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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 17

Bill Dendy
"The NEW Financial Reality of Retirement."

October 24

Marcy Wilson, Executive Director
"Hendrick Scholarship Foundation."

October 31

Paul Geisel
Past District Governor, District 5790
"A Sociological History of Rotary."

November 7

Dr. Robert McClelland
"Remembering JFK".

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Maucieri, Richard	Oct 05
Caldwell, John	Oct 06
Horne, Rick	Oct 08
Sullivan, Jan	Oct 10
Allman, Janis	Oct 18
Botts, Robert	Oct 20
Watson, Debbie	Oct 25
Jackson, Jessica	Oct 26
Lewis, J. Marc	Oct 27
Stewart, Casey	Oct 31



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Admiral Walsh to the Rescue



Our club's **Sainted Editor Chris Parr** was frolicking around southeast Asia when the Rotary meeting convened, once again leaving the Weekly

Reader in the hands of volunteers and draft-ees.

Captain Kirk belled us promptly into submission, welcomed us to the meeting, and thanked **Bev Kilmer** and **Reedy Spigner** for serving as Greeters. Reedy was into the greeting mode so deeply that he had greeted me temporarily departing the meeting. **L. B. Broach** led us in the invocation, emphasizing our gratitude for Service Above Self, followed by **Kelly Palmer** with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Nathan Barbera** took the podium to introduce our visiting Rotarians and Guests after he made a few appropriate remarks commemorating Texas-OU weekend. Lynn Schwartz responded to the football remarks, never dreaming of the bizarre outcome on Saturday. Nathan noted visiting Rotarian Clarence Gilmore, Bert Kraft and Plano Sunrise Rotary president George Elwell. Herb Hoxey introduced his wife



Helen and his friend **Jim Fassett**, a fellow veteran and fellow resident of High-

land Springs who had been immediately set to work upon arrival distributing propaganda on behalf of the speaker. **Chuck Ferguson** was introduced by Yoram Soloman. **Dean Lindsay** was introduced as a guest of visiting rotarian George Elwell. **Ron Timmons** came as a guest of Brian Crawford. Earl Simpkins introduced his guest, Collin County Republican Party Chairman **Fred Moses**.

Throwing caution to the winds in honor of the fun of Texas-OU weekend, Nathan then chose to give **Larry Flannery** access to the microphone for the

weekly interview, and Flash rose to the occasion as only he could. Flash admitted to

being born in New Jersey and claimed his father worked in a brewery. Nathan's question of whether Flash had been a well-behaved child was greeted with club-wide mirth and required no response. In answer to the question of sports participation, Larry admitted to *gambling and shooting pool*. His first job, before graduation, was in a grocery store. Flash admitted to 35-years in the travel industry. Finally realizing how far out on thin ice he had trod, Nathan backed away from permitting Larry to perpetrate one of his jokes on the club. Despite his effort, Larry got off a knock-knock joke. Who's there. Owen. Owen who? -o- and 5 NY Giants.

Jan Sullivan's birthday, handily on



October 10, was celebrated. A 4-year pin was presented to **Chuck Morgan**. Top- ping that, a 21-year pin went to Mark Johnson. Then to cap it all, a

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27-year pin was awarded with warm congratulations to **Doyle Dean**.

Jamie Schell was congratulated on son Sam making Eagle Scout.

Turning to announcements, Tournament Co-Chairmen **Alan Feigenbaum** and **Nancy Humphrey** took the podium to appeal for golfers and for workers for the 17th annual Hendrick Foundation Scramble for Scholarships to be held 11-1-13 at Stonebriar Country Club.



Nancy pointedly noted that anyone not playing in the tournament should be signed up to work. Changing the subject, Alan then made an effort to peddle \$10 Rotary caps by noting that

rotarians involved in good works to benefit the community should do so wearing a rotary cap to make clear that rotary was connected. Numerous rotarians duly produced their sawbucks.

George Elwell followed with an opportunity to sign up in the Plano Sunrise Club's **Flag Program** at \$40/year. The program covers Plano, Collin County and Murphy ISD. A discounted \$30 price is available for the rest of this year.

Cathy Tyler was installed as a new member of the club by Earnest Burke. Cathy was proposed by Kirk Bell. Earnest did his eloquent best in the installation, hampered by the club's omission of the moving candlelight ceremony. Then the membership held their collective breaths as Kirk pinned Cathy with her Rotary Pin. The membership gave Cathy a standing ovation to welcome her to the club. George Elwell got recognition for the original referral to our club and thanks from Captain Kirk for being the top member referral source for our club this year.

Herb Hoxie rose to introduce the speaker, **Admiral Patrick Walsh**, U. S. Navy (Ret.) Herb noted that as a former Navy pilot, he was honored to introduce the retired 4-star admiral. Walsh is a native Dallasite who graduated from Jesuit High School in Dallas before entering the Naval Academy. Walsh's last two assignments as Vice-Chief of Naval Operations and Commander of the Pacific Fleet, the largest

fleet in the world, are indeed impressive. In that last assignment Walsh led the U. S. military response in assisting Japan to recover from the tragic earthquake and tsunami of

March 3, 2011. The Japanese government gave him very special recognition for his efforts. He has held numerous other leadership assignments, but he was not just a desk jockey. He was an active combat pilot, flying combat operations during Operation Desert Storm, and he served two years as a flyer with the famous Blue Angels demonstration team. Walsh has had 750 carrier landings that are a challenge each time, and he says that he remembers every one.

Admiral Walsh is currently President of Strategic Programs, Academic Partnerships, LLC, and is a Sr. Fellow at SMU. He had a distinguished 34-year career in the armed forces, and he retired as commander of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, in charge of all U. S. naval assets in the Pacific and Indian oceans. Walsh commanded Strike-Fighter Squadron 105, Carrier Air Wing ONE, Carrier Strike Group SEVEN aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74), and Commanded U. S. Naval Forces Central Command and U. S. Fifth Fleet. Prior to his assignment to the U. S. Pacific Fleet, he served as Vice-Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Walsh was a special assistant to the director of Office of Management and Budget as a White House Fellow. He chaired the Department of Leadership, Ethics & Law at the U.S. Naval Academy, served in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as The Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, represented the Department of the Navy during the congressionally mandated four-year review of strategy and resources and Director of the Navy Programming Office.

Admiral Walsh led the U.S. military response to the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake. He received the "Grand Cordon—Order of the Rising Sun" from the government of Japan, was recognized by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with the "Eagle on the World Award" and the Japan-America Society in Dallas-Fort Worth with the "Sun and Star Award." The Republic of Korea recognized him with the Tong-il Award, the nation's highest peacetime military honor.

Admiral Walsh graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy with a B.S. degree. He also holds a M.A. in Law and Di-



plomacy at Tufts University. He also holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Dallas. Admiral Walsh is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, serves on the Board of Directors for the Dallas-Ft. Worth World Affairs Council as well as the Baylor Health Care System Foundation.

Admiral Walsh attempted to begin his talk by putting all of the above listed accomplishments and honors in perspective by telling of the Dallas Annual Military Ball several months ago in which he was decked out in all his medals on his dress-blue uniform. After delivering remarks honoring Ross Perot and Sam Johnson, he decided his part of the program was done and slipped out to the parking lot. He was standing elegantly alone waiting for his car when he was intercepted by a lady who had just driven up. She pursued an intercept course towards him, and he assumed she meant to compliment him on his military service. She handed him her car keys and told him she had parked in valet. That reminded him not to assume that everyone understands the military and national security.

He noted that new administrations coming into Washington often hope to introduce a business model to government to increase clarity and efficiency, but they are typically frustrated because government doesn't seem to be able to adjust to the business model. However government provides some experiences that are often useful to business.

Admiral Walsh chose to speak primarily about the relief efforts following the 9.1 earthquake and tsunami in Japan on March 11, 2011. As a result of the earthquake, Japan moved more than 7 feet, and the coastline dropped more than 3 feet. The tsunami that followed the earthquake reached 6.5 miles inland and disrupted thousands of lives. We saw the best of humanity under the worst of conditions at that time in Japan. Hundreds of people ran to the disaster to help at the same time that others were seeking to escape. The orderly life of Sendai, Dallas' sister city, was disrupted by the apocalyptic scene. The nearby reactors at the Fukushima power plant experienced continuing explosions and nuclear meltdown, but it shut down as designed rather than exploding as at Chernobyl. Many, many people pitched in to help during the disaster with no thought to credit or recognition.

On 12 September 2012, a Japanese National Police Agency report confirmed 15,883

deaths, 6,149 injured, and 2,652 people missing across twenty prefectures as well as 129,225 buildings totally collapsed, with a further 254,204 buildings 'half collapsed', and another 691,766 buildings partially damaged. The earthquake and tsunami also caused extensive and severe structural damage in north-eastern Japan, including heavy damage to roads and railways as well as fires in many areas, and a dam collapse. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan stated that in the 65 years after the end of World War II, this is the toughest and the most difficult crisis for Japan." Around 4.4 million households in northeastern Japan were left without electricity and 1.5 million without water.

The club was treated to a film showing the effects of the earthquake and the tsunami, and the multi-national relief efforts that followed. The film showed students during the earthquake and afterwards. It included scenes of the relief effort from numerous nations, conspicuously including the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet. The film ended with a long series of Japanese saying thank you for the help sent to them.

Admiral Walsh said that he was often asked how we prepared for such a disaster. Nothing in the script prepared for such an apocalyptic event. But all the Navy junior officers get master's degrees. Independent critical thinking is encouraged. That prepares us for the unplanned and the unknown. It prepares us to land on our feet and pivot to humanitarian assistance following a catastrophe. We built a horizontal organization intended to get the best possible solution. The Navy has a history of playing a hard schedule (Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guadalcanal, Okinawa) and they should never be underestimated.

Admiral Walsh ended his talk with encouragement to businessmen to hire vets.

Captain Kirk thanked Admiral Walsh for his presentation and gave him the much-coveted Rotary clock. Then he led the club in the Four Way Test and rang the bell to conclude our meeting.

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Jim Fassett	Herb Hoxie	Bert Kraft	Plano Metro	Dr. Myrtle Hightower
Chuck Fergusson	Yoram Soloman	George Elwell	Plano Sunrise	<u>Huffines Auto Dealerships</u>
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Ron Timmons	Brian Crawford	Proposed member: Cathy Tyler		
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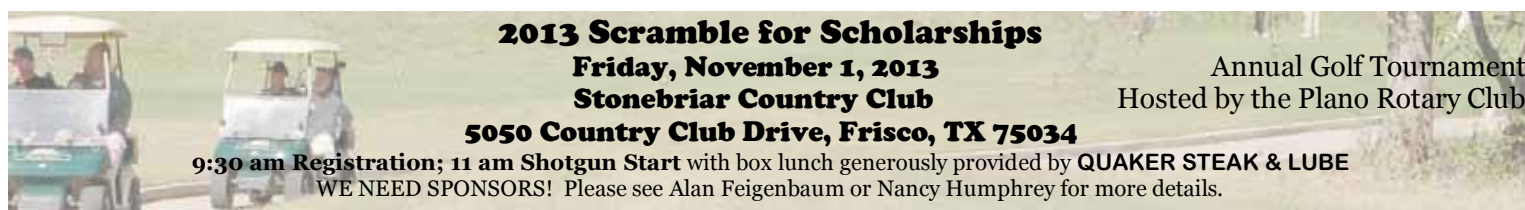


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