

The Plano Rotary Club www.PlanoRotary.com

# The Aggies Rule

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Through Service Sakuji Tanaka ary International Preside 2012-13

#### November 8:

Dr. V. Lane Rawlins, President, University of North Texas

#### November 15:

Betty Murray, Living Well Health & Wellness Center "Banish Body Fat: The Secrets to Fat Loss the Experts Haven't Told You"

#### November 22:

Thanksgiving – No meeting

November 29: Snowball Express game in the last seconds. Has he not watched an Aggie Game? They won at half-time! We need to put Reverie on the podium. Fact: Aggies are ranked 15th to UT ranked 19th in the AP top 25 polls and the coaches have rank Aggies 14<sup>th</sup> and Texas 17<sup>th</sup>. WHOOP! Lenny has the podium, but The Aggies have the newsletter! For the next 6 weeks7-2 for both teams

Lenny, with a puffed up chest and smug

took the podium He immediately started

his blow by blow of how Texas won the

smile, (very similar to the Texas Steer),

This week's guest was from the field of baseball, so the following were our quotes of the day:

Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical. -Yogi Berra

It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. -Hank Aaron

Ean Sullivan gave one of his peaceful and fulfilling invocations, followed by Chris Parr leading the pledge. This was symbolic, as Chris left on Saturday for a trip to South America and other exotic places. If you would like to keep up with him His itinerary for November with contact numbers can be found at:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/fhn6xvo7tbv g957/SoAmerica2012.xls. L.B. Showalter was the Greeter and official hugger at the door.

Lenny announced that the next two months of our "Bucket Passing" will be given to the Wheel Chair Foundation along with the \$75.00 Pat Stark gave last week so I would write the newsletter this week, along with the next four weeks which I had already volunteered for.

After a moment of silence out of respect for the 70 people who died in Hurricane Sandy, we resumed the meeting, but calling Pam Little up to the podium, as Guest Sergeant-At-Arms.

Guest
Larry Bisno
John Wright
Willie Wright
Sara Akers
Anthony Miller

Member
John Ernst
Randy Wright
Randy Wright
Larry Flannery
Jason Rice



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lissa Smith Nov 03
Olin Jaye Nov 05
Martin Jackson Nov 12
James Youngblood Nov 22
Patti Schwartz Nov 29







Pam was new in her role, and she was not confident enough to fine Randy Wright and his visiting brother, for their extremely long introductions. It was a very interesting and remarkable talk, but worth \$10 to the club.

Visiting Rotarian
Kent Stone
Andrea Thompson
Rick Erin

Home Club
Richardson Central
Plano Metro
Plano West



Pam Little was chosen to give the Classification Speech, and already being on the podium, there was no time wasted getting to the next part of the meeting.

Pam is not an attorney, nor was she born in New York, so she hopes she will be more accepted that last week's candidate. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Texan. She and her husband started their family fence business in their garage in 1977, building the fences on weekends. Now, Ace Fence Company has four locations around Texas and has sales of 20 million a year. Her husband handles the operations and she handles the finances. They have been married 40 years as of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and they are both big AGGIES! WHOOP! (Lenny you are falling down on the job, if you are trying to promote your loved Texas.) She has two grown children, a son and a daughter.

She has a separate career apart from the family business. She became involved in educational publishing and worked with all the large publishing houses. In 2008 she retired as regional VP for Houghton

Mifflin, but because of the downturn in the economy, she returned to help.

In her spare time, she volunteers for educational issues. This past summer she was a tutor for bilingual children. This fall she will work with a Title One school in McKinney. She is also coordinator of The Garden Club, which is an after school program for children to learn about plants and how to grow them. The children get to take some of their vegetables home.

At the end of her talk, Lenny remarked that he does allow AGGIES on the podium, but they are not supposed to brag while they are there. **Aggies RULE** Lenny.

#### Rotary Anniversary Awards

Jerry Kezhaya 4 years Alex Johnson 9 years Jo Via 21 years Larry Flannery 30 years



Alan Feigenbaum and Bob Epstein handed out the awards for participation in the Hendricks Foundation Golf Tournament. The Teams placed as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rex Lowe's team 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rick Horne's Team 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cary Israel's Team



Nancy Humphrey announced that the date for the Christmas party was set as December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Haggard Party Barn. There will be food, drinks and entertainment. Admission is a new winter coat per person. So save the date on your calendar today.



Sarah Watkins announced that our club has made a zealot out of one of her students, Cooper Weinstein. We sponsored him for Camp RYLA this past summer. He came back excited and started an Interact Club at Plano Senior High School. One of his cabin mates did the same thing at Plano West. The two of them have joined together for activities.



As mentioned earlier, our speaker is in the Industry of Baseball. Chuck Morgan introduced Alex Vispoli who is the Manager of Broadcasting and Media Development for the Frisco RoughRiders. He will soon begin his second season as the "Voice of the RoughRiders," broadcasting all 140 games on radio and television, in addition to delivering the play-by-play

of every game, both home and on the road. Alex oversees the team's media relations and social media efforts. The incoming season will be Alex's seventh as a baseball broadcaster; he previously worked for Minor League teams in North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia and also worked for college sports as the studio host for the radio broadcasts of Florida State and Georgia Tech football and basketball. Alex is a proud graduate of Syracuse University and a native of Andover, Massachusetts.

The RoughRiders are the AA affiliate of the Texas Rangers. Their salaries and expenses are paid by the Texas Rangers and the building, PR and equipment are paid by the RoughRider organization.

The players get to the field around 2:00 p.m. and start working out and practicing. Then they play a game in the evening. They play 140 games in 152 days. They only get 12 days off over the five month season. There is no glamour to their job. They take buses everywhere they go, all stuff in.

The players are close to the Big Leagues, but really far away, also. Only 9-10 of the 50 total players will move up to the Big Leagues each year.

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#### The 4 Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, and do:

- 1. Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

#### *Guests & Visiting Rotarians*

Larry Bisno John Wright Willie Wright Sara Akers Anthony Miller

**Visiting Rotarian** 

Kent Stone

Rick Erin

**Guest Of** 

John Ernst Randy Wright Randy Wright Larry Flannery Jason Rice

#### **Home Club**

Richardson Central Andrea Thompson Plano Metro Plano West

#### **New Member Proposal:**

Larry Bisno Classification: Health Care Proposed by: John Ernst

Classification: Telecommunications

#### Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Athena Award:

Camille Usserv

Jamie Schell

Citizen of the Year:

**Outstanding Corporate** 

The Shops at Willow Bend

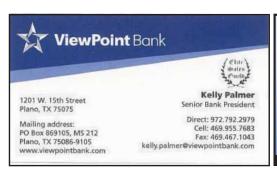
Citizen of the Year:

(Octavio & his team)

Sara Akers Classification: Children's Theater Proposed by: Larry Flannery

James Burton Proposed by: John Pittman

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