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Foundation Empire

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/22 B.G. "Jug" Burkett
"Stolen Valor: How the
Vietnam Generation Was
Robbed of its Heroes and
its History"
- 7/29 Ean Sullivan
"History of the Plano
Rotary Club"

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/4SKIP JENKINS
7/6PHIL DYER
7/7JOHN ERNST
7/7AL GODWIN
7/12HOWARD SHAPIRO
7/13EARNEST BURKE
7/15DAVID BOWMAN
7/20 DWIGHT MCFOLIN
7/22MATT JACKSON
7/22JIM MONROE
7/24DOUG OTTO
7/26BRYAN STAMPER
7/30L.B. BROACH



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EVERY
YEAR

PHOTOGRAPHER **Randy Wright** is experimenting with ISO (Organisation international de normalisation), the standard "speed" setting for digital "film." The normal is "200," but that leaves the camera far too insensitive in the low light of the meeting, so Randy has pushed it to "1600!" **Barry Benton** is shuddering, but he's not here to object. Come to think of it, were he here to object, he'd be here to utilize his SLR instead of Randy's P&S. Randy found **Earnest Hemingway** upon whom to test his new technique. Its advantage is that it permits him to eschew the flash and capture more natural images. However, it gives **Sainted Editor** more to do in *PhotoShop®*. So six of one, half a dozen of the other.



Prince John struck the Rotary Bell thrice at 12:11, noting the early start as suggestive of a full program. He called upon **Reverend Mueller** for the Prayer and **Doyle Dean** for the Pledge. **Scary Bob** must have been absent for no one thanked him following the Pledge. By the way, Doyle, nothing says "retirement" better than a *Micky Mouse* shirt.

Apparently even the Greeters mystify John, because he didn't know who had greeted. Fortunately, it's an easy fix, so he is assured of being able to improve in at least one area.

SERGEANT JENKINS introduced our visitors such as **Barbara Perryman**, wife of speaker Bill, and, since **Dr. Fourier's** inviter, **Myrtle**, was AWOL, Skip introduced him as well. We had an exceptionally long

list of visitors this day. **LE THE RADIANT** introduced both wife, **Donna**, and grandson, **Colin**. **Gary Basham** introduced his wife



of 46 years, **Jan**; Skip commented, "Way to hang in there, Jan." Since Chris Parr was under the weather (bronchitis), Skip also introduced **Pat Storck**, Chris's blushing bride of 24 years. And, bringing up the rear, **Rick Maucieri** introduced the soon to be inducted **Bob Pikna**.



Perfect Attendance pins went to **Andy Sayers** (1) and **Mike Robnett** (20 ever-lovin' blue-eyed years).



Dr. Fourier rose to tell us that he was sorry he'd joined the Lions. Be that as it may, he was hawking **CHIP IN FOR CHARITY**, a golfing outing (with shotgun start and silent auction) benefiting *Plano Community Charity*. The tournament begins 8 am, Saturday, July 24th, at the *Los Rios Country Club*. For information, call 972-424-8913.



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Jim Shepherd spoke of his own shotgun start with real shotguns. It will be a sporting clays event at the Dallas Gun Club. He touted a \$3 trophy to be awarded at the August 6th event.



Then **Earnest** told us about the REAL shotgun start of our own *Hendrick Scholarship Golf Tournament* on September 14. We're to sign up at PlanoRotaryGolf.com for playing, sponsorship, or volunteering.

Brad Shanklin did the honors at the induction of Nancy Humphrey, sponsored by Skip Jenkins. Nancy is the newest member of the PISD School Board, but she has a classification of Community Volunteer. Brad emphasized the "Flagship Club" aspect of the induction speech for the benefit of 5810 rep Bill Perryman. And when he finished, Skip pinned Nancy.



LB THE RADIANT introduced 5810's Foundation Chairman, Bill Perryman. Bill's been with the East Dallas Rotary since 1988 while holding down the Perryman Financial Group as a CPA (**LB** cheers). East Dallas has an average of \$1,300 per member invested in the Foundation. Bill's financial management has won awards for excellence in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010; so **LB** recommends not using him in odd years. He noted that 5810 leads its zone in all-time giving to the Foundation in every category.



Bill thanked **LB** and posited that we might not be joking when we refer to Plano Rotary as the Flagship of the District. (Astute fellow.) He spoke of the very first speech he was asked to give (on the tax advantages of being an accountant). He researched Public Speaking and practiced his talk before delivering it, but when the time came to deliver, he chickened out and read the thing.

The woman, who invited him, critiqued the "speech," telling him there were only three things wrong with it.

1. *You read it.*
2. *You read it poorly.*
3. *It wasn't worth reading.*

He wanted to thank us for what we've already done on behalf of the Foundation. It's been a good year for 5810. We've raised our donations to the Foundation 400%. That's counting the \$1,009,000 in bequests received in one night at the benefit dinner.

Our Club stats are equally impressive.

- 235 Paul Harris Fellows
- 55 Multiple PHF
- 17 Estate Benefactors
- 7 Paul Harris Society Members
- \$423,263 in total donation
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The Foundation is the most successful charity in the World. 100% of its donations are utilized. The funds reside in an investment account that pays the entire overhead for the fund. After 3 years, 50% of them come back to the District and the other half goes to the World Fund where the interest funds multiple projects. The Permanent Fund has \$200 million with another \$400 million pledged.



Bill wanted us to know that **LB** recently won the Rotary Distinguished Service Award that can come only after winning the Citation for Meritorious Service for four years running. We all applauded **LB**'s accomplishment.

The Foundation was begun with \$26.50 in 1917, and made its first donation (of \$500 to Easter Seals) in 1930. Rotarian **Benny Santos** of the Philippines conceived of first Polio grant that became Polio Plus as **Albert Sabin** estimated it would take \$100 million to eradicate the disease worldwide. Rotary raised \$240 million in the first two years. The Americas became polio-free in 1994. Europe in 2002. In 2009, there were 1,604 cases worldwide. This year, with the advent of the bivalent vaccine in January, there have only been 71 cases in the PAIN countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria. But an outbreak of 413 cases in Tajikistan from a source in Pakistan showed the world remains vulnerable as long as polio persists anywhere.

The Gates Foundation made a matching grant of \$100 million in 2007 and raised it by \$255 million last year. Rotary has raised \$137 million in response so far. Gates has estimated that Rotary has prevented 5 million polio cases and prevented 1 million deaths.

Other preventable deaths still plague Humanity. But, moving from death to disability, Bill spoke of the Wheelchair Foundation and the trip he took to Puerto Vallarta for a distribution. He convinced us that \$37.50 is a small price to pay for a patient's mobility. Then he glanced out across the room and surmised that he shouldn't be asking for nickels and dimes from such a flush audience. He posited that none of us would miss a \$10,000 check nor would our estates miss such an amount were we to pledge that in our wills.

He pointed to the packets on the tables where we found forms to pledge \$84 a month (\$1,000 per year) to the Foundation. Among other projects, it will go to support microloans to women in the Third World, or water in



Pluralism Multi continued...

India, or trees in Jamaica, or to the disabled in Calcutta. The Foundation has tremendous potential because only 25% of Rotarians contribute to it. Bill confessed that in the first 14 years of his Rotarian Life, he made no contribution!

He concluded with the Wisdom of **Jiminy Cricket**, to wit, "If you don't have a dream, how can you make a dream come true?"



Earnest Burke read the mission of the Rotary Foundation, and then, in a bid to demonstrate why we're the Flagship of the District, he called upon the latest members to become



Paul Harris Fellows: Mike Baldwin, Karla Oliver, Reedy Spigner, Mark Waterbury, Sarah Watkins, and Earnest himself.

Members who became or continued to be multiple donors included



Mark Johnson, Octavio Ortiz, Mike Robnett, Johnny Lewis, Rick Maucieri, and Chris Parr.



As the *pièce de résistance*, Earnest offered a trio of specialty contributions. First was John Ernst's \$10,000 pledge in his will, second was the Paul Harris

Fellowship that Gary picked up for Jan, and third was youngest recipient on record, **Cooper Jackson!**

Jo Via commented on Cooper's being a fourth generation of Paul Harris Fellow as well as a next generation Rotarian. "Rotary is in good hands."

The (virtual) **Kersey Cane** was (symbolically) passed to **Lenny and Patti Schwartz.**



Michael Baldwin came forth with item for Randy Wright to auction off. It was 10 tickets to a BBQ dinner at Show at the Mesquite Rodeo. "You don't even have to watch the show!" was Randy's winning argument. A bidding war developed between **LB THE RADIANT** and **Sainted Editor**. **SE** quit while he was ahead, but wife Pat did an end-run around him and won the tickets. Randy allowed as how "he's probably good for it." The Foundation made another \$400 on the deal.

Prince John led us in the Four-Way Test and partially released us at 1:00. He would have had to strike the bell thrice on exit as he did on entrance to symmetrize the release.



Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award
Chris Parr

Athena Award
Alice Hobbs 2008-09

Fred Moses Award
Richard Butterfly

Business Executive of the Year
Gary Base

Kersey Cane Holder:
Earl Simpkins

Citizen of the Year:
Beth Duncan Webb

Rotary Make Up Website:
www.rotaryclubone.org

New Member Proposals:
Bob Pikna
Classification: Business Consultant
Proposed By: Kirk Bell

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