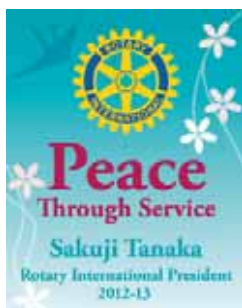


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 25:

Joe Foor, Marketing Director,
Villagio Memory Care
"How to Speak Alzheimer's"

November 1:

Alex Vispoli, Frisco Roughriders
Baseball "A Look at Life in the Minors"

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Maucieri, Richard	Oct 05
Horne, Richard	Oct 08
Sullivan, Jan	Oct 10
Botts, Robert	Oct 20
Watson, Debra	Oct 25
Jackson, Jessica	Oct 26
Lewis, J. Marc	Oct 27
Stewart, Casey	Oct 31



SO FAR only **Lori** and **Hubert** have volunteered to substitute for **Sainted** Editor while he and **Pat** play in South America. That condemns them to three bulletins each. You can cut their sentences by 1/3 by stepping up to help. If even one more of you volunteers, there'll be only two bulletins for you all to do. You too can wield the **POWER OF THE PEN**...or rather the word processor. (Doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?)



LENNY THE LAMPLIGHTER commenced the festivities at 12:16 by throwing in the towel. Given the performance of late of his beloved *Longhorns*, is it any wonder? The towel was burnt orange; the face was crimson.



HE made offers they couldn't refuse to **Joe Foor** for the Prayer and **Pam Little** for the Pledge. ("Thanks, Bob!") **HE** credited Pam and our ADG **Kent Stone** with Greeting, and called **SERGEANT-du-jour John Parker** to welcome guests and visitors.

Prince John's guest, **Larry Bisno**, was welcomed in John's absence. Scary Bob was

present (fortunate, as he was the day's speaker) to introduce his friend **Ken Bruder**, and **Reedy**



Spigner bade us greet his daughter, **April**.

John introduced Visiting Rotarians **Bert Kraft**, **Shaheen Salam**, and **Ken Maun** from *Metro*. (Collin County Tax Assessor/Collector Ken received the traditional "BOO!" not associated with Hallowe'en.) Visiting from *Sunrise* were **David Craig** and **Erin Mudie**.



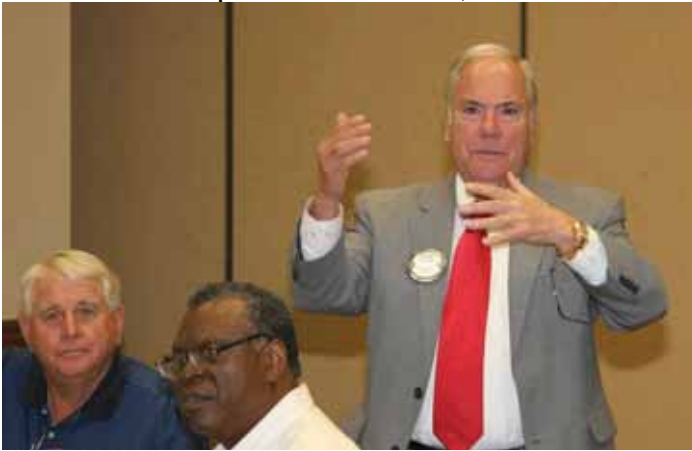
LENNY wished **Bob Botts** a **Happy Birthday** even in his absence.

Erin Mudie was front stage center to receive *Plano Rotary's* check for **\$1,152.50**

consisting of two months of fine bucket monies plus the contribution to 5870's Governor **Sandy Forster** toward water projects. *Sunrise* has such a project in Honduras, bringing clean water to an orphanage housing 250 young people. *Plano Rotary's* check will go for two reverse osmosis filters, the **STATE OF THE ART** in water filtration. The fact that they're portable may lead to high fugacity, but they'll still go to a

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good cause. (*Fugacity* comes from the same root as “fugitive” and refers to the evaporation of substances.)



Flash Flannery was permitted a retrogressive stab at political incorrectness. He told a joke about a company trying to get a tax break for diversity by interviewing “a Black, a Hispanic, and an Oriental.” **Lynn** interrupted with the comment, “Orientals are rugs. You must mean Asians.” Without missing a beat, **Flash** said that each was giving a different task to help improve the company. The Black was asked to help with cash flow, the Hispanic tasked with inventory management, and the Asian told to comment on supplies. The Black suggested billing weekly rather than quarterly. The Hispanic recommended not processing orders until goods are sold. And the Asian jumped up and shouted, “**SUPLISE!**” **Lrry** will be remanded to the custody of a Sensitivity Trainer.



Since **Lrry** is such a hard act to follow, **Lenny** asked Sainted Editor for his announcement (about the need for substitute editors). **Lynn** couldn’t resist giggling him about his golf pants, which, Chris told the congregation, were homage to **Randy Wright**.



Debbie Watson brought sanity to the proceedings by proselytizing for **Plano Symphony's Disney in Concert** program the following weekend.



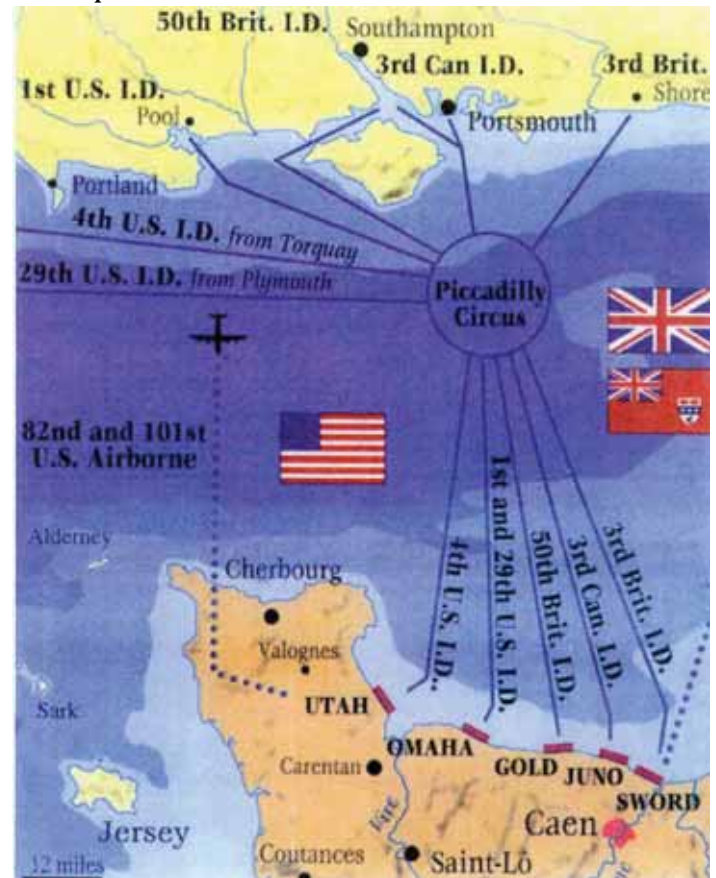
Camille Ussery rose to invite us all to the October 21st program Plano First honoring (hardly shy but yet) retiring politicos Senator **Florence Shapiro** and Representative **Jerry Madden**.



David McWhorter introduced a man who needs no introduction, **Scary Bob Epstein**. It was in the style of bullet points, appropriate to Bob’s military background and subject matters.

- Dallas Sheriff’s Reserve (two years)
- *Civil Air Patrol* Captain; ground team specialist
- Aerospace Education Officer
- Drug Demand Reduction Officer (six years)
- 19th Brigade Military Police, *Texas State Guard*
- *Assoc. of the U.S. Army*, North Texas Chapter Vice President for Membership
- Vice President for Programs for the North Texas Chapter of the *Republican Jewish Coalition*
- *Dallas Synagogue* Israel History Instructor (36 yr)
- Married to (the long-suffering) **Robbie Epstein**
- Five children

Bob’s topic was **D-DAY—BATTLE FOR FREEDOM**.



Bob was upfront about his motive: he has been giving this lecture or one like it a couple times per week to Rotary Clubs in hopes that he can increase the membership in the *Association of the U.S. Army* (AUSA). Toward that end, he had brochures on all our tables labeled **CIVILIAN**, implying that it isn’t only military who are welcome in their ranks. He hopes also to raise \$1-2 million this year for *Wounded Warriors*, an organization supported by the AUSA.

He first asked for veterans to stand and be recognized; then he wanted a show of hands of those who had veteran or currently serving military. He said that he’s been teaching military history back to the Maccabees (160 BCE),



however, this was not a reference to his tenure but rather the breadth of his subject matter. He comes by this fascination naturally. His Father dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines on D-Day! His great-grandfather didn't follow the family to the California Gold Fields but rather joined the Russian Army, eventually

arriving in America to join the 27th Regiment of the Army of the Potomac, narrowly missing **William Randolph Hearst's** Spanish American War.

True to his warning of an interactive presentation, he asked us why D-Day worked. Many of us had part of the answer that he wanted (misdirection to Calais, etc.), but Bob maintained it was **Hitler's** refusal to release the Panzers, 60% of which were slogging away in Russia on **Napoleon's** misguided quest.

He asked us what the **Piccadilly Circus** was. It was the code name given the largest armada (5,000 ships) ever assembled.

He inquired about who wanted to be the Field Commander, and he told us that **Eisenhower** won out over General **George Marshall**. (George had the last laugh with his superb exit strategy, *The Marshall Plan*.)

Then he took pity on us dumb bunnies and gave us the blow-by-blow account. After midnight, the British secured the bridges, denying an easy counterattack. Paratroopers drowned in bogs or were killed landing in Nazi strongholds. Junior officers took charge when their superiors were KIA and managed to cut lines of communication.

Another reason for D-Day's success was the decimation of the Luftwaffe. The Allies had secured air supremacy in advance and had flown 11,000 sorties prior to D-Day!

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., went ashore with the first wave and returned to the beach time and time again, earning the Medal of Honor.

Unfortunately, it had to be awarded posthumously, as he had succumbed to disease a few weeks later.

Bob touted *The Longest Day* and *Saving Private Ryan* as historically accurate portraits. High seas swamped landing craft; soldiers who had feasted at breakfast became seasick and went to the bottom with their gear strapped to them. 60% of tanks didn't make it ashore. There was a "tangle of obstructions" on the beach, and the Germans had made "good use of the cliffs." Intelligence failures left machine gun emplacements unknown to the attackers. Destroyers, ignoring orders, came dangerously close the beach to give close support.

He told the story of TAMU football coach Lt. Col. **James Rudder** who took command of his unit, storming an undamaged bunker with a range on both Utah and Omaha beaches. He used ladders borrowed from London's Fire Dept. to scale the cliffs and take it out. Starting with 225 men, he ended with only 100, saving the 34,000 on Omaha.

Had D-Day not succeeded, Bob contended, the war would have been extended 1-2 years. Although **Rommel** was at home, his army could have been thrown it, but Hitler considered Normandy a feint and kept them at Calais. Allied bombers decimated those troops when they were committed to Normandy.

2500 died on Omaha. 1200 Canadians were lost. 3000 British perished. Allies expected poison gas to leave 50,000 dead, but by the evening of D-Day, they'd landed 100,000 on the beaches.

In response to **LENNY'S** question about the stiffness of resistance on Omaha, Bob said that that beach had been considered a prime target.

Sherman Millender asked about the influence of the bad weather on the four preceding days. Bob spoke instead of the unequal forces, e.g., 21,000 Allies vs. 2,000 Axis on Gold beach.

Wayne Hendrick, a veteran of the invasion, told us the image of the paratrooper hanging from the church was real.

LENNY gave Bob **OOIAL** dog tags, led us in the Four-Way Test, and released us upon an unsuspecting world at 12:57.

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Guests & Visiting Rotarians

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Larry Bisno
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April Spigner

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John Ernst
Bob Epstein
Reedy Spigner

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Reedy Spigner
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Bert Kraft
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Erin Mudie
Ken Maun

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