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Runnin' Against Obama

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 17 - Jim Faulk - Executive Director,
World Affairs of Dallas/Ft. Worth
May 24 - Van Taylor - Texas House of
Representatives - District 66

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 01- Samuel Huffines, Sr.
May 05- Gary Basham
May 05- John Priest
May 06- Christopher Parr
May 09- Jason Rice
May 13- Gerald Brence
May 20- Kelly Palmer
May 21- Robert Epstein
May 27- Mary Jo Dean
May 27- Lynn Schwartz
May 29- Randy Wright



GUESTS were coming out of the woodwork for the presentation by Lt. Gov. **David Dewhurst**, candidate for Junior Senator from the Great State of Texas. They smelled **POWER**, and it was good. We all have **Scary Bob** to thank for this popular meeting. **Scary Bob** was busy prepping **Howard Shapiro** to give the program, because it looked like the Lt. Gov. wouldn't make it. But he waltzed in just in the nick of time, and Howard's extemporaneous skills were not tested. On the other hand, Howard's duration skills got a workout as he stayed for the entire program!



Prince Ernst opened the festivities early at 12:12. He cajoled **Joe Foor** to pray and **Lynn McLean** to pledge ("Thanks, **Bob**!") before thanking **Bob** and **Alice Hobbs** for greeting. Pinch-hitting **CAPTAIN KIRK** was showered with applause, commenting that it made him feel like **Lamar Odom** (*Mavericks* forward and Mr. **Khloe Kardashian**).

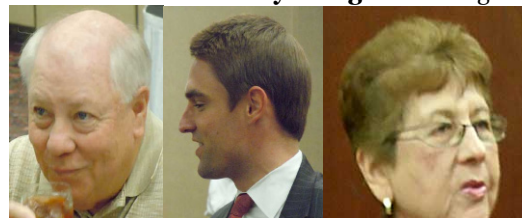
KIRK welcomed **Sharon Ramage** (Frisco, \$5 for judicial candidacy ad), **David Craig** (Sunrise), **Andrea Thompson** (Metro, \$5 for same), **Bill Petersen** (Sunrise), and **Roger Burns** (Richardson, \$5 for State Rep. ad). **KIRK** wondered aloud how the Club's **Democrat** got by security today, but he continued to introduce **Ashley Morris Johnson** (Metro) and **Paul Hwang** (Sunrise).



Sainted Editor welcomed his guest, "the most unapologetically opinionated woman in Plano," **Irma Landis**. (Fortunately, she was amused.) **KIRK** mentioned that he and Chris had joined the **BOMBAY SOCIETY** on its recent outing to the **Chihuly** glass sculpture exhibit at the **Arboretum**, and he recommended it to the Club. **Pam Little** and her husband **Larry** earned a \$10 fine for her State Board of Education candidacy speech. **Scary Bob** introduced son



Jude, recently returned from darkest Africa. **Olin Jaye** welcomed **Tim Dean**. **Jeff Leach** paid \$5 for his State House seat run. **Alan Feigenbaum** introduced us to his stepmom, **Dottie Maura**. **Cathy Fang** bade us greet



Katy Hall. **Randy Wright** announced the presence of **Tim McCord**. **FLASH** hosted

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Sarah Akers. John Priest feted Roger Bletz. **KIRK** walked away with the honors for hosting his son Jeff, Jody Johnson, and John Wise. Jody Johnson paid \$5 for her political ad, and Randy Brodhead introduced Mike Walsh, Randy's son-in-law.

John announced a birthday check from Jason Rice but went into no particulars.

Perfect Attendance Pins went to Cathy Fang (2), Kenny Wilson (4), and Octavio Ortiz (5) who also scored the coveted 5-year frameless certificate.



Rick Horne announced the need for volunteer support for RYLA student transport this Saturday to Camp Hoblitzelle.



Randy and Ben Criste tag-teamed us for volunteers to work Soap Box Derby **Cruisin' in the Park** that same Saturday (last weekend, as you read this). Ben anticipates 120 heats with 40-60 kids participating.



KIRK read Ken Roberts' stirring prose to induct Joe Foor (Ean sponsored, but, as Ean was in Thailand, John pinned him) and Lynn McLean (Bruce sponsored).



Scary Bob Epstein introduced the Lt. Gov. this way:

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst is a native Texan, rancher, successful businessman, and proud military veteran.

Working alongside Governor Perry, David has helped Texas **REPUBLICANS** set the standard for commonsense conservative governance, fighting for: lower taxes, states' rights, property rights, gun rights, and the rights of the unborn.

David has lived the **AMERICAN DREAM**. He lost his Dad when he was just three years old, but he worked hard to help support his family and earn a scholarship to attend college. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force and the CIA, and then came back home to Houston to build a successful energy business from the ground up.

As the first **REPUBLICAN** Land Commissioner since Reconstruction, David cut the staff and the budget, sending money back to the Treasury each biennium.

As Lt. Governor he has been a shining example of conservative leadership in action – helping balance the state budget five times, cutting taxes more than 50 times, including the largest tax cut in Texas history, reducing state spending by a historic \$14 billion last session, and fighting to maintain a healthy reserve of more than \$5 billion in our Rainy Day Fund.

Last year, David also led the Texas Senate in passing the Sonogram Law, Voter ID, "Loser Pays" lawsuit reform, private property protections, the TSA Anti-Groping bill, a ban on sanctuary cities, and a resolution calling for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

A college basketball player at the University of Arizona and a champion cutting horse rider, David was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2009. He lives in Houston with his wife, Tricia, and their young daughter, Carolyn.

David told the gathering that he was proud to be insulted by long-time friend, Howard Shapiro, because, at Rotary, "unless you're insulted, you're not a friend." Then he condemned Howard to answer all our hard questions while he fields the Nerf ball ones.

While he acknowledged that he has lived the **AMERICAN DREAM**, he said, "Last summer I became afraid for the first time in my life." He fears that "it is not true anymore" that "our children will have better opportunities than we had." (Subtext: Menace in the White House.)

He said that his Father, killed by a drunk driver, gave him his strong "sense of service to country." Everyone, he claimed, should have the same opportunities as had he. But we have a **President** who exerts "downward pressure on opportunities," and elimination of that is his first reason for running. (And he's infuriatingly nice about it, no?)

He posited a fictional Jones family that earns \$23K but spends \$36K per year such that they now have \$156K + interest in personal debt. And, since they're not paying it off, it has risen to \$556K since its inception.



The family is the **Federal Government** if you multiply all the figures by 100 million. David claimed unfunded obligations add \$87 trillion to the burden. While 13 million Americans are unemployed, he said, 23 million are underemployed. And he derided **Obama's** delight in the fall of the unemployment rate to 8.1%. He claims this is due to the 5 million who have given up the hope of looking for work. So the actual unemployment should be 18 million.

"It doesn't have to be this way."

It is the insidious policy of an irresponsible Senate and a **demonic President** that are pushing the nation "straight toward a cliff."

Our \$56T debt renders its ratio to the GDP worse than Italy, Spain, or Greece! While the **Democrats** want to spend our way out, when capital markets quit buying our bonds, it's the Great Depression all over again. (Take that, **John Maynard Keynes!**)

He likes the characterization of Washington DC as "60 sq. mi. surrounded by Reality."

Obama is purposefully "targeting investors and businessmen who are the only people who create jobs. Government doesn't create jobs." (...in the private sector) They should take the Texas economy as their model.



Businesses have \$2 trillion ready to invest in new jobs, but they're sitting on it until they see stability (Subtext: **REPUBLICAN** policies) in DC.

The 8% of the American population that lives in Texas created more jobs than the 92% living in all the other States. So we must export our policies to the Feds. We must exert "the lightest regulatory hand possible."

"Let's go get 'em!"

When **FLASH** arose with a question, David was alarmed, but **FLASH** merely asked him what's to be done with "the ~50% of Americans who pay no taxes." David said, "Everyone has to have skin in the game." Since governmental services aren't free, he will "move to have everyone included."

Someone else asked, "Why send money overseas" to people who hate us? DC, David maintained, "spends money we don't have on programs we don't need." Until Arab Spring, he said, Egypt helped us with respect to Israel, but now...

To a question about renegeing promises of entitlements, David responded that he would not eliminate Medicare but permit the "Free Market to reform health care."

Keith Sockwell challenged the Lt. Gov. on education, noting that the elimination of teaching jobs doesn't help unemployment or education. He begged the Lt. Gov. not to take such Texas policies or the loss of local control to DC. David maintained he has an excellent record on education, adding \$6 billion to public education and fighting against loss of local control. When he saw Keith was unconvinced, he added, "We did the best we could with the revenue we had."

Herb Hoxie wanted to know what he'd do as "a freshman senator?" David enumerated

1. Repeal **Obamacare**
2. Get on the Budget Committee and cut marginal tax rates.
3. Pass a Balanced Budget law
4. Triple the size to the Border Patrol, and
5. Protect Family Values and Religious Freedom.

John thanked Lt. Gov. Dewhurst for his CIA service and gave him our Four-Way Test coin. He led us in the Four-Way Test and belled us out at 1:01.

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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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Joe P. Foor
Classification: Memory Care
Proposed by: Ean Sullivan
New Member Proposal:
Lynne McLean
Classification: Children's Advocacy
Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock

Member NEWS

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Randy Wright

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