



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 7 — Jon Taylor, PhD — "Dr. Jon's Comedy Hypnosis" June 14 — David McSpadden — Former District Governor June 21 Chief G. Rushin — Plano Police Department June 28 — President's Final Meetino

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Frauenheim	Jun 01
Charles Milby	Jun 07
Mark Waterbury	Jun 08
Mark Geller	Jun 09
H. Wayne Hendrick	Jun 09
Bradley Keith	Jun 12
Lee Dunlap	Jun 14
Robert Bauer	Jun 19
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BESIDES THE MATTRESS

T was a case of dueling militia; Prince John announced the pedigrees of the military academy classmates of both CAPTAIN KIRK and Bob Pikna. Bob's

classmate from *West Point* has risen to Chief of Staff of the Army. *KIRK'S* buddy from the *Air Force Academy* has become Chief of Staff of the Air Force. It was unobvious what perks befell the Club thereby. *KIRK*



couldn't resist commenting that though Bob went to West Point, he (KIRK) is going to be Rotary President!

John commanded our attention at 12:18, summoning **Joe Foor** to pray and Bob Pikna to

Pledge. ("*Thanks*, **Bol**!") He credited **Karla Oliver** & **Jayson Killough** with Greeting, and called upon **SERGEANT JENKINS** to welcome Visiting Rotarians and Guests.



With a thunderclap, **SKIP** was welcomed to the podium from which he, in turn, welcomed **David Craig** from *Plano Sunrise*. **Alan Feigenbaum** introduced a *Pepsico* officer, **Opal Sullen**, and **Jo Via** earned a \$2 fine for her "*awesome*" advertisement for a restaurateur, **John Yenng**, with the *Quaker State* chain (no relation to the lubricant). The fine would have been more dear but for the fact that it offered **SKIP** the opportunity of dropping the name of former Club President **John Longstreet** who is CEO of the chain. Indeed, he commented, "*Thank you, Jo; that was wonderful.*"

John congratulated Mary Jo Dean and Lenny Schwartz on their celebratory birthday checks, which will keep our Foundation solvent. It will really be in the black when Sainted **Editor** remembers to supply his! (It's only a month late.)



Alan Feigenbaum yielded the floor to his guest who announced a program in cooperation with the *University of Texas at Dallas*. Opal Sullen (Manager of *Frito Lay* Nat'l Sales Finance, a division of *Pepsico*) told us it deals with *Innovative Opportunities on*

Campus and could make good use of Rotary volunteers with business experience.



John summoned Ean Sullivan and Gary Basham to the podium to recognize Gary for his "Paul Harris + 3" contributions (\$4,000). Ean announced that Gary "will replace me" to thunderous applause before he finished "as Foundation Chair." He reminded us that if we want "to do something about famine and drought in Africa," we need look no further than our own Paul Harris Foundation. Then Ean dropped the bombshell: India has been declared Polio-free! That now leaves only PAN (Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria) to go before the Poliomyelitis virus is no more, a good example of genocide.

Nathan Barbera announced something about Brock Snow in relation to winning the Chambers' Golf Tournament with Mark Johnson, Mark Waterbury and Octavio Ortiz. John burst forth with "Hurray for handicaps."

Rick Horne announced that RYLA would commence on the weekend and that we would invite our scholarship winners to the Club to relate their experiences. He thanked **Chris**



Henry and others for the help volunteering. The Club thanks Rick for spearheading the effort now that we no longer have **Harry Polly**.

Birthday Boy Lenny proselytized for back page ads, there being room for four more (at \$125 per quarter). Of course, he would be overjoyed if we actually patronized the services listed thereon. Not only is he one of them,

but our patronage would encourage others to take out ads. The funds go toward our Foundation and help with

publication of the Weekly Reader.

John surmised that we "all want to buy lights" (Lenny's service).

CAPTAIN KIRK rose to introduce the day's speaker **SGT. PATRICK SOWERS** and his topic, *Operation Once in a Lifetime.* **SGT. SOWERS** is Founder and President of

the military nonprofit whose motto is "*If you serve, you qualify*."



Operation Once in a Lifetime was created by soldiers to help soldiers, regardless of rank, deployment status, physical status, branch of service, or active or veteran status.

Operation Once in a Lifetime is also Pittsburgh Steelers, **Troy**

Polamalu's favorite charity, and, with his support and with the support of their current sponsors, like the *Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars, Pittsburgh Steelers, Head and Shoulders, H.J. Heinz,* and *Wild Turkey*, they have been able to help over 25,000 service members and their families over the past 25 years.



KIFK said, **PATRICK** "doesn't know the meaning of the word, 'No," and he is "driven to help a lot of folks."

SGT. SOWERS said that only Troy calls him Sergeant, but he uses it when he makes cold calls. It always gets him called back!

He says that his is the only nonprofit dedicated to ALL those who have served or are currently serving in any capacity in the U.S. military. He wandered off the podium, *iPhone*TM in hand, to present his slideshow (via an HDMI connection to our clever projector). His *iPad*TM had failed to recognize the projector, so he was thrown back upon his backup.



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His first example was disabled **Staff Sgt. Travis** and his family for whom **PATRICK** raised \$15K in 30 days. BTW, **SGT. SOWERS'** contact info is:

254-289-3057 patrick@onceinalifetime.com

His killer hard sell was the essentials offered by the Army to returning servicemen: a bare mattress in the barracks. The soldier's first task is to trek to **Walmart*** to get everything from sheets to toiletries because the Army takes no responsibility therefor. **PATRICK** has offered up \$1/2 M in sundries over the last four years. When his wife went into labor and was in no position to



into labor and was in no position to object, **PATRICK** created a sundries store to expedite his largess.



One of the advantages of having Polamalu as a patron is that the Steelers invite a gang of his clients to a game annually. He says the Seattle Seahawks player who died overseas was honored by the It is a far cry from the

Pittsburgh Steelers instead. It is a far cry from the publicity surrounding **Pat Tillman**, for example.

His charity donates airfare as well. Dying soldiers can request the presence of their spouses but not their children. **SGT. SOWERS** aids there as well.

He touted the *Electronic Arts* game *Madden's Superbowl* for when the Superbowl is reached, the game advertises *Operation Once in a Lifetime*!

The Texas Rangers offered **PATRICK** 350 tickets to one of its games, but it didn't follow through with transportation. **PATRICK** went hat-inhand to **Mark Cuban** who suggested asking the Rangers again. **PATRICK** wished him luck with the



Mavericks-Portland game, and Mark donated a suite at the next home game, asking **PATRICK** to wear Mavs gear to the Ranger's game!



When an active-duty soldier was injured and in need of a motorized wheelchair, he discovered that he's not yet covered by the VA because he's not yet a veteran! **PATRICK** found a donor for the \$7,000 chair. There are apparently countless such

"gotchas" sprinkled liberally through the government's dealing with its warriors.

SGT. SOWERS touted his **Aid Brigade** which consists of continual-giving donors, pledged to \$10 each

month forever. He is one such. Other veterans are also. The donations of one even continue beyond his death!

PATRICK had left three different brochures on our tables for our consideration. One was for *Veteran's Ink*, an inkjet cartridge and laserjet toner source that hires veterans exclusively.

John offered **SGT**. **SOWERS** a donation to Shoes for Orphan Souls instead of Operation Once in a Lifetime. We're sure he appreciated that. His consolation prize was a Rotary medallion. **John** did mention that Once in a Lifetime had headquarters near his Adult Clinic, and the Clinic was a donor.

He led us in the *Four-Way Test* and dismissed us at 1 pm.







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?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Opal Sullen

John Yenng

David Craig

Visiting Rotarian

Guest Of Alan Feigenbaum Jo Via

> Home Club Plano Sunrise

<u>Member</u> NEWS

 New Member Proposal:
 AWARDS:

 Joe P. Foor
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 Classification: Memory Care
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 Proposed by: Ean Sulivan
 Randy Wingh

 New Member Proposal:
 Lynne McLean

 Classification: Children's Advocacy
 Retextra Ca

 Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock
 Fred Mosee

Harold Sullivan Award: Randy Wright Athena Award: Rebectca Caso Fred Moses Award: Richard Butterfly Business Executive of the Year; Gary Base Kersey Can Holder: Vance Bryson Citizen of the Year: Reth and Nuocan Webh

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