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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 21

Memorial Day Holiday  
Program: Jimmy Capra,  
"Sacrifice & Legacy"

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Huffines	May 01
John Priest	May 05
Chris Parr	May 06
Jason Rice	May 09
Howard Matson	May 11
Eugene Champagne	May 18
Kelly Palmer	May 20
Robert Epstein	May 21
Mary Jo Dean	May 27
Lenny Schwartz	May 27
Wally Reed	May 29
Randy Wright	May 29



## Age<sub>club</sub> = <Age<sub>Members</sub>>

**W**E were awash in Past Presidents for our **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!** The longest from the gavel was **Jim Murrell** (1968-9), and the newest was, of course, **CAPTAIN KIRK Bell** (2013-14). But many who had moved on from the Club also returned for this milestone, ranging from **John Findley** (1976-7) to **Susan Shuler** (2009-10).

**President Wonderful**

opened the festivities early at 12:00, calling upon **David McWhorter** for the Invocation and **Casey Stewart** for the Pledge. **Janis Allman** was thanked for Greeting.



**Earnest** welcomed the attending Past Presidents among whose number were **Jim Nelson** (1982-3), **T.L. Morgan** (1984-5), **Keith Sockwell** (1987-8), **Steve Blair** (1992-4), **Jim Richardson** (1995-6), **Clyde Kerley** (2001-2), and **Steve "Cull the herd" Miller** (2005-6).



Then **Earnest** welcomed **NATHAN** "as Smooth as Johnnie Walker Blue" **BARBARA** to the podium. Nathan's first words were for Dr. Findley, who he said he'd not recognized without his surgical mask. But, understanding the full nature of the day's program, Nathan moved to the task at hand, welcoming **Lisa Leach** (5810 Liaison) and turning



to the many guests of the day, he invited **Alan Feigenbaum** to introduce his guest, **Jeff Brother**. **Janis Allman** welcomed **Betty Strange Price**. **Herb Hoxie** presented wife **Helen**. **Rick Maucieri** brought **Portland Mithen**. **Rick Boyer**



fed daughter **Julie**. **Kenny Wilson** fed wife **Toni**. **LE THE RADIANT**, trumpeting his Past Presidency, nevertheless found time to bid us

welcome wife **Donna**.

**CAPTAIN KIRK** took over as **70<sup>th</sup> Birthday** Master of Ceremonies. He joked that Rotary's celebratory contributions would go toward building him a new home in a renovated City Park, pointing to the artist's rendition of the plans. However, it was really our Foundation partnering with the City to establish a handicapped-friendly playground. A special fundraising effort will provide the requisite \$25K.

Then **Mary Jo Dean** said **Groucho Marx** was here to do *This Is Your Life*. But,



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in fact, Groucho hosted *You Bet Your Life*. That, unfortunately, didn't square with today's theme, which was **Embarrassing Episodes in the Club's History**.

"Groucho," aka magician (www.**BoGerard**.com), was disturbed by our disrespectful single clap applause for the previous speakers, and announced, channeling the late comedian, "*I won't stand for it*," cigar wagging in hand. He said he was proud to be in Texas (phone: **214-503-6061**) and challenged us to recall the State Motto. He tried us on "*Lone Star State*," but that isn't a motto. Next he tested "*Don't Mess with Texas*," which is a motto but still not right. Since no one knew (or spoke up if they did), he finished with "*Friendship*." It seemed a bit tame for where the West began, but it's better than Bo's recommendation: "*If at first you don't secede, try, try again*." As an equal-opportunity offender, he postulated Arkansas's to be "*Literacy Ain't Everything*," and Florida's motto had to be "*God's Waiting Room*."

He was more generous in his postulate that "*Plano Rotary was the place to be*," when he began a litany of our accomplishments. Those included the Plano Children's Medical Clinic, the Collin County Adult Clinic, Drug Rehabilitation Programs (not for member's only, mind you), and our annual Golf Tournament for Hendrick Scholarships. He called for, and was rewarded with, a round of applause for the Past Presidents, including those still hanging in there with the Club.

But it hasn't been all peaches and cream. He promised "*not a roast but an intervention*" for past misdeeds. The first miscreant he called up was **Randy Wright**, a "*spry, young fellow*," who bounded up the stairs but was strangely reluctant to comment upon a Fish Fry gone to the dogs. More forthcoming was **Ean Sullivan**, who forewent his duties as videographer long enough to reminisce about our Bylaws which forbade alcohol before 10 am. Ean conceded that to be "*unduly restrictive; fellowship should not be restricted by time of day*." Bo reminded him of the time when "*inebriation led to food wastage*."



Recalling Randy for a card trick, he asked if Randy would be amazed if he could name Randy's unseen card. Randy allowed as how he wouldn't. Bo persisted. "*Would you be amazed if you pick a card and then picked a member of the audience to name it? I know I would!*" Randy chose the 11<sup>th</sup> position for the card, and Bo placed it there, then secretly placed an oversized **3 of hearts** on Randy's back, asked him to turn around (so the audience was aware), then let him choose the random respondent. Playing along, "*3 of hearts*," came the response, while Bo removed the card.

He challenged Randy to blow up a wiener balloon, then accomplished it when Randy failed. But, as if to ameliorate Randy's embarrassment, Bo swallowed the entire inflated balloon, saying to the audience, "*Years from now, all you'll remember of today was this trick*."

Bo wanted to castigate **Jan Sullivan** then **John Ernst** for some transgression, but, finding neither of them in the audience, had to settle for Ean again, suggesting they were off transgressing together. Nevertheless, he got Ean to relate the roast of John that involved Jan "borrowing" John's car to drive it INTO the meeting hall. John started the meeting before noticing "*THAT'S MY CAR!*" Then he chaired the remainder of the meeting from INSIDE the car.

He asked Kenny Wilson if he had holes in his underwear; when Kenny confirmed that, Bo chastised the remainder of the audience for thinking ill of him. "*How else would you put your underwear on?*" He had Ean draw three parallel lines on a pad of paper and write a 3-digit number on the 1<sup>st</sup> line, and gave Kenny an envelope.

Keith Sockwell was called up to relate a prank played on him by the Club. They moved the meeting and had a PPD officer cuff him into his police car and drive him to the real meeting site (*Harvey House*). To this day he thinks of Chief **Bruce Glasscock** every time he relives that.

Bo took one look at Bruce and declared that he had a *fivehead* (one better than a forehead). He thought Bruce had promised **Memrie** on his honeymoon, "*Every time I'm wrong, you can pull one hair from my head*."





After Keith had written the second 3-digit number, and while **Johnny Lewis** was ambling up on stage, Bo challenged **Jo Via** to pronounce “F-O-L-K,” which she did. Then she got “P-O-L-K” correct, and Bo asked her to name the white of an egg. “Yolk,” she responded when the correct response was, “*Albumen. The yolk’s on you.*”

Johnny told the tale of “**Tino the Taco Tweaker**.” He and Tino had been twice denied entrance to Mexico to deliver donated ambulances. On the third attempt, they spied two other Rotarians pulled over by the Federales, and, assuming discretion the better part of valor, spirited themselves away. He then wrote the final 3-digit number.

**Alex Johnson**, reputed to be “good at math,” was summoned to sum the three numbers, and, with only modest help from Bo, managed to do so, coming up with **1,143**. Now he asked Kenny to show the number he had written before the show from the sealed envelope. It was 1,143. Bo expected thunderous applause. “*I can see you. This is not TV!*”



Finally, John Findley was summoned to relate the time PPD officers handcuffed him to a chair while **LB THE THEN NON-RADIANT** had a turkey “doing something” at the table. When Bo learned John was in General Practice, he told a joke about a doctor having bad news and worse news. The patient asks for the bad first and is told he has 24 hours to live. “*What could be worse,*” he asks, and is told the doctor tried to notify him of this yesterday.

Bo gave him a strip of toilet paper (“*hardly used*”) to put on his tongue while chanting, “*Oh Wha Ta Goo Siam*” (Oh, what a goose I am) then chew up the paper and remove it...in shreds. Thoroughly flustered with the ease with which Bo did the same thing, John was invited to pull it out of Bo’s mouth and yanked yards and yards of colored ribbon instead.

Then Bo left us with wisdom his mother imparted like “*Never take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.*” And “*Never criticize a man unless you walk a mile in his shoes, because then you have his shoes and a mile head start.*”

**CAPTAIN KIRK** led Herb Hoxie to the podium to honor him with a recounting of his life of service and 50 years of Rotary attendance. He read Herb’s CV and his Rotary accomplishments, including his WWII service, his 25 years with the FBI, culminating as Assistant Director, reporting to Director Clarence Kelly, his directorship of Security with Johnson & Johnson, his Rotary District Governorship, construction of schools and clinics in Puerto Vallarta, and facilitating the start of the Rotary Club in Plano’s Sister City of Ivanovo, Russia.



Herb thanked us for this recognition and the crystal memento of the occasion.

Earnest returned to the podium to encourage us all (in this non-singing Club) to sing **HB2U** for the Club’s 70<sup>th</sup> year. He led us in the Four-Way Test and, despite **Bal’s** attempted announcement, ended the meeting at 12:48.

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