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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 3/29 Simple Sleep Services, John Truitt
- 4/5 Nancy Humphrey and Coarrollyn Moebius
- 4/12 Joel Small, DDS
- 4/19 Chris Parr
- 4/26 Andy Rittler

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Criste	3/1
Marshall Johnson	3/10
Chris Henry	3/11
Myrtle Hightower	3/11
Jamie Schell	3/18
John Pittman	3/24
George Wong	3/28
Louise Davis	3/31
Bruce Glasscock	3/31



APOLOGIES are due to **SKIP JENKINS** for the mangling of his name in the last newsletter. **Robby Horne**, the new **alphagraphics** compositor, is working the bugs out of a new way to set up press-ready copy for the *Weekly Reader*.

Sainted Editor has set special margins for each page, but the cut-and-paste operation isn't foolproof. As a consequence, **SKIP'S** name in the 3rd line of page 2 got replaced with placeholders because of a font failure. Now **Sainted Editor** COULD produce the bulletin all in the same font (this is "Georgia"), but what fun would there be in that? Suck it up, Robby. ☺

Hoo-hah! There are 9 font faces, sizes, and weights in the first paragraph alone. If **Sainted Editor** keeps this up, **Kenny Wilson** is going to lose more help. So maybe the apologies are really due to Kenny. (**Sainted Editor** has never gotten over the toy printing set he got one Christmas. Everyone reverts to childhood.)

Second-string President-in-Waiting **Lenny Schwartz** opened the meeting at 12:15. He asked **Joe Foor** to Pray and **Gerald Brence** to Pledge. ("Thanks, **Bob!**") Lenny credited **Jan Sullivan** and **Debbie Watson** with Greeting. Then he summoned **SKIP** clone, **Earnest Burke**, to welcome visitors and guests.

There followed a surreal performance wherein Earnest did his best to deliver his duties in "my best **SKIP JENKINS** voice." The monotone included, "I don't think I can read this." Nevertheless, he succeeded in welcoming Frisco Rotary's **Marvin Jolly** (Mr. Jamee). **Ean Sullivan** introduced two guests, candidates **John Parker** and **Joe Foor**; Earnest promised to fine Ean later for a feeble performance. **Jeff Fraunheim** introduced perennial guest and relative, **Bill Wray**. Chris Parr bade us



welcome "the distaff half of a couple that richly deserve one another, Jan Sullivan," and was rewarded with Jan's Hallowe'en-grade cackle. Lenny introduced **Ty Jackson**. **Bruce Mr. Clean Glasscock** welcomed **Children's Advocacy Center's** CEO, **Lynn McLean**. **Randy Wright** introduced **Bill Niles**, his CPA,



perfectly (of course), but the Club was brought to a pause by Randy's costume and makeup. Randy had not only followed through with his promise to dye his beard green for **st. patricks day**, but he had donned a green leotard for the occasion. **Sainted Editor** sprang for the camera to record the contrast of Ean with Randy.



Nancy Humphrey bade us welcome son, **Spencer**. Lenny confirmed **Phillip Perez** as a "guest of our TWITTER account." **Olin Jaye** introduced **Diane Donley**, Director of CCAR's Government Affairs. *Scary Bob* introduced **Chuck Presley**.

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Rounding out the introductions, we welcomed **Rafael Cruz**, father of the day's speaker, **Ted Cruz** (not to be confused with **Tom Cruise**, although he did almost jump on the furniture during his stump speech).



Lenny congratulated the absent **Mark Johnson** and **Chris Henry** on their birthday celebrations, but the Club did get to sing "*H*ppy B*irthday T* Y*u*" (copyright laws forbid **Sainted Editor** from writing the correct phrase) to **Myrtle Hightower!**



Perfect Attendance pins were awarded to Jamee Jolly (1), **Jason Rice** (1), Debbie Watson (1), **Lori Phantom Crocheter Roberts** (1, *Good Lord*, that's a lot of freshmen!), and **Alice Hobbs** (16).



Scary Bob Epstein introduced **Ted Cruz**, U.S. Senatorial candidate to harassment from the Club about not using the microphone. (He couldn't be heard well in neighboring hotels.) **Scary Bob** read from Ted's campaign literature as follows:

In January 2011, Ted Cruz filed to run for the U.S. Senate based upon his proven record of fighting for conservative principles and winning on a national level. He is running for the Senate to stand up and fight to defend liberty, preserve the Constitution, and stop federal overreach. He is committed to defending our borders, rejecting amnesty and repealing Obamacare.

From 2003-08, Ted served as the Solicitor General of Texas, the chief lawyer for the State before the U.S.

Supreme Court and all the state and federal appellate courts. Cruz was the youngest Solicitor General in the nation, the longest serving Solicitor General in Texas, and the first Hispanic Solicitor General in Texas.

Ted has authored over 80 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and personally argued 37 oral arguments, including eight before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ted worked with Attorney General Greg Abbott to defend Texas values, winning repeatedly on a national level. During Ted's service as Solicitor General, Texas achieved an unprecedented series of landmark national victories, including successfully defending:

- U.S. sovereignty against the World Court in Medellin vs. Texas
- The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms
- The constitutionality of the Texas Ten Commandments monument
- The constitutionality of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance
- The constitutionality of Texas Sexually Violent Predator Civil Commitment law, and
- The Texas congressional redistricting plan.

Ted has been described by National Review as "*a Republican star rising in Texas*," and as "*a great Reaganite hope*." ...

Ted and his wife Heidi live in Houston, where he grew up, with their two-year-old daughter, Caroline, and their newborn daughter Catherine.

Paid for by Ted Cruz for Senate

Glancing at Randy, the Man himself noted that he was "*substantially failing for not wearing green*," but he planned to "*lock up the Irish vote*" anyway.

He warmed to his subject immediately by analyzing the etymology of "politics," which he said derived from the Greek "poly-," meaning "many," and "ticks," meaning "*blood-sucking insects*" which he applied to all denizens inside the Beltway (to which he is intent on being elected!).

(Killjoy that he is, **Sainted Editor** insists that it comes from the Greek word for "city.")

In classic tutorial style, he told us what he was going to tell us, then divulged it, and then told us what he'd said. So the outline was

1. *The stakes have never been higher!*
2. *You need a fighter!!*
3. *I need your help to win!!!*

Taking a page from **Mayor Leppert's** book, Ted spoke as if he were running against **President Obama**, but it's not the Presidency he's after just yet. He insists that the President is responsible for the downgrade of Treasury bond ratings but "*has the audacity*" to blame a Congress that toyed with national default. Ted said that the current U.S. debt exceeds the GDP (gross domestic product), a precursor to national decline.

He is the White Knight who can prevent this from coming to pass. And the solution begins with a “*preservation of Free Markets and the U.S. Constitution.*” (In the bailiwick of a Junior Senator from Texas?)



He explained how Rotary got him his start in Free Market preservation. Fellow students in Houston banded together as a *Free Market Institute*. They studied **Milton Friedman**. Ted won a speech contest and was sent to Rotaries across the State to speak on the importance of the Free Market. The students memorized the Constitution and wrote it on easels in an abbreviated form. They defined “socialism” as “*government ownership or control of the means of production.*” (Actually, instead of “government,” the usual definition is “*the community as a whole,*” but, in a country where the government is “*of the people, by the people, and for the people,*” the distinction is moot.)

They anticipated that their audiences were unaware of the definition, so they clung to the **Jeffersonian** quote: “*If a nation expects to be ignorant and free [in a state of civilization], it expects what never was and never will be.*”

So he’s ready to fight to defend liberty. To take us back from “*the precipice.*” He blasted Obama as a “*tax and spend*” President when “*government doesn’t create jobs*” (in the private sector he must have meant). Only entrepreneurs risking capital create jobs. But, he insists, “*Government can kill jobs,*” Obama is intentionally “*waging a war on jobs.*” Ted wants to “*stop the war*” by “*unleashing the private sector.*”

The first bill he wants to introduce is to repeal every syllable of Obamacare. He will accept no compromise, and offer no quarter. It all has to go. Then he can go on to repeal the moratorium on drilling in the Gulf, and it you don’t see the necessity of that, you’re “*a blithering idiot.*” And he’s going to make “*a fine pair of boots*” out of endangered West Texas toads. Since they live nowhere else, that means they don’t cross state lines. So we can do with them as we please! The feds have no constitutional claim. (D*mn the meddling EPA.)

They’re even more meddlesome beyond D.C. He’s proud of winning *Medellin vs. Texas* and pulling Texas from subservience to a foreign law Obama insisted it obey.



He related his family’s story: their flight from Batista’s Cuba to Austin, his Dad’s collection of funds from Rotaries to send to Batista’s opposition until that turned out to be Castro’s communism, and his subsequent apologies to the donors, saying, “*I sent your*

money to evil ends.” He is proud of his father, now a North Texas pastor, for his example of character. His Dad has formed Ted’s mission by saying that they’d fled oppression by coming to America; if it follows them here, where do they go?

Ted says it’s effectively a two-person race with **Dewhurst** at 38% and Cruz at 27%. Dewhurst can afford 10s of millions for ads from his personal wealth (\$200M, according to Ted). So he doesn’t (often) debate. Ted claims that 20 straw polls (Tea Party and others) show him beating David by 39 points. Referring to his opponent, he said that every day politicians disprove the notion that “*invertebrates can’t walk upright.*”

The opponents are neck and neck at raising funds: \$4.1M from 13,000 donors for Cruz compared with only ~1,500 for Dewhurst. He claims that the race will come to a runoff, and he’ll win that handily. 38% guarantees a runoff.

Nancy Humphrey asked about local control of education. Ted promises to abolish the Dept. of Education and return its budget to the states.

With that, someone wanted to know, would Senator Cruz replace Obamacare. Ted wants to permit interstate purchase of health insurance and for everyone to not bother those companies with frivolous claims (“*broken arms,*” etc.) but only catastrophic illness. Dewhurst, he claims, looks to European health models. <ptui>

Lenny offered Ted our Four-Way Test medallion and promised to make a donation to *Shoes for Orphan Souls* in his name. He noted placards for the *Interfaith National Day of Prayer* at the check-in desk for us to take to our places of business. Then he led us in the Four-Way Test and released us at 1:05.



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make a great Rotarian?**

**Invite them to be your guest
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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

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Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award:

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Richard Butterly

Business Executive of the Year:

Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:

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Citizen of the Year:

Beth and Duncan Webb

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New Member Proposals:

Jan Sullivan

Classification: Chaplain/Property Management

Proposed by: Chris Parr

John Parker

Classification: Insurance

Proposed by: Ean Sullivan

Bill Wray

Classification: Law

Proposed by: Jeff Frauenheim