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## PALACE COUP

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

July 2 - Camp RYLA

July 12 - Candidate Forum

July 19 - District Governor, Sandy Forster

## **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





ame Duck John Ernst quacked us to attention at 12:18, commenting that his (almost) two-year REIGN OF TERROR was coming to an end with this meeting. That

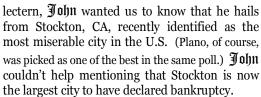
announcement should have accompanied with scattered, ironic applause, but, given the solemnity of the occasion, the Club kept its sarcasm in check!

Prince John asked Joe Foor to give the Invocation and Ray Huffines to lead us

in the Pledge of Allegiance. He would have liked to thank the Greeter, but he or she was invisible. Substitute, substitute, substitute



Earnest Burke was called forth to welcome Visiting Rotarians and Guests, but before Earnest arrived at the





Earnest welcomed Richardson East's Joe Allinder, Addison's Sam Zarro, Metro's Bert Kraft, and North Texas Pioneer's Evy Davis. Although she too is a (Sunrise) Rotarian, Sharon Lewis was permitted the honor of being introduced by husband Johnny Lewis. Keith Sockwell welcomed Kevin Hanigan, and Randy Wright, under the mistaken impression that Tim McCord was scheduled for induction this day, let him introduce himself.



**John** thanked Randy for (last week's) birthday check and Doyle Dean for a \$20 donation to begin to make amends for the pilfered books.

Dennis Fuller rose to commend Plano in general and the Club in particular for last weekend's "amazing response" to the missing Janice Klein, who wandered away from her backyard only

to be discovered in a bathroom at DFW Airport. But, being associated with the Boy Scouts, her disappearance triggered a massive reaction including door-to-door searches not even reserved for Amber Alerts! Dennis wanted to publicly thank Plano Police, City and PISD officials, and area churches for their efforts. Over 1,500 volunteers "combed

Plano" for over two days in what Dennis called

"a small town experience."

**John** told us that, at that time, he was marrying off his 26-year-old daughter in a surreal ceremony. Johnny Lewis told him, "I could have saved you a lot of money! Ask Mr. (Ken) Roberts." Undeterred, John continued that the surreal part came



when the seven bridesmaids and seven groomsmen stood at attention during the vows until one groomsman passed out, flipped backwards off the podium, and landed on the concrete floor on his head! The ceremony continued with paramedics, and both the daughter and the groomsman were OK. But **John** wishes Judge Johnny had made his offer before the event. Evy Davis cut to the chase with "Did anybody get mouth-to-mouth?"



**John** confirmed that there'd be no induction this week. Tim would have to return next week. Then he called Johnny Lewis to the podium to received due adulation as the Club's latest Major Donor to the Rotary International Foundation. John had the Club's other Major Donors stand and be recognized as well; they included Ean Sullivan, Rick Maucieri, A. T. T. RADIANT, Herb Hoxie, IB the Good and Sainted **Editor.** Johnny delivered an oration concerning his



John had alluded to Johnny's interest in assisting Rotary's international efforts, and Johnny confirmed that with a description of his trips to Mexico on behalf of the Wheelchair Foundation and to build and equip a school near Puerto Vallarta.

The Lame Duck moved on to his "last act," one of recognition of "his" Board and the deliverance to them of plaques "suitable for making lampshades." So he called up those who were present from among Lynn Schwartz, Karla Oliver, Kirk Bell, Earnest Burke, SKIP JENKINS, Ben Criste, Casey Stewart, Alan Feigenbaum, Bob Pikna, Nathan Barbera, Thad Stammen (resigned from Club), Octavio Ortiz, Chuck Morgan, Ean Sullivan, Rick Maucieri, Kyle Walters, Nancy Humphrey, Camille Ussery, Hugo Esparza (leave of absence), and Scary Bol Epstein.



As his parting shot to his Board and the Club, he thanked them all for "putting up with me" as long as we had. Only Johnny Lewis & Howard Shapiro shared service for two terms, and John beat their records.



bowed out gracefully permitting Patti Schwartz introduce our next President and her husband, Lenny. Patti hadn't cleared her introduction with Lenny, so he was as taken as were the rest of us with her passionate praise. She and Lenny have been married 34 years, and in that time she has observed him giving to others. He remains "a

great dad" to Josh and Jodie. He is a grandfather known as Grandfather Poppy. He studies scripture at Temple, and is committed to Rotary and loves our Club. He has a "vision of improvement" and he "brings people together." She promises us "an exciting year at the Plano Rotary Club" with Lenny "injecting fun and humor into the mix."

Lenny's first act as President was to call up the new Board, including:

President Elect	Karla Oliver	
Vice President	Kirk Bell	
Secretary	Earnest Burke	
	Octavio Ortiz	
	John Ernst	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Matt Jackson	
Membership	Ben Criste & Larry Flannery	
Service	Bob Pikna & <b>David Bowman</b>	
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Admin Chuck Morgan & David McWhorter		
FoundationGa	ry Basham & Alan Feigenbaum	
Executive Secretary	Lynette Pieper	
At Large Kyle Walter	s, Cary Israel, Mary Jo Dean,	
Camille Ussery, Chris Henry, Lori Roberts		

He left off PR, but Scary Bol and I read nothing into that Freudian Slip. Ken Roberts had counseled Lori to arrange to have her head on someone's shoulder (a la the hypnosis photo in the last Weekly Reader) when she was photographed, but she declined.

Lenny passed out DIRECTOR pins and the new Rotary pin/motto. And he toasted outgoing President Ernst as "the most insane man our Club has ever had" for agreeing to take Presidency for two years. His reward was a Georgetown University polo shirt!



took the lectern to lecture

John on the responsibility he retains as Past President.

Primarily, that he now ASSIST and not DIRECT Club policies

John said he'd provide that

and direction. **John** said he'd provide that assistance "over Scotch." When asked whether he understood his new role, he replied, "Hallelujah, I do!"



Ean inducted a preoccupied Karla Oliver as President-Elect. She divided her time between listening to Ean's admonishments and instructions and fending off Randy's photograph. "Stop it, Randy!" Nevertheless, she paid enough attention to understand she was committing to PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and a thorough reading of RI and PRC

Bylaws. She seemed much relieved when permitted to retire to her seat.



Finally it was Lenny's turn. Ean told him that he must be "imbued with the Spirit of Service, Courage of Leadership, and Humility of a Servant." Ean obtained his consent and awarded him both ears and the

tail...no, a Club President's pin and Gavel.

As his first official act, Lenny took off his coat. He spoke of "drinking the Rotary Kool-Aid®" in reference to the **Jim Jones** Cult. He praised PRC for its legendary accomplishments (building Plano Children's Medical Clinic, etc.). He waxed eloquent about the Club's stellar membership, and said he was humbled to be our President.

Under New Visions, he mentioned our charitable giving would undergo change. The bucket monies, used to support RI Foundation (where the cost-matching has come from), will continue to do so. And he's going to continue sending \$16K to RI but he's also going to return to supporting previous efforts: Clean Water, Wheelchairs, Habitat, PCMC, the Red Cross, and a secret sixth mystery charity.

He wants to have programs that make you think. "You may walk out angry" at some of them. "God willing, I will be here all year," he said to sardonic applause. "Thought you'd enjoy that!"

Pausing to compose himself, he thanked Patti for bringing him into Rotary "kicking and screaming," and he said that 1/3 of their 34 years together, he had spent with us in Rotary.

He finished with an **Albert Einstein** quotation: "Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value." With that, Lenny led us in the Four Way Test and dismissed the congregation at 1:00.

#### **HENDRICK GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Dinner**: Thursday, September 20 at Rutledge's Party Barn

**Golf**: Friday, September 21 at the Prestonwood Country Club (Plano), the Hills Course

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?

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

## Guest

Kevin Hanigan Tim McCord

## **Visiting Rotarian**

Sharon Lewis Joe Allinder Sam Zarro Bert Kraft Evy Davis

## **Guest Of**

Keith Sockwell Randy Wright

### **Home Club**

Plano Sunrise Richardson East Addison Metro North Texas Pioneer

#### **New Member Proposal:**

John Yeung Classification: Restaurant Management Proposed by: Jo Via **New Member Proposal:** Timothy B. McCord

## Classification: Signs Printing Proposed by: Randy Wright

**New Member Proposal:** Kevin Hanigan Classification: Banking Proposed by: Keith Sockwell

## AWARDS:

Member NEWS

Harold Sullivan Award:
Randy Wright
Athena Award:
Rebeccca Caso
Fred Moses Award:
Richard Butterfly
Business Executive of the Year;
Gary Base
Vance Bryson
Citizen of the Year:

Reth and Duncan Wehh

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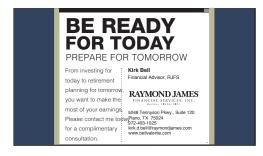
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