Visiting Rotarian from Denton, **Doreen Rue**, but failed to note the last official appearance of **Kent Stone**.

Guests included **Sara Aker's** Dad, **James Egelston**, and a trio of visitors courtesy of **Randy Wright**, who took a leaf



from **Scary Bob's** Stentorian Playbook. Randy welcomed back **Satinder Baweja** (prodigal son returneth) and noted that he had just given an impromptu orientation to **Janis Allman** and **Maria Mott**, which included reference to our intention to continue as a 100% Paul Harri\$ club. He thought it prudent to warn candidates of that expectation. **Cary Israel** begged to differ. **John** (the President Formerly Known as **Prince**) **Ernst** was introduced as a guest of **LENNY SCHWARTZ** (because the change of officers means that John, who served two back-to-back terms as President, following **Brad Shanklin's** abdication, has finally lost his last official responsibility...as Past President)! **Reedy Spigner** fed daughter **April**. **Jerry Kezhaya** pre-



sented his wife, **Dr. Laura Shwaluk**. Someone malicious asked if she was "**The Dr. Laura**?"

LENNY announced birthdays for **John Yeung**, **Skip Jenkins**, **Jason Killough**, **Phil Dyer**, **John Ernst**, and **Sara Akers**. He thanked **Bob Bauer** for the eventual birthday check.

Rick Maucieri wanted to know:



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EVERY
YEAR

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"What happened to Randy's hair?" But, as *photographe du jour*, Randy didn't take a self-portrait to illustrate the point.

Someone else noted the **ORANGE** napkins and expressed **UT** school spirit, pride, or some such.



LENNY began the program with his own Rotary history. **HE** joined when **Skip Jenkins** was President (1999-2000). **HE** was at the time in the dry cleaning business, but "*the best day of my life*" came when **HE** sold that business. Now **HE'S** hawking green technologies: solar and LED lighting, biodegradable solvents and degreasers. **HIS** wife, **Patti**, sponsored **HIM** while **Ean Sullivan** had previously sponsored her admission. Lenny surmised that they were "*the 1st or 2nd married couple*" in the Club.

At 57, **HE** and Patti are grandparents nine times over (*via* children **Josh** and **Jodie**), and **HE** challenged anyone to do as much in as little time.

LENNY interrupted his reverie for an announcement from **CAPTAIN KIRK** to the effect that three tickets to the races at **Lone Star Park** next (last) Saturday were available from a couple of dozen bought by **Pat Storck** at the last District Gala. We were to see him to be awarded them. **KIRK** also announced a **BLOOD DRIVE** at **Elliott's Hardware** for which volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts from 10 to 4 on July 14th. **Kenny Wilson** is Project Manager. (**alphagraphics** lies next door to **Elliott's**.)



Debbie Wilson rose to suggest that, since there's no Rotary Meeting next Thursday (July 4th), we should all convene at **Patriotic Pops**, the **PSO** program at the **Eisenmann Theatre**. The highlight of the evening will be the microphone-free rendition of **Lincoln's Portrait** by **Scary Bob Epstein**!

LENNY resumed with the hopes that he'd be able to get through his program without emotional distress. Fat chance! But first...

Rutledge Haggard was presented with his 20-year Attendance Certificate.

Calling **Alan Feigenbaum** and **Mark Geller** to the podium, **LENNY** had them hand out **Paul Harris** Certificates to our newly-minted Fellows:

Karen Thunert, **Sara Akers**, **Bob Pikna**, **Cathy Fang**, **Pam Little**, **Jim Cooper**, **Larry Bisno**, **Kevin Hannigan**, **John Parker**, **John Pittman**, **John Caldwell**...and through it all, **Lori Phantom Crochettienne Roberts** was playing with a PC, unfortunately connected to the house sound system, and all at once the music, "*I Believe There are Angels Among Us*," blared out, causing **LENNY** to muse, "*I love my meetings*." When Lori finally squelched the intrusion, the list continued...**Jim McGee**, **Jerry Aris**, **Jason Rice**, **Jim Burton**, **Dennis Miller**, **Lori Roberts**, **Rick Horne**, **Nancy Humphrey**, **Lissa Smith**, **Jerry Kezhaya**, **Jamee Jolly**, **Gerald Brence**,



Debbie Watson, **Dave McWhorter**, **John Yeung**, **Bill Wray**, and **Lynn McLean**.

LENNY then awarded multiple **Paul Harris** Fellows **Chris Henry** (+2) and **Gary Basham** (+4). Then **HE** nodded to Lori, "*Now*," and the slideshow soundtrack blared forth once again. Lori raced to the patented **Cooper-Wright** sound system and reduced its volume to a tolerable level if not a tolerable taste. What followed was a series of images of us in meetings and at events.

That was in keeping with **LENNY'S** theme of what an accomplished group we are. **HE** cited the **Bucket Buck\$** that went to **Plano Children's Medical Clinic**, **OPERATION ONCE IN A LIFETIME**, **Wheelchairs**, **Habitat for Humanity**, **West**, **Cleburne**, and **Granbury Disaster Relief**. **HE** told us of the \$73K we'd raised for **Hendrick Scholarships** and the funds given to **Frisco Rotary** for its **Honduran Water Project**. The **Soap Box Derby** had netted \$19K, and from all our contributions at the recent District Gala, \$50K is being donated to the **Rotary International Foundation**.

All in all, during **HIS** year as President, **Plano Rotary** had raised almost **\$200,000** (\$1,739 a head) for charities. But, **HE** said, it's "*not just the money*." To demonstrate, **HE** mentioned the monthly socials, student mentoring, Citizen of the Month, and the bicycle donation to **Memorial Elementary** children.

And who could forget the inventor of the LED playing harmonica with his nose?

We've grown to 115 members not including our newly-added corporate members. We've had political forums including Tea Party darling, Senator **Ted Cruz**. We've had "*a fun year and good times*." Our membership has included citizens of Plano, Mayors, City Council members, Collin College and PISD Trustees, the President of the Housing Authority, Junior League, and many other worthwhile organizations. And we're not just volunteers.



We help run the City and the school district. **LENNY** paused to gain self-control, and then **HE** continued, we include "*the fire chief, the Collin College President, and every aspect of commerce*." And not merely those but also Rotarians who are "*special because we serve*."

"*When I stand here, I get emotional*," he said, pausing again. Patti piped up, of course "*he doesn't do that at home!*" **LENNY** said, it's because "*I know the sacrifices you make. (Some of you) struggle to put up the \$100 (to sustain the) Rotary Foundation. It's not about me. It's about all of you.*"

Pausing again, **HE** was encouraged by Patti's "*C'mon, you can do it!*" to soldier on. "*One more thing...*" He thanked "*my wife and my Rotary wife (Lynette), who is quite the person!*" A round of applause broke out for Lynette's services. She has "*made this job easy*." She planned and executed, for example, the entire 5810 installation ceremony for **DG Sullivan**. And the *pièce de résistance* was the **100% Paul Harris Fellowship Club!** That was "*your gift to me!*"





At that moment, three of our Past Presidents, Prince John, **Mary Jo Dean**, and Queen Shuler, stalked to the podium to help **LENNY** with his humble victory salute.



HE mentioned that, as our next meeting is cancelled on the occasion of Independence Day, **CAPTAIN KIRK** will be inducted on July 11th. Saying, "One last thing," **HE** removed **Bevo** from the lectern and carried it off to its creator.

Noting that **HE** had just finished his last meeting early, **HE** led us in the Four-Way Test, and belled us out at 12:50.



Randy's 76 (trombone) Birthday



CAPTAIN KIRK eyes the odds on the ponies before placing his bet at **Lone Star Park**. Lynette needs to keep an eye on the Bucket Buck\$.



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Laura Shwaluk

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Sara Akers
Randy Wright
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Jerry Kezhaya

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Proposed member: Brian Crawford
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Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock
Proposed member: Wallace Reed
Classification: Insurance
Proposed by: Herb Boxie

AWARDS:

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