

Spring
Weekly

Reader

Volume 9, Issue 39, May 31, 2012

The Plano Rotary Club
www.PlanoRotary.com



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 31 – Sgt. Patrick Sowers – Operation Once in a Lifetime
- 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 Meeting

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



STAND-UP POLITICIAN

Is there anything more pathetic than the sight of **Sainted Editor** chuckling at his own dubious wit? The man must be desperate for confirmation; so when you pass him by, toss him an “*attaboy*” bone. You may refrain from scratching his ears.



Princely **Johnly** convened the conclave at 12:17, giving **Jan Sullivan** her rotation at Invocation duties and assigning soon-to-be-President **Lenny Schwartz** the Pledge. (“*Thanks, Bob!*”) He gave **Alice Hobbs** left-handed credit for greeting, “*even when she’s not here,*” and called **SERGEANT JENKINS** to the podium. The Sergeant-at-Arms wasn’t quite ready, so **John** pulled a **FLASH** and asked us if we’d heard the one about three chickens.

Three chickens walk into a library and squawk to the librarian, “*Buck, buck, buck,*” which she takes to mean, “*loan us three books.*” She does so, but they return peeved the next day, demanding “*Buck! Buck! Buck!*” and are rewarded with a second loan. The third day they’re back furious, “*BUCK! BUCK!! BUCK!!!*” So the librarian trails them to a lake with their third installment, only to see them



flinging the books at frogs, who croaked, “*ReadIt. ReadIt. ReadIt.*”

Someone shouted, “*We want Flannery!*” while another asked, “*Was that the program?*” **SKIP**, who had by this time mounted the podium, explained, “*That is commonly known as filler.*” Then he welcomed Rotarian **Arun McCarkey**, visiting from the **CALCUTTA ROTARY**. After the obligatory exchange of



banners, Arun explained that as his Club was chartered in 1920 (!), it is known in India as “*the Old Number One.*” He offered greetings on behalf of his President and Club members and said, “*I’m happy to be with you today.*”



Also visiting the Club were **Marilyn Hinton** (Metro) and **David Goodman** (Park Cities). **SKIP** welcomed “*guest of the Club,*” **Brad Kerchefskey**, asking him how he “*conned*” the Club into paying for his lunch.

John wanted to know if Arun’s club is known as “*THE Rotary Club of Calcutta?*” **CAPTAIN KIRK** whispered to fellow **BOMBAY SOCIETY** member, Chris, how unfortunate it would be for

Arun to become aware that the only condition of membership in the **BOMBAY SOCIETY** was that one had "*never been a citizen of Calcutta.*"



Alan Feigenbaum struggled through notice of planning meeting re: the *Hendrick Golf Tournament* being on June 6th, and he hadn't even drunk his lunch. (Tournament's on Sept. 21st with its gala on the 20th) **John** commented, "*Just brilliant, Alan.*"

Lori the Phantom Crocheter Roberts tossed an ironic *happy to have seen*



you all at District Conference" when she was perfectly aware that only she and **Ken** had made it. But she wasn't there entirely for the sake of snide; she presented **John** with the District's Perfect Attendance mini-banner.

John reminded her of her second announcement that there would be a **Fourth of July Party** at her home (RSVP to iclaurel@gmail.com).

Olin Jaye mounted the rickety podium in a rickety manner to introduce **Rep. Van**



Taylor, and he asked if we'd "*heard the one about the three chickens?*"

7th generation Texan, born in Dallas (Olin's only 4th)
Graduated from Harvard in 1995 and joined the Marines
Captain Taylor, paratrooper, was a platoon commander with "C" company of the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion in

Iraq

Returned to Harvard for his MBA

Van and wife **Anne** married on his return from Iraq and are proud parents of **Laura** (7), **Helen** (6), and **Suzie** (2). The family resides in Plano near land his Great-Grandfather farmed during the Great Depression.

On 20 April 2010, he took the oath of office to replace **Brian McCall** as State Representative of District 66, which covers the western parts of Plano and southwestern Collin County.

As such, Van was one of the senior members of the Freshman Class in the last legislative session and because of an unexpected turnover in the House after this election cycle, will be one of the more senior members of the State House in his second legislative session!

Among Rep. Taylor's legislative victories was the passage of a bill to enable military men and women serving overseas to vote more easily.

Rep. Taylor currently serves on the Defense, Veteran's Affairs, and Human Services committees and is the Chairman on the House Subcommittee on End of Life Issues.

Texas Conservative Coalition and the Texas Eagle Forum honored Rep. Taylor for his 90% conservative voting record. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility named him as a 2011 Taxpayer Champion. He is a member of the Independent Republicans of Texas and the Texas Conservative Coalition.

(His campaign flyer uses the word "*conservative*" thirteen times just for good luck! What might his political philosophy be? Even Olin used *very, very conservative*" to describe him.)



Rep. Taylor said his address would consist of "*several one-liners.*" When he was Precinct Chair and Election Judge, he put two campaign signs in his front yard, and they were promptly stolen. Their replacements were stolen as well. (Someone asked, "*Were they Obama signs?*" Van responded in the negative.) He attached a PostIt® note to the third set reading, "*Please don't steal these signs. P.S. My pistol has a night sight.*"

Since one-liners had been posited, **FLASH** arose to tell of **Bill Clinton's** explanation for why **Democrats** are better than **REPUBLICANS**: "*When was the last time you had a good piece of elephant?*" Having thus secured the reputation of the Club, he sat down again.

(Van didn't trust himself to respond to that either.)

Moving right along (*paradiddle flam*), Van said that he was "*reading poorly*" in first grade. He was tested for visual acuity, deafness, and color-blindness before the doctors concluded that he was just a slow learner. So he was demoted to Kindergarten. (Not sure I'd put that on my *résumé*.) He asked his parents if they had been concerned about that, and his Dad said that he always knew Van would go to Harvard. His Dad was proud of him until he explained that he was in the company of **Al Gore** and the Unabomber.

He worked cattle in the Panhandle at a school so small ("*How small was it?*") that the salutatorian was *in* the bottom half of his class."

(Interesting juxtaposition.)

As an Intelligence Officer in the military, someone commenting upon his Harvard degree said, "A smart intelligence officer! What will the Marines think of next?"

His work with an investment firm involved vetting contracts, and he came across an odd one with two *curriculum vitae* attached. One was from *Cornell* and the other *Stanford*. What was odd was that both bore the same name.

Rep. Taylor was activated in 2003 as a platoon leader in "the (Van)guard of attack." His Dad said that he led the finest unit: all Marines, all in reconnaissance, and all Texans. They aided the rescue of **Jessica Lynch** and a dozen other captured soldiers.

They were surrounded by chanting Iraqi in a village, but they were chanting, "Bush! Bush!" leading Van to conclude that they were **REPUBLICANS**. (Or horticulturalists.) One kissed his sergeant, whom he consoled with, "What happens in Iraq, stays in Iraq." (Too late.)

He asked his five-year-old daughter whether she'd consider a career in politics, and she said, "No. It's too much work." She also asked, upon seeing where he worked, whether it made him mad having to be in a pink building.

He recommended his campaign flyer on our tables to contact him via his actual cellphone: (214) 642-0920 or van@vantaylor.com Since "the government works for you," he has "a 100% meeting policy."



He asked us to pass the word to military men and women serving overseas that they can now request electronic ballots.

Scary Bob Epstein asked who the leading candidate for Lt. Gov. might be should **Dewhurst** be elected away from the office. Van said that if he resigns immediately, the current Senate decides, but if he serves out his term, the new Senate will have that responsibility. **Senator Corona** appears to Van to be the leading contender.

Scary Bob persisted, "Who do YOU like?" Van dodged the question saying the Lt. Gov. has

immense power including NOT to recognize any Senator who has irritated him...ever.

Cary Israel asked whether Texas was dealing with a \$10B or \$30B deficit. Van dodged that one too saying that revenues were up and Texas led the nation in job-creation. But he couldn't resist a dig at **Obamacare**, which he was careful to name correctly, "Affordable Care Act." He said that its unfunded mandates would devastate education in the State of Texas. (That's because the legislature has done such a wretched job of mismanaging State budgets in the past that Constitutional and Judicial mandates have left Higher Education as virtually the only target the legislature is permitted to gut. Sorry, Cary.)

John Pittman asked about the failure to renew many charter schools. Rep. Taylor finally answered a question directly saying the State has a 225-institution cap on such charters. There are four times as many applicants as students. "Just sayin'." School Board member Marilyn Hinton cited research showing charter schools no more successful than public ones, but they are directed at specific populations whereas public schools must educate the general population. Van agreed that education is "Plano's Crown Jewel," and it must be protected. Then he mentioned the close relation he had with (then) President Skip Jenkins.



Lenny wanted to know if the legislature would bring up a referendum on redistricting again. Van told him that it depends on the ruling from the Appeals Court, due in July. Lenny asked if the Voting Rights Act would disappear. Van said the good news of racial integration is bad news when you want to draw fair district boundaries.

Rick Maucieri asked about water. Van told him that he favors faster approval processes and open-ended review processes in that regard. It is exacerbated by the fact that 2/3 of Texans live in DFW or Houston.

John offered Van our medallion and *Shoes for Orphan Souls* before waxing jealous about Arun's "four-story building" for the Calcutta Rotary. **Randy Wright** noted that we had our own building once upon a time.

John led us in the Four-Way Test and deconstructed the conclave at 1:01. Released on our own recognizance, we all milled about.

Plano Rotary Club Board of Directors 2010-2011

President

John Ernst

President Elect

Lynn Schwartz

Vice President

Karla Oliver

Secretary

Kirk Bell

Treasurer

Earnest Burke

Past President

John Ernst

Sergeant at Arms

Skip Jenkins

Membership Chair

Ben Criste

Membership Vice Chair

Casey Stewart

Service Chair

Alan Feigenbaum

Service Vice Chair

Bob Pikna

Public Relations Chair

Nathan Barbera

Public Relations Vice Chair

Thad Stammen

Club Admin. Chair

Octavio Ortiz

Club Admin Vice Chair

Chuck Morgan

Foundation Chair

Ean Sullivan

Foundation Vice Chair

Rick Maucieri

Business Secretary

Lynette Pieper

At Large

Kyle Walters

Nancy Humphrey

Camille Ussery

Hugo Esparza

Bob Epstein

Bulletin Editor

Chris Parr

Bulletin Photographer

Randy Wright

Bulletin Designer

Robby Horne

Alphagraphics

Printing by Alphagraphics Park & Coit

The Plano Rotary Club

PO Box 864316

Plano, Texas 75086

972.596.2585

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

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Brad Krocheski

Guest Of

Plano Rotary

Visiting Rotarian

Arun Mukherji

Marilyn Hinton

David Goodson

Home Club

Calcutta India

Plano Metro

Park Cities

New Member Proposal:

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

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award:

Randy Wright

Athena Award:

Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award:

Richard Butterly

Business Executive of the Year:

Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:

Vance Bryson

Citizen of the Year:

Beth and Duncan Webb

Support Our Advertisers


Allison's AutoCare

David Allison

1214 Avenue K
Plano, TX 75074

972.423.0434
www.allisons.com


HUFFINES HAS IT!

Since 1924 www.huffines.net

PLANO

RAY HUFFINES Chevrolet	HUFFINES Hyundai	HUFFINES Chrysler • Jeep Dodge
1001 Coit Rd @ Plano Pkwy Plano	909 Coit Rd @ Plano Pkwy Plano	4500 W. Plano Pkwy @ Ohio Plano
(972) 867-4000	(972) 867-5000	(972) 867-6000

All Service, Body and Parts Departments Open All Day Saturday.


AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF TEXAS
www.anbtx.com

Casey W. Stewart
Banking Center President

972-309-0001 ext. 5937
214-863-5937 direct line
214-863-6160 fax
caseystewart@anbtx.com

Plano Parkway Banking Center
1101 East Plano Parkway
1st Floor Bank Lobby #E
Plano, Texas 75074


THE AUTO SHOP

Since 1981

Professional Automotive Repairs including:
Air Conditioning • Inspections • Clutches • Transmissions • Differentials
Engine repairs • Factory Scheduled Maintenance • Tune-Ups • Electrical • Brakes

 **Jerry P. Kezhaya**
President
www.TheAutoShop.com

2560 East Plano Parkway
Plano, Texas 75074

972-578-0588 - T
972-881-0998 - F

Rick Maucieri
President

Grant Leighton
Associates
PO Box 865066
Plano, Texas 75086
972.422.0169 Voice
972.881.9373 Fax
rickm@glandscape.com

GRANT LEIGHTON
Professional Landscapers


MORGAN LEGACY GROUP
Because Life Has Purpose

President | CHUCK MORGAN
15660 N. Dallas Pkwy., Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75248
P. 972.267.8181
F. 972.267.8180
E. chuck.morgan@morganlegacygroup.com
W. www.MorganLegacyGroup.com

BE READY FOR TODAY
PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

From investing for today to retirement planning for tomorrow, you want to make the most of your earnings. Please contact me today for a complimentary consultation.

Kirk Bell
Financial Advisor, RJFS

RAYMOND JAMES
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Member SIPC

5048 Tennyson Pkwy., Suite 120
Plano, TX 75024
972-403-1025
kirk.bell@raymondjames.com
www.bellvalentia.com

alphagraphics

increase your reach

KENNY WILSON
OWNER


Phone. 972.867.9216
Fax. 972.519.9181
US408@alphagraphics.com


J. Marc Lewis & Associates
CORPORATE AND PERSONAL TAXATION

J. Marc Lewis JD, LL.M., EA
Enrolled to practice before the IRS

Lakeside Commons
5045 Lonimar Drive
Suite 280
Plano, TX 75093

marclinc@airmail.net
Tel. (972) 618-8224
Fax (972) 618-2021


ViewPoint Bank



Kelly Palmer
Senior Bank President

1201 W. 15th Street
Plano, TX 75075

Mailing address:
PO Box 869105, MS 212
Plano, TX 75086-9105
www.viewpointbank.com

Direct: 972.792.2979
Cell: 469.955.7683
Fax: 469.467.1043
kelly.palmer@viewpointbank.com

LPS Green Technologies

Lynn Schwartz
972.816.8792
1417 Amazon Drive
Plano, Texas 75075

Lynn@lpsgreen.com