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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 9

Wendy Hanna

Turning Point Crisis Center-  
Plano

June 16

Harry LaRosiliere

Plano 3.0 - Latest 2016  
Plano Developments

June 23

Jason Treu

Extraordinary! Relationship  
Building



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

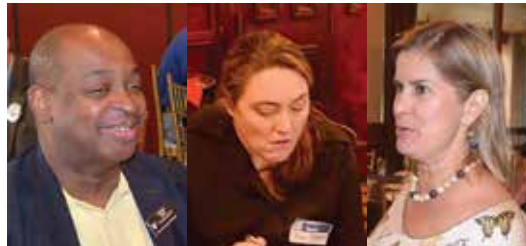
Jeff Frauenheim	Jun 01
Charles Milby	Jun 07
Blair Ritchey	Jun 08
Mark Waterbury	Jun 08
Mark Geller	Jun 09
H. Wayne Hendrick	Jun 09
Bradley Keith	Jun 12
Bob Bauer	Jun 19



## PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**S**ainted Editor is horribly conflicted! On the one hand, **President Paperweight** saved his bacon by chauffeuring him to today's meeting when his car battery failed, and on the other hand, Kelly's *faux pas* cried out for accurate reportage. Kelly begged Sainted Editor to go easy on him, so the compromise will be only a single paragraph of hilarity (this explicative one doesn't count) at Kelly's expense, not the full page Sainted Editor had in mind.

**President Paperweight** mimed the speaker's address in the adjacent room when, through a mix-up in the mic leads, that address was piped into our room instead. **Gleneagle's** minions scurried to fix the issue, but we lost almost 5 minutes to the error. Kelly gaveled us to order at 12:19, calling upon **Blair Ritchey** to deliver the Invocation and **David McWhorter** the Pledge. **SERGEANT BARBERA** resumed his duties.



Even Nathan began to worry about the absence of Visiting Rotarians for several weeks running, but, in **Debbie Watson's** absence, he welcomed back new recruit **Robert Reed** as did Blair Ritchey *vis-à-vis* **Roy Reeves**. Then **Alan SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum** introduced bankruptcy attorney **Kerri Phelps** (no relation to **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE's** Jim), and **Howard Matson** continued the résumé of antique art dealer **Chevyn McClintock**. Someone, parsing "antique art dealer" badly, asked her how old she was, and the X chromosomes in the room erupted in protest (the males half-heartedly, of necessity). Nevertheless, she responded with "*north of 50.*"



With a wicked smile, Nathan promised us a "current events" interview, asking **Sarah Watkins** to stand and deliver. He asked whether honorees were failed to be recognized at *Plano Senior High* graduation. "*No. They wear a white stole*" signifying a 3.6 or better GPA. The campus chapter of the *National Honor Society* "*is a club*," and no club is permitted to wear its icons at graduation. Since membership depends upon a 3.6+ GPA, they wear the same white collar as do non-members with that GPA.



Kelly asked, "*Is this a new policy.*" "No." Kelly asked for **Doyle Dean's** comment, and the former Principal backed up the current one. Seeking even more ancient wisdom, Kelly asked **Jamie Schell**, Class of '76, if the rules had changed, and Jamie would only say, "*Ask Sherman Millender.*" Kelly concluded that investigative reporters "*may not get everything right*" and gave Sarah the opportunity to add any comment. "No."

Awarding service pins, Kelly got them correctly to **Bob Botts** (20), **Rutledge Haggard** (21), and **Jeff Frauenheim** (43). Then came **Hubert Aaron** (24).

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Nancy introduced us to **Erika Manning**, Elementary Teacher of the Year, and **Bryan Yee**, Secondary Teacher of the Year. Although she had lured them to our meeting with the promise that they wouldn't have to speak, she now safely reneged, and interviewed the pair.



She asked how they each felt about being awarded first their campus' Teacher of the Year. Erika said that she loved working with her *Weatherford* "babies" as an Instructional Specialist. Bryan said that he was "*extremely honored*" to have been chosen from among "*a lot of great teachers*;" it was a "*thrill to be recognized by your peers*."

While Hubert got up to receive it, Kelly gave his pin to **Herb Hoxie** instead. Herb puzzled over it; Hubert looked nonplused, and finally someone thoughtfully offered to introduce Kelly to Hubert. Kelly smarted off that they both had the same first name, at which point Hubert was, no doubt, pondering the value of "*Hube*" as a nickname. But, *all's well that ends well*, Mr. Aaron got his pin and his apology. (And we'll speak no more of it, Kelly.)

Nancy wanted to know their reactions to the interview process for the district's TOTY. Erika found it "*overwhelming*." It took place in a "*semi-darkened room*" with 6-8 interviewers and a videocam. At first she was intimidated but she quickly warmed to it because "*I love talking about my students*." Bryan said that the preliminary exercise of writing out his educational philosophy was "*a great activity*" that allowed him to "*clarify and articulate*" his thoughts. After that, the interview was "*very easy*."



"*What are your plans*" now that you've won? Erika said it's all still exciting, especially to "*share love of teaching with non-teachers, and the car is great*," she added. Bryan is humbled by the opportunity to "*represent my campus and the district*" and he's "*looking forward to meeting civic leaders*." He's not immune to the attraction "*of the goodies as well*."



**Jan Sullivan** cautioned us to "*read the fine print*" on our recent emails from 5810. There is "*a sale*" on the Atlanta RI Convention that lasts until D-Day. So sign up now to save a couple of hundred bucks.

David McWhorter announced a hiatus in PRC Social Hours due to the resignation of **Bob Pikna**. They will be revamped to bimonthly restarting in September. Jamie Schell moved that **Larry FLASH Flannery** be on the committee for his boundless expertise with local watering holes.

**Nancy Humphrey**, VP of the PISD Board of Trustees, rose to only a single clap. She said that the first time that happened, **FLASH** surmised she got the clap, an assessment quickly dispelled. She was here to laud the **PISD Teachers of the Year** and give us a bond update.

Nancy was amused to learn that they got to keep the **GIANT KEY** from *Park Place Lexus*. She said that the interviewers had a difficult job choosing from among the 75 teachers who were put forward. Calling ours the Education Club, Kelly brought forward **Earnest Burke**, President of our Foundation, to award each teacher **\$500**.

Impressing Sarah Watkins into service as her PowerPoint™ slide advance maiden, Nancy turned to her second subject, noting that we'd already heard from **Dr. Binggeli** about the intent of the Bond Issue, but now that it had passed with 79% of the votes, she wanted to let us know how good stewardship planned to expend the nearly 1/2 billion large\$\$\$e. The Board met May 23<sup>rd</sup> to set the priorities, and voted to sell \$268M this summer.



Now is apparently a good time to sell bonds with the market for them low. A reduced interest rate means that it takes less to pay them off, and *PISD* is forecasting being closer to the black when all is said and done (“more is said than done”) than it is now.

On the front burners are:

- Major renovations for *Shepton High* and *Robinson Middle School*
- Refurbishments for *Jasper High* and four elementary schools
- High and middle school arts additions and renovations
- A Special Ed training facility
- A third childcare facility for staff
- Kitchen and Food Service upgrades
- Replacement of portables
- 40% of proposed bus additions, capital additions, and safety measures
- And property purchases plus architect fees for the above, a new elementary school, and the 1,500-seat *Performing Arts Center*! (How clever would it be if **Robbie Robinson** and the *PSO* somehow arranged to have *Arts of Collin County* funds flow into the latter so that its capacity was doubled?)

Perhaps the first thing that will be addressed will be roof replacements for the hail damage sustained last month. This fall, a full-day Early Childhood Program begins on five campi to prepare disadvantaged four-year-olds to compete in kindergarten. Nancy insisted that there is data proving that effective.

The schools affected by initial bond funds are *Shepton*, *Jasper*, and *Williams High*, *Rob-*



*inson*, *Wilson*, and *Bowman Middle*, and *Barksdale*, *Gulledge*, *Haggard*, *Haun*, *Miller*, and *Skaggs Elementary* schools.

Kitchen facilities are a priority because the district serves 4M lunches and 1M breakfasts annually!



The \$64M Performing Arts Center serves the entire district. *PISD* holds ~7% of All-State musicians! **63** of the **113** students winning Regional Art competitions that advanced to the State level were from one district: *PISD*! And the district serves 18,000 performing arts students in grades in middle school and up.

There are only three full-time AP Music teachers in the entire country; they are working in *PSHS*, *PESH*, and *PWSH*. (**Kathy Kuddes** must have her hands full.)

But not even the World Champion Debate Team can wear their icons at graduation at *Plano Senior High*. That decision is made school-by-school in a surfeit of “local control.”

Nancy was most sanguine about the new safety and security measures upcoming. Cameras and keyed entry will be monitored to give open campi the communications necessary to deal with any emergency. (Pray that they’re not going to be needed.)

Kelly gave out lethal paperweights, led us in the 4-Way Test, and belled us gone at 1:03.



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