



Spring
Weekly

Reader

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 28

Bill DeWhitt
"The Coffee Culture"

June 4th

"Miss Texas
Monique Evans"

June 11th

Kathy Carnero -
"Talking to Your Kids or
Grandkids About Peer
Presure"

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



Glutton for Punishment

OR Weekly Reader for today had **James L. Capra** scheduled for this week **and** next! But then he said he had a talk on *Sacrifice* all prepared and scrapped it in favor of a Paean to Memorial Day. So maybe we'll hear about *Sacrifice* after all.

President Wonderful opened the meeting at 12:11, calling upon **Jan Sullivan** for the Invocation and **Jeff Frauenheim** for the Pledge. **Alan Feigenbaum** was thanked for Greeting. Earnest called **SERGEANT DU JOUR Kelly Palmer** to introduce Visiting Rotarians, but there were none. So **Scary Bob** introduced son and Adjunct Professor of Geology at *Brookhaven College*, **Judah Epstein**. **Ray Huffines** told us about



Huffines Director of Operations **Mike Biggers**. And **Alice Hobbs** welcomed **Sherry Stone**. Unannounced was Jimmy Capra's son (sitting to the right of Judah in the picture above).

Earnest congratulated Rotary Anniversary recipients **Bob Pikna** (5), **Wally Reed** (30), **Bob Epstein** (28), and **Rex Lowe** (19). He then presented \$1,000 check to **Dr. Wayne Hendrick** as a Plano Rotary contribution to the *Hendrick Scholarship*



Foundation. Wayne proudly held it aloft for all to see.



CAPTAIN KIRK passed around sign-up sheets for tickets to the 2nd Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet to be held 5:30 Wednesday next (last, as you read this) here at



the *Southfork*. We are “approaching” the \$15K budgeted for the event which boasts a barbershop quartet (yawn) and an appearance by Miss Texas, **Ylianna Guerra** (rowr).

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Alan Feigenbaum was called to the red carpet to model Rotary Spirit-ware (only half as well as it would have appeared on Miss Texas). A sign-up sheet that for that too was circulated for our perusal.



The May Birthdays were fêted briefly. May has some catching up to do.



Randy Wright called **Blair Ritchey** and his sponsor, Kelly Palmer to the podium for his unique “stand up and cheer event,” the induction of a new member. Randy chastised us for losing sight of Rotary’s diversity mandate; he urged us to seek unrepresented professionals for membership in the Club. We need “a heating and AC guy, an undertaker, a cardiologist, a community college President, a school superintendent” among others. He praised Kelly in this regard for “doing a good job” with Dr. Blair Ritchey, a man who “planted churches,” turned around *Tasty Delight* as CEO, and is Director of a *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation* work-alike organization.

Holding hedge trimmers aloft, he told us that we used to cut off members’ ties if they went AWOL without make-ups. We used to force such offenders to care for a live monkey. Now, sans ties or simians, we encourage participation in our programs, both local and international, to the tune of at least 50 hours a year. He then whistled the strains of **Elgar’s Pomp and Circumstance** (the graduation march), and promised that Kelly would show Blair the ropes. With his hearty congratulations, Blair was welcomed to the Club.



International Committee Chair, **David Bowman**, told us of the Rotary District Governor of Nepal living out of his car after that country’s recent devastating earthquake. The Governor has put out a call for funds for body bags, medical supplies, blankets, and other necessities to aid the people of his nation. David auctioned off two books by RI President **Richard L. Evans** (1966-67), one his autobiography, the other a book of his quotations. They each garnered \$100 for the cause. **Nancy Humphrey** inquired whether she could add to that fund and was thanked for her potential donation. Earnest said the Club has contributed \$1,000 from its discretionary funds, and then he thanked Kelly for his **Birthdays Bucks**.

Scary Bob set aside his camera long enough to introduce Jimmy Capra, asking the Club members to stand if they served in the military or police, as had the speaker.

James L. Capra is currently the CEO and Founder of The Front Line Leadership Group, a leadership training and development firm located in Argyle, Texas. He is the author of *Leadership at the Front Line: Lessons Learned About Loving, Leading, and Legacy from a Warrior and Public Servant* (Amazon rank: 1,339,846) and *The Eagle and the Seagulls: A Wisdom Story for Children and Adults* (Amazon rank: 3,656,558) published by Lulu.com

Jimmy, as he is known by his friends and colleagues, retired after 27 ½ years with the DEA. Prior to his retirement, Jimmy served the Chief of Global Operations. Prior to his DEA career, Jimmy served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Navy Reserves, Air National Guard, and as a Military Intelligence Officer. He holds a B.S. from *Madrid College* and an M.Ed. from *Seton Hall University*. Jimmy has been married to his wife, Shelly, for over 33 years, and they are the proud parents of six children, most of whom have taken up lives as public servants.

For the past 12 years, Mr. Capra has delivered Keynote Speeches and World-Class Leadership Training in numerous venues throughout the U.S. and in selected international regions. He has been called on to speak on national security issues involving international drug trafficking organizations, drug/terror groups, pharmaceutical diversion, and drug legalization issues, just to name a few. In addition, Mr. Capra is a recognized expert on leadership and organizational management and has spoken on a wide variety of leadership issues around the U.S.



Jimmy admitted that *Scary Bob* is more like his agent with that introduction. Responding to the stand of servicemen, he said that he has a son currently serving in Afghanistan. He talked about Bob’s invitation to speak that came months ago, and the topic was *Sacrifice and Legacy*, talking about leadership, about how you “*must care about the men and women you serve.*” The bottom line isn’t profit or mission but dealing well with your associates. Then they perform to further the mission and generate profits.



His current mission is to counter the trend to legalization of marijuana. He complained that he “*didn’t retire to be the marijuana guy,*” however his wife opined, “*But you are.*”

Nevertheless, with Memorial Day approaching, he needed “*to speak about truths.*” He spoke of an event, *Carry the Load*, involving a walk from West Point to Dallas to show “*what Memorial Day is all*

about.” The weekend “*means more than parades and BBQ.*”

He admitted getting frustrated in his search for miniature American flags at *Home Depot* when he found a woman engaging shoppers instead of “*getting out of my way.*” She asked him, “*Were you a Marine?*” When he admitted Navy service and mentioned his son’s Afghanistan tour, she said, “*Please tell your son ‘thank you’ for his service. We just brought our son home to bury him. God bless your son, family, and service.*” Then she fell to her knees, hugging his leg, and he thought, “*Who don’t we have time for?*”

One day in 2008, he went to work angry over a failed septic system. His chaplain put that in perspective asking him to remember those who are not eating or burying loved ones. Shortly thereafter his brother called him saying, “*They got Tony, Jr.*” A bomb squad guy, Tony had successfully defused a 100 pound IED only to be blown apart by its secondary device. Jimmy is “*confident about where he is now, but the pain doesn’t go away. We lean on our faith.*”

Tony had “*Live in Victory*” tattooed on his body; that sentiment is shared by generations of Capras who “*need to go to the arena,*” because “*Liberty demands responsibility*” for one’s children and children’s children.

Responsibility & Sacrifice: “*Freedom and Liberty demand Sacrifice.*” So Tony’s death “*deters no one in the family.*” Memorial Day “*honors the men and women who went to the arena.*” “*When people attack freedom with*

stupid laws like legalization of marijuana, you have to stand up. Most legislators “*I want to hit with a bat!*”

Jimmy apologized for “*going off-topic*” to a round of (non-ironic) applause. Earnest tried to get us to chant “*highly-coveted, perpetual calendar,*” but concluded we needed more practice.

Johnny Lewis related the tribulations of **Tino Trujillo** who has been home in Colima, Mexico, since December 2014. He has suffered ill health which culminated in the installation of a pacemaker.



That “*went OK*” until pneumonia set in. He came home but decided to return to Mexico. He says he misses everyone, and hopefully he will be back sometime.

Tino came to America and was drafted within a month. With no English, “*I could be respectful, and I could do pushups!*” He met wife **Janie** in the *Chamber of Commerce*.

Earnest recognized Tino with a plaque for his 38 years of Rotary attendance. Janis Allman asked for Tino’s address, and was told it was available from Johnny, **Gary Basham**, or **David McCall**.

Earnest led us in the Four-Way Test and closed the meeting at 1:00.



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