



GUBERNATORIAL PEP TALK



UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 26, Richard Kottle - Counterfeiting Secrets
Revealed: Who's that Man
Behind the Curtain?

August 2, Richard Matkin - PISD "The New Super"

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lloyd Jenkins	Jul 04
Jayson Killough	Jul 04
Phil Dyer	Jul 06
John Ernst	Jul 07
Al Godwin	Jul 07
Howard Shapiro	Jul 12
Earnest Burke	Jul 14
David Bowman	Jul 15
Matt Jackson	Jul 22
Jim Monroe	Jul 22
L.B. Broach	Jul 30

KEN ROBERTS commissioned this opening paragraph. He wanted *Sainted Editor* to publish his comment on observing PDG **Bill Dendy**, DGE **Ean Sullivan**, and current DG **Sandy Forster** standing in a line. Given their relative sizes, and with his best **Charlie Sheen** wickedness, he observed, "Hm. Two and a Half Governors."



LENNY THE LAMPLIGHTER was sweating bullets this meeting. He had to look good before the District Governor, and he had a full agenda that threatened to leave her precious little time for her presentation. As it turns out, he needn't have worried; gearing up for the same stump speech to be delivered at all 68 clubs in 5810, Governor Sandy has got it honed to a fare-thee-well. She significantly undershot the hour.

LENNY opened the meeting at 12:17 with his *Thought for the Week*: And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of Man. President **John F. Kennedy**, Rotarian—Hyannis Port, MA.

He called upon Ean Sullivan for the Prayer, **Jim McGee** for the Pledge, and thanked **Alice Hobbs** for Greeting. With Sandy Forster in the audience, **LENNY** announced that the Bucket Bucks would be going to the Honduran Water Project. Then he called second-string **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, **Octavio Ortiz**, to do the honors.



Octavio welcomed back **Kent Stone**, our ADG from *Richardson Central*, who vows to attend all our meetings and events. He also recognized Governor Forster and Sunrise Rotarian **David Craig**.

In an effort to boost back page ad sales, **LENNY** announced that we would be resuming Classification Talks, beginning with back page advertisers. And the first victim was **Ray Huffines**. Ray told us he now had eight dealerships from Plano to McKinney, Denton to Lewisville. All-in-all, they comprise 15 auto franchises which began in 1924 with his Grandfather's Chevrolet dealership which recently celebrated its 88th birthday. (It owes us an \$88 birthday check, Ray.) Ray himself took to the family business in 1984. He graduated from *Texas A&M* and has been an auto dealer except for a three-year hiatus working with the **Reagan** for President campaign. He was also an assistant to Gov. **Clemens**. Last year he sold 8,900 new and 5,000 pre-owned vehicles for \$468 million worth of business with his 650 "team members." He and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary yesterday. They have four children.



LENNY informed Gov. Sandy that we give all our speakers dog tags courtesy of **OPERATION ONCE IN A LIFETIME**, a 501 (c) (3)



dedicated to the well-being of servicemen and their families. Its founder, **Patrick Sowers**, was on-hand to receive our check for \$1,000.



Gary Wilson presented **Basham Kenny** with a Paul Harris +1 pin (sapphire), indicating his second \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation. (He



would have presented one to **Chris Henry**, but Chris was AWOL.) Gary asked all multiple Paul Harris Fellows to rise followed by all Paul Harris Fellows and Sustainers. Nearly the entire Club arose. (What won't we do to impress a District Governor?) The congregation applauded Kenny's contribution.

Randy Wright and **Alan Feigenbaum** tag-teamed us with information about the *Hendrick Golf Tournament* to be held August 20-21. Alan told us that we need golfers and sponsors still. Randy said that he'd be gone on vacation and we'd not hear from him in over a month. To the round of applause he responded that he knew we'd appreciate that. On our tables, he had placed volunteer opportunity flyers, and he expected us all to come away with at least 3 points worth of efforts on the Tournament's behalf. We were to fill out and leave our preferred assignments with **Lynette**.



Scary Bob Epstein announced his intent to raise \$1 million for *Wounded Warriors* in 2012-13. He offered a flyer advertizing *George Washington and the Battle of Long Island* as a Rotary Program. This is done on behalf of the *Association of the U.S. Army*.



Karla Oliver put her own spin on Ken Robert's deathless prose to induct **Tim McCord**. Randy, Tim's sponsor, did the honors pinning the new recruit. Then Randy waxed philosophical saying with regard to attendance, "*If your absence doesn't matter, then your presence probably doesn't either.*" Karla sighed, "*I love it when people go off-script.*"



Ben Criste exchanged **Jayson Killough's Red Badge** for a **Blue One**.

Rick Horne introduced the fourth RYLA scholar, **Catherine Edmonson**, who was given no opportunity to wax eloquent about RYLA as did the other three. Catherine is 3.6 GPA senior at *Plano West Senior High*. She was a Finalist in Debate for 2010-11. She is also the



President and Founder of *Women in Business*. She volunteers for the *Reader to Leader* program at *Jasper High*. And, in her spare time, she is a Figure Skating whiz,

skating in the program *Theatre on Ice*.

Ean arose to introduce Gov. Sandy, saying that she'd been everything in Rotary so far. She is a winner of the *Service Above Self Award*, only 150 of which are given out annually among the 1.2 million Rotarians. Apparently 5810 plays "*Where in the World is Sandy (Sandiego)?*" And recent answers to that question have involved water wells in Zambia. Ean considers Sandy his "*Rotary wife*." **Jan** considers Ean on meds.



Ean told us a **Weight Loss Contest** between himself, Sandy, and Bill Dendy to slim us. We choose one, then we owe the Foundation \$1 for every pound they lose (and that could impoverish us)!

Sandy's first job was to explain that we were to vote for her instead. She was less impressed with "*the Flagship*" of the district than she was with "*THE Plano Rotary*," emphasizing it several times during her talk. But she warmed quickly to her theme, which was that change is coming. Although she asked, "*Are you ready for a change?*" rhetorically, Ean piped up, "**YES!!**" Sandy said that his enthusiasm could be misinterpreted (as a palace coup), but she'd give him the benefit of the doubt.



She told us, "*Rotary wants to change.*" And it is doing so by listening to people "*who don't know Rotary*." Their opinions of the organization parallel those of **Sinclair Lewis** (*Babbitt*), who painted Rotarians with broad strokes, saying at one point, "*A Boy Scout is a young Rotarian; a Rotarian is a Boy Scout in long pants.*" To **H.L. Mencken**, they were part of the "*booboisie*." (Bourgeois nincompoops)

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The Rotary Innocent look upon it as a meeting place for "*rigid, stodgy, fossilized, outdated good-ole-boys.*" The *Geriatric Club of Plano* resembles those remarks! Sandy insisted that Rotary is instead "*vibrant, dynamic*" and ready "*to make a difference in someone's life.*"

She wants Rotary and Rotarians to be "*catalysts for transformational change.*" She said that as leaders of our community, we know why we're here, but do others?

When she was being wooed by an unnamed, non-Rotary service club in Garland (got to be *Lions*), she asked the critical question, "*Why should I join?*" The answer was far from satisfactory, "*If you're anyone, you're part of the ***** Club of Garland.*" She was active in the Chamber and a leader in the community, so she sought something more. She joined **THE Rotary Club of Garland**. ("*Chris, did you get that down?*")

She asked **Brad Willis** to explain why he was part of Rotary, and he replied, “*When you become part of Rotary, you become a part of changing the World, one life at a time.*” Rotary, she says, “*provided an opportunity to give back.*”

Sandy works with at-risk students, and so found herself in the Principal's Office one day. A mother there recognized her as a Rotarian, and was moved to thank her profusely for the Christmas gifts she'd given her son that the family could not do by itself since the mother was unemployed.

So Sandy urged us to “*run to Randy with a filled out sheet*” because that will permit us to change an at-risk student's life with a scholarship. And she encouraged us to continue our work with the *Collin County Adult Clinic* and the *Plano Children's Clinic* because they give purpose to THE Rotary Club of Plano.

She told us that this year's theme is *Peace Through Service*. And she suggested that we find peace within ourselves and “*let it radiate out to our families, our friends, our neighbors, our community, and the World.*”

Then, noting that she didn't have “*diarrhea of the mouth,*” she concluded with “*Thank you for being Rotarians!*”



LENNY bounded to the stage saying that he was unprepared for her to finish this soon! He told us that the Club was “*very spoiled*” to have several District Governors and a Governor-Elect, who interrupted to say, “*We're lucky to have her!*” **LENNY** thanked Ean “*for ruining my train of thought.*” Then he presented Gov. Sandy with her dog tags and a check for \$500 to go toward her passion for potable water.

He wished **Jim Monroe** a Happy Birthday in absentia (presumably celebrating).

Camille Ussery wished us to come up with good prospects for our Corporate Membership Pilot Program, companies with 25 or more

employees. Her *Viewpoint Bank* will donate \$10 to the *Hendrick Scholarship* for every such referral. We are to email Lynette (lpieper2@aol.com) with the contacts.

Rutledge Haggard noted the passing of **Tom Gray**, the football coach who led the Senior High to its first championship game. He said that the service would be the following day.



With that, **LENNY** led us in the Four-Way Test and dismissed us at 12:56.



We had unannounced guests as well this day. **Herb Hoxie** brought wife, **Helen**. **Mark Geller** welcomed **Chance Choate**. And **Bob Pikna** and Camille Ussery shared **Frank Dean**.



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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?

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Helen Hoxie
Catherine Edmonson
Frank Deen
Chance Choate

Visiting Rotarian

Kent Stone
Sandy Forster
David Craig

Guest Of

Herb Hoxie
Rick Horne
Bob Pikna/Camille Ussery
Mark Geller

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Sunrise

Member NEWS

New Member Proposal:

John Yeung
Classification: Restaurant
Management

Proposed by: Jo Via

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Classification: Signs Printing

Proposed by: Randy Wright

New Member Proposal:

Kevin Hanigan
Classification: Banking

Proposed by: Keith Sockwell

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award:
Randy Wright

Athena Award:
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