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UPCOMING MEETINGS

5/6	City of Plano "Employee of the Year"
5/13	PISD Foundation
5/20	Tom Harmon "Rotary Wheelchair Program"
5/27	Patriotic Celebration
6/3	Troy Villarreal "Medical Center of Plano"

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1.....	RAY HUFFINES
5/5.....	GARY BASHAM
5/5.....	JOHN PRIEST
5/6.....	CHRIS PARR
5/11.....	DAVID ALLISON
5/13.....	GERALD BRENCE
5/20.....	KELLY PALMER
5/21.....	BOB EPSTEIN
5/23.....	HARRY POLLY
5/27.....	MARY JO DEAN
5/27.....	LYNN SCHWARTZ
5/29.....	RANDY WRIGHT



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



RANDY Wright brought his golly whiz-bang audio setup to amplify (an incredibly grateful)

Sainted Editor's voice and free him from the podium during his presentation on *Antarctica* this day. Someday, **SC** must persuade Randy to reveal the mysteries of audio transduction. Such things as impedance matching and pre-amplification are simply witchcraft. But when **SC** handed Randy the flash drive for his camera, his eyes widened, and he admitted being so preoccupied with his duties as audio technician that he had forgotten his responsibilities as bulletin photographer! Fortunately,



SC's wife, **Patricia**, drew her own Canon from her purse (that two-liter repository for four liters of content) and the day was saved.

Queen butterfly was grateful to hear that **SC** had prepared only 20 minutes of talk because the meeting was already full of business. So she opened it early at 12:13, calling upon Reverend **Mueller** for the prayer and **Ben Criste** for the Pledge. ("Ben's not here?") She thanked **Kelly Palmer** and



Reedy Signer for greeting.

SERGEANT SKIPPY had to introduce **Tino's** guest, **Cathy Fang**, since Tino was AWOL. We're certain it was no intentional slight, Cathy; Tino will certainly make it to your induction ceremony!



Perfect Attendance pins went to **John**

Priest (8), and **Martin Jackson** (13).

Kirk Bell did **GEORGE ELKING'S** bidding by reminding us of the **BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE** occurring on various dates and at various venues. The most significant of these is May 15 when the drive will be at **Kyle Walters' Elliott's**



Hardware. Kirk said that the Club needs 10 volunteers to staff the event from 10 am to 5 pm. And failure to actually donate blood (stroke victims, for example, need not apply) is no excuse.

As **PRINCE JOHN ERNST** trudged to the podium, he was greeted by the Club's signature *Single-Clap of Humiliation*. In an effort to cheer him up, Susan broke into full applause, but it didn't work. "*She's only clapping because she's (relieved to be) leaving,*" he said. He called sponsors **Ean Sullivan** and **Kirk Bell** to the podium as well as their associated inductees, **Herb Ziev** and **Jeffrey Butcher**.



He described the Club as a pity-prone (eleemosynary, and it helps if you pronounce it correctly, John, but that wasn't the likely source of the groans) organization dedicated to the principles of the Four-Way Test. "*In other words, we don't lie, cheat, or steal.*" While the "*bloodless*" pinning was in progress, John noted that it was Susan's hope to leave office with more than 116 members, and with these inductions, she fulfills that goal. Indeed, before her term is



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out, a few more inductions are in the works, bringing to total to the goal of John's administration without the associated effort. *That* ought to cheer him up.

He pointed out that all of those sharing the podium with him were pilots! We always suspected Ean of being a flighty character.

When Susan recovered the lectern, she admonished **Howard** to "*stay through this meeting too.*" And Howard agreed to do so if the speaker was worthy. It's noteworthy, then, that Howard left early, crushing **Sainted Editor's** hopes. But he can't chastise a lawyer who sleeps with our State Senator.



Randy, the Anti-Ernst, sprang to the podium with characteristic vigor and *bonhomie*. He invited us to *Memorial Elementary* at 6 pm the following (past, as you read this) Monday to witness his soccer team's first actual game. It will consist of three Quarters, and when ejaculations of incredulity arose, Randy complimented the audience on paying attention. He said that **Evelyn Molina** is doing a bang-up job of recruiting *Memorial* parents to continue Randy's good work with the nascent team. And Susan's going to surprise the players with T-shirts. Randy called for something like laundry carts (was **Lenny** listening?) to store the soccer paraphernalia between games. He thanked the PSA (Plano Sports Authority) for donation of field striping equipment and called for volunteers to use it. He also called for welders to repair the broken goals donated by the City. When City Manager **Muehlenbeck** began to object, Randy said that he was happy to help the City out with its broken equipment storage problem! Anyway, "*That's my story, and I'm stickin' to it.*"

Susan took up the theme by asking for volunteers to provide fresh oranges for the bag lunch (6 pm?) we'll provide the players. Evelyn volunteered for that too. What's she done for us lately? Then she called **Sainted Editor** to deliver the daily oration and thereby put him in a serious bind. His primary job is to lampoon the speakers, but this generated a conflict of interest! And Susan promised that this speaker would not escape the Club's signature satire. So **Maribelle Davis** took over as **EDITOR PRO TEM**. Herewith is her account, laced with the speaker's parenthetical remarks, of course.



THE ICEMAN COMETH



Plano Rotary's own inimitable **Chris Parr**, the intrepid world traveler, who several years ago attended Rotary's International meeting in Japan by traveling east not west; and, in so doing visited not only South America, but also Europe, Africa, and Asia. (One might surmise a "*Wrong Way Corrigan*", although "*Around the World in Eighty Days*" would be more correct.) He is also an avid photographer. His more recent trip to Antarctica fulfilled his desire to visit all continents and provided a special treat for members to enjoy his photos of the trip in high definition.

Beginning with the two day passage from Ushuaia, Argentina across the 600 mile stretch of the Drake Passage, infamous for its gargantuan waves, to the many islands forming Antarctica, it was obvious that this was not for the faint hearted (nor for those who are easily sea sick).

Being the coldest, driest and highest area on earth, many would be prone to write off Antarctica; however, England, France, Chile, and Argentina have made conflicting claims to this territory over the years until the Antarctica Treaty was signed in 1959. It stipulates that the continent should be owned by none and open to all for scientific purposes. In 1959, Antarctica was set up as an astronomical nation; it never rains or snows in the interior but has fog called "diamond dust" which has contributed to the 2 mile thickness of ice, rising to the polar plateau. There are beautiful fresh water lakes



beneath the glaciers as well as oil, no doubt.

Antarctica is twice as large as Australia and is larger than Europe. Amazingly, it is visited by 40,000 tourists each year and is inhabited by a population well over

5 million penguins, of which there are four species that nest on the continent. Although it is unlawful to approach a penguin within 15 feet, but apparently there is no compunction on their part to approach any person. It seems they may be as curious about visitors as the visitors are about them. Penguins live on krill (shrimp-like creatures)



and krill live on plankton; they are more agile in the water (all but the Emperors are approximately 12 inches tall, and they can go 10 mph under water) than on land where they can propel

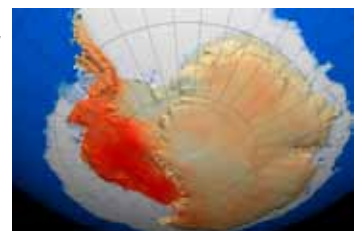


themselves on the ice like sleds. Three species, Adelle, Chinstrap and Gentoo, lay their eggs on the rocks; while the Emperors lay their eggs on their feet to



protect the egg (only one) from the ice. They have been seen standing still for two weeks to molt and grow new feathers.

Made up of thousands of islands, such as Deception Island, actually an active volcano whose caldera is 8 miles wide, Livingston Island, a nature preserve that cannot be visited, and Cuverville Island with Paradise Bay, Antarctica seems to be a true paradise for photographers



to such an extent that Lemaire Channel aka Kodak Alley is so permanently branded. It is no wonder that Chris is enamored with Antarctica.

Coming back to reality, **Patti Schwartz** asked what survival time was in the water in Antarctica. Ten minutes was the answer. **Carole Greisdorf** wanted to know about calving due to global warming. Yes, Chris answered, the peninsula (red color above) has risen ½ °F in a decade. The beautiful blue color of the ice indicates recent calving events. And, yes (in response to Kirk's setup question), he has visited all seven continents!

.....*Maribelle Davis*.....

Chris had brought DVDs of the trip for all to take away. They will also be available today on the badge table.

Susan permitted Chris to touch the



sacred flashlight before it disappears to *Memorial Elementary*. She reminded us of **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY** at *Memorial* next (last) Monday. We'll be making presentations at 10:45 am when we treat the teachers to lunch and goody bags.

Jessica noted three places remaining at the Plano Rotary table at the *Collin County Prayer Breakfast*, 7:07 am next (this) Thursday. We were to see her to RSVP.

Earnest Burke (chasing Collin College Board District 3) told us to see **Ken Roberts** (easy because he was standing on his chair) to volunteer for the Soap Box Derby.



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?



Susan chastened the "rowdy table" hosted by Bad Boy **Brad** and his gang of Merry (not to say "gay") Men.

Speaking of gay, **FLASH** the Transvestite, urged us to take advantage of Early Voting and to vote for Earnest Burke and for **Mabrie Jackson** yet again.

Susan led us in the Four-Way Test and gave us Early Release at 12:56.



Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award

Chris Parr

Athena Award

Alice Hobbs 2008-09

Fred Moses Award

Richard Butterfly

Business Executive

of the Year

Gary Base

Kersey Cane Holder:

Earl Simpkins

Citizen of the Year:

Beth Duncan Webb

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