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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 9

Tom Moore
"Port of Corpus Christi
Authority"

May 16

Bruce Glasscock
"City of Plano Employee of
the Year"

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"I can't change the
direction of the wind,
but I can adjust my sails
to always reach my
destination."

-Jimmy Dean

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Huffines, Samuel	May 1
Basham, Gary	May 5
Priest, John	May 5
Parr, Christopher	May 6
Rice, Jason	May 9
Brence, Gerald	May 13
Palmer, Kelly	May 20
Epstein, Robert	May 21
Dean, Mary Jo	May 27
Schwartz, Lynn	May 27
Wright, Randy	May 29



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

.LED = Lotsa Entertained Dignitaries.

A **SDG** Sandy Forster put it to **Sainted Editor**, "You're in the presence of royalty," referring to the entourage she'd drawn to Plano Rotary Club on the eve of the "District Celebration," as she preferred it. They had stopped off, as one of our members put it, "because they needed the make-up." But no, PDG **Dave McSpadden** insisted, "it was for the food." He started to spill the beans about their true purpose when DG Sandy put a cork in him, saying that **LENNY** wanted it for a surprise.



PRESIDENT LAMPLIGHTER tried to start the proceedings early, but, in his haste, he destroyed the microphone and knocked **Bevo** off his perch. (The idea of a longhorn perching is ludicrous on its face.) When he finally reconfigured the lectern, it was 12:17, and the Visiting Dignitaries were amused at the local bumpkins.

LENNY had DGE **Ean Sullivan** give the Invocation while **Bob Pikna** led us in the Pledge, turning down the volume on *Scary Bob* in the process. **John Caldwell** got the credit for Greeting. This being a new month, we had **Andy Sayers** as **SERGEANT DU MOIS**. But before Andy began, Lenny took it upon himself to note the presence of DG Sandy, Dave and **Marilyn McSpadden**, and RI President's Representative **Wade**



Normua and his wife **Roxanne**. They all sat at table with **Sainted Editor** and his *Photographe du Jour* **Randy Wright**.

Of course, **LENNY** had a quote for us. This was from **Thomas Alva Edison**:

I never did anything by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.

(This was from a man who explained that 14,000 unsuccessful attempts to create a light filament didn't represent failure since, "We now know 14,000 things that don't work!")



Andy stumbled a bit with his duties and **LENNY** had to prompt him. The Visiting Dignitaries were amused again. Finally, we greeted **John Calla** from the **DISNEY ROTARY CLUB** who offered a highly-coveted **DISNEY** pin to **LENNY** with the suggestion that "we're taking bids on this later." John went on to introduce his son **David** whom he was in town to visit.

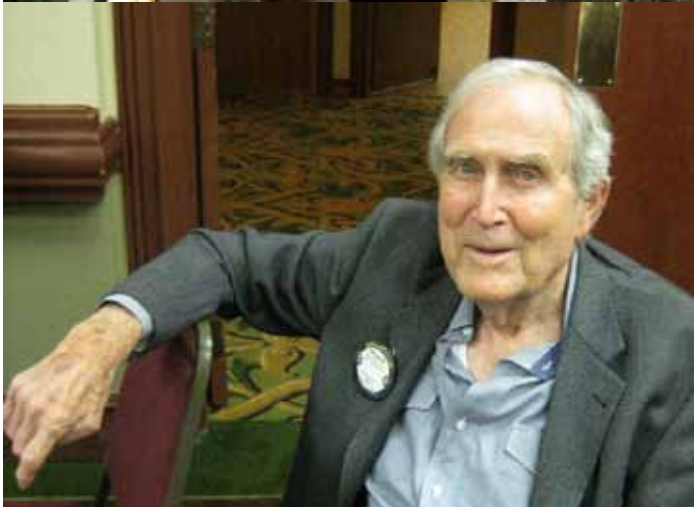


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Reedy Signer bade us greet **Denise Turnbull** and his daughter **April**. **Alex Johnson** introduced **Laura Johnson**, and we welcomed **Jean-Daniel Grimm** from *Richardson Central*, 5810's GSE Chair.



LENNY thanked **Ray Huffines** for his birthday check and wished **Gary Basham**, **John Priest**, and Chris Parr *Happy Birthdays*.



Then **HE** offered Attendance pins to **Jamee Jolly** (2), **Kenny Wilson** (5), **Rex Lowe** (17), and **Wayne Hendricks** (23).

To celebrate our becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, **LENNY** called all the new fellows to come receive their PHF pins. There were dozens. Then **HE** asked all the Paul Harris Fellows to stand; everyone stood save some of the visitors. **HE** told us that fewer than 2,200 of the 34,000 Rotary Clubs had achieved this level of success. DG Sandy confirmed that we are one of only 5 or 6 Clubs in 5810 and we're surely the largest. **LENNY** waxed proud.

The newest Club inductee, **Wally Reed**, sponsored by **Herb Hoxie**, came already equipped with a Paul Harris pin! **Earnest Burke** read him the Roberts Act, misreading Plano Rotary as "*one of the flagships of 5810*," a mistake punishable by excommunication.

Randy Wright took up the Ultimate Salesman Mantle by offering us the opportunity to choose our task for the upcoming Soap Box Derby. Should we fail to do so, the



Club will choose our task for us. DG Sandy congratulated him on his strategy.



LENNY acknowledged the presence of the GSE visitors from East Africa, here to celebrate our 100% Paul Harris accomplishment. The group's leader, **Mary Zulu**, presented flags of all the Clubs in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe that sent them on this journey.



David McWhorter rose to give an egregiously dignified introduction to **Dr. Bob Biard**.

Dr. Biard lives in Richardson, TX, where he recently retired as the Chief Scientist of the Micro Switch Division of Honeywell. He is a Life Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the recipient of the Patrick E. Haggerty Innovation Award from Texas Instruments, recipient of the Honeywell Lund Award, and a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University (spontaneous cheers) where he holds the position of Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering. He is also an inventor with 75 U.S. and foreign patents. Two of his most notable patents are the gallium arsenide light emitting diode (LED) and the Schottky clamped silicon logic circuits. In 1991, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

We thought he might give us a talk on the Impact of Fiber Optics on the Texas business climate; however, we decided that might be a little heavy for this occasion. Instead, we are going to see a different side of Dr. Biard's talents—this program will be musical.

In addition to his technical accomplishments, Dr. Biard is also a world famous musician. He studied in Paris, and has performed all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Europe. He is a star of stage, radio, TV, and records. Just back from his recent engagement at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, we are pleased to present Dr. Bob Biard!



He opened his violin case, applied rosin to his bow, and took out his priceless wood saw. He sat down and rendered *There's No Place Like Home* to a round of amused applause.



He explained that the Paris of his training was Paris, TX. He had played in the LOBBY of the Sands Hotel, and he really uses his violin case to carry his collection of harmonicas.

He then picked up one after another and regaled us with

- *Soldier's Joy*
- *Edelweiss*
- *Beer Barrel Polka*
- *Sugar Blues*
- A Dixieland rag
- *Winchester Cathedral*
- *The Battle of New Orleans*
- *Casey Jones*, and
- *Shortenin' Bread*

before turning his attention to mimicry. He imitated bagpipes, a pump organ, and a Hurdy-Gurdy with *Sidewalks of New York*.

Blowing his nose, he played a duet for mouth organ and *nose organ*! The house erupted in wild applause. After that, he gave us his interpretation of a race between a Model T Ford and a steam locomotive, which resulted in a standing ovation.



LENNY asked the dignitaries if they'd ever seen a Rotary presentation like that? HE offered Dr. Biard dog tags, and congratulated Gary Basham and Lynette on 100% PHF. He noted we'd raised \$2,045 last meeting for the RI Foundation, led us in the Four-Way Test, and dismissed the gathering at 12:59.

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

Sandy Foster
Marilyn McSpadden
Dave McSpadden
Wayner Normua
Roxanne Normua
Dave Calla
April Spigner
Denise Turnbull
Laura Johnson

Guest Of

Plano Rotary Club
DG Sandy Foster
DG Sandy Foster
DG Sandy Foster
DG Sandy Foster
John Calla
Reedy Spigner
Reedy Spigner
Alex Johnson

Visiting Rotarian

J.A. Grimm
John Calla

Home Club

Richardson Central
Lake Buena Vista, FL

AWARDS:

Athena Award:

Camille Ussery

Citizen of the Year:

Jamie Schell

Outstanding Corporate:

The Shops at Willow Bend
(Octavio & his team)

Proposed Members

Proposed member: Brian Crawford
Classification: Fire Chief
Proposed by: Bruce Glasscock

Proposed member: Wallace Reed
Classification: Insurance
Proposed by: Herb Boxie

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