



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

PALACE COUP

Lame 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 been 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
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Earnest Burke was called forth to welcome Visiting Rotarians and Guests, but before Earnest arrived at the lectern, John wanted us to know that he hails from Stockton, CA, recently identified as the most miserable city in the U.S. (Plano, of course, was picked as one of the best in the same poll.) John couldn't help mentioning that Stockton is now the largest city to have declared bankruptcy.



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 receive 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, LB THE RADIANT, Herb Hoxie, LB the Good** and **Sainted Editor**. Johnny delivered an oration concerning his motivations in becoming a Major Donor.



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 Bob 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.



He bowed out gracefully permitting **Patti Schwartz** to 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
Treasurer	Octavio Ortiz
Past President.....	John Ernst
Sergeant-at-Arms	Matt Jackson
Membership.....	Ben Criste & Larry Flannery
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(Public Relations)	Chris Parr & Bob Epstein)
Admin	Chuck Morgan & David McWhorter
Foundation	Gary Basham & Alan Feigenbaum
Executive Secretary	Lynette Pieper
At Large.....	Kyle Walters, Cary Israel, Mary Jo Dean,
.....	Camille Ussery, Chris Henry, Lori Roberts

He left off PR, but **Scary Bob** 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!



In his capacity as a 5810 District Governor Elect, Ean took the lectern to lecture **John** on the responsibility he retains as Past President. Primarily, that he now ASSIST and not DIRECT Club policies 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

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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