



Summer  
Weekly

# Reader

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 27**

Lynn Schwartz-  
Presidents Final Meeting

**July 4th**

No Meeting, 4th of July  
Holiday

**July 11th**

Past District Governor Panel:  
"What does Rotary mean  
to you?"

**July 18th**

Jim Gatewood-  
"Benny Binion, the Dallas  
Vigilantes and Texas  
Hold'em Poker."

**July 25th**

Dr. Stephen Steinlight-  
"Comprehensive Immigration  
Reform: Good for Americans?  
Good for Republicans??"  
(Noon-1:05pm meeting time)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Frauenheim, Jeff	Jun 01
Milby, Charles	Jun 07
Waterbury, Mark	Jun 08
Geller, Mark	Jun 09
Hendrick, H. Wayne	Jun 09
Keith, Bradley	Jun 12
Bauer, Robert	Jun 19
Yeung, John	Jun 29
Jenkins, Lloyd	Jul 04
Killough, Jayson	Jul 04
Dyer, Phil	Jul 06
Ernst, John	Jul 07



## PUGH TRUST

**W**HEN PRESIDENT LENNY announced that he'd have only one more week to lead the Club, the house erupted in jubilation. LENNY said that no one was more joyful at that prospect than himself. That didn't keep HIM from pummeling us yet again with aphorisms. Not surprisingly, considering that **Jordan Pugh** (Washington



Redskins #32) was the program, they all involved football.

If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead.

**Erma Bombeck**, Comedienne

Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that.

**Bill Shankly**, Scottish Soccer Legend

Football is like life—it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority.

**Vince Lombardi**, Packers Coach

LENNY belled us to order at 12:17, permitting **LB the Good** (disputed later in the meeting by **LB THE RADIANT**) to give the Invocation and **Michael Baldwin** to lead us in the Pledge. (*Scary Bob*, not content with his reputation, added *crescendo* to his performance.) HE thanked **Karen Thunert** for Greeting and



called **John Caldwell** away from his Sound System Setup tasks to double up as **SERGEANT DU MOIS**.

John took care of guests first, like **Bob Pikna's Holly O'Brien**, **Randy Wright's Janis Frey Allman**, **Gerald Brence's Mike Hughes** (PWSH coach), **Rick**



**Horne's Cooper Weinstein** (RYLA scholar off to TAMU Commerce), **LB THE RADIANT'S** son-in-law and seeker of concrete franchises, **Jeff Lau**, **Nancy Humphrey's son Spencer**, and **Mark Johnson's son Kyle** (a frosh at U Alabama).



Then John welcomed Visiting Rotarians **Kent Stone** and **David Goodman**.

LENNY noted that **Bevo** was smiling "because football season has not begun."

**David McWhorter** arose to amend the guest list to include **Jordan Pugh's mother, JoAnn**, and sister, **Dominique**, who had come to hear their Golden Boy speak.

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**LENNY** noted the return of the **District Governor's Home Club** flag, and said that "**LB** knows how big a deal that is." **LB** asked, "So you want me to talk?" a query which was swiftly denied.

Bob Pikna stumped for the next Rotary **Happy Hour** (last) Tuesday at Plano's *Urban Crust* at 5 pm.

Nancy Humphrey said that an earlier winner of PISD's *Teacher of the Year*, **Chris Coats**, had been honored by the *Texas PTA*, acknowledging the "success of the *Plano School System*," according to **LENNY**.



New member **Kevin Harrigan** scored his *Paul Harris Fellowship Pin*.

**LENNY** acknowledged **Brad Keith's** impressive birthday check, and **HE** wished **Bob Bauer** a **Happy Birthday** retroactively.

"*Rotary Anniversaries*" were celebrated by **Dennis Fuller** (4) and **Sherman**



**Millender** (35). **Sherman** received "*the highly sought*" Certificate in addition to the pin.

David McWhorter delivered an oration in praise of former *Plano West* footballer and current NFL star, **Jordan Pugh**. Not surprisingly, it was from a press release by the **JORDAN PUGH** Annual Scholarship program for a PWSH football player who "*exhibits passion, performance, and purpose*." It would fill out the remainder of the *Weekly Reader* if quoted verbatim, so I'll summarize.



- *Texas A&M* cornerback & safety
- B.S. *Business with Communications* and *Sports Management* minors
- At A&M he posted 212 tackles, 4 interceptions
- 2010 *Carolina Panthers*
- 2012 *Washington Redskins*
- Instituted the **Pushing Upward. Going Higher™** Award at PWSH in 2012
- CEO of *Jordan Pugh Enterprises, LLC*, a communications company.

He says that he created the scholarship "*to show my appreciation and the respect I have for Coach Mike Hughes and the Plano West football program. I also wanted to recognize and give back to a student on the team who continually demonstrates hard work on the field and off the field, a team leader who displays athletic passion, community purpose, and academic performance.*"



**Dominique** sprung to her task as Technology Assistant and started the promotional video for the Scholarship. It highlighted **Jordan's** alliterative theme of **Passion, Purpose, and Performance**. At its conclusion, **Jordan** explained: "*Without knowing your purpose, there is no strength. Without strength, there's no passion. Without passion, there's no performance.*" He announced the title of his talk: *Never Forget the Leftovers*. **Sainted Editor** perked up, but it wasn't about yesterday's savories.

**Jordan** told us about being the local kid who makes good. At PWSH, he played multiple sports and snagged a scholarship to TAMU where he pleased his family by graduating in 3½ years. He received many honors there, including the football team captainship. His goal (purpose) all along was to play in the NFL.

To do that requires a "*protocol*."

1. Get an agent.
2. Start in an all-star game.
3. Be tested in an NFL Combine.
4. Get coached in private workouts.
5. Wait for Draft Day.

But he described his own traversal of this regimen as "*a detour*." Although he had assiduously pursued step 4, no all-star game beckoned him, nor did an NFL Combine require his talents. So, upon 10 March 2010, when came his Pro Day, he discovered that he'd have finished in the top 5 in all the combine categories for which he was qualified. It was for naught, as his talents appear to have been unobserved. He consoled himself with the observation that "*waiting for what you need is better than having what you want.*"

He was invited, fruitlessly as it turned out, to work out with the *Chicago Bears*. He ran quickness drills, watched by "**Jeff**," one of their many talent scouts. At their conclusion, **Jeff** sat him down and explained the *Bears* had their eye on two others for his position, and one of them would be accepted. **Jordan** fumed about wasting his and the team's time, and mused that, with 32 teams in the League,







he'd make it elsewhere, and he vowed that Jeff *"would remember me."*

Then it was 23 April, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the draft, and Jordan's cell phone had not rung. His name had not shown up on the TV's list. He was imaging that his life's work (as short as his life had been to that point) was *"worth nothing."*

His Dad asked, *"Are you mad?"* Jordan could not but admit to anger. *"I cannot figure out why I'm being overlooked!"* His Dad agreed with that assessment, but then asked the unobvious question, *"Are you mad at God?"*

Jordan couldn't answer that, so his father asked for Jordan's cell phone and suggested that he walk around the neighborhood, venting at the Almighty, if necessary. Jordan balked; to be without a phone on draft day is unthinkable. But he did as Dad asked.

He wandered disconsolately along the streets until he finally asked the question of God, *"Where do You want me to be? I'll be there."* Within 30 seconds, his father pulled up in the family car, demanding Jordan come to answer the home phone (for he had misplaced Jordan's cell)! The General Manager for the *Carolina Panthers* was on the line asking, *"How's your day going?"* Jordan said that

he'd *"hoped for better."* The manager then put him out of his misery by telling him that he had been chosen.

The *Panthers* had never seen him in action, but they had waited patiently in the wings. From all of this, Jordan distilled the following:

1. It's OK to be angry.
2. Know when to surrender.
3. Ignore what you can't see, hear, or feel.

Instead, take heart in Corinthians 4:16-18, viz.,  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

On 10 October 2010, his first career interception was against the *Chicago Bears*, and *Bears* scout Jeff found him on the way to the locker room, saying *"I'll remember."*

**Susan iron butterfly Shuler** asked how he ended up with Washington. Jordan told her that he was cut by the *Panthers*, and he's glad of it. He's won more games in one season than he did in all his time with Carolina. Susan mused, *"You played the Cowboys? That's why!"*

**LENNY** presumed that he was too young to remember Vince Lombardi (whereas **LENNY** is old enough to remember **Roosevelt**), nevertheless, he was living Lombardi's quotation. **HE** then awarded Jordan the **OPERATION ONCE IN A LIFETIME** dog tags, and, hearing no offers for announcements, led us in the Four-Way Test, and belled us gone at 12:54.



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Kent Stone  
 David Goodson

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Proposed member: Brian Crawford  
 Classification: Fire Chief  
 Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock  
 Proposed member: Wallace Reed  
 Classification: Insurance  
 Proposed by: Herb Boxie

**AWARDS:**

**2012 Best Community Partner**

Children's Theatre  
 (Sara Egelston Akers)

**2012 Best Community Organization by the Junior League of Collin County**

Children's Theatre  
 (Sara Egelston Akers)

**Athena Award:**

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**Citizen of the Year:**

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