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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 10/28 Mark Sadowski
"TX Association of
Business" Happenings in
Austin and Washington
- 11/4 Jan Pruitt
"North Texas Food Bank"
- 11/11 Mike Simpson
"The Arts of Collin County
and Performance Hall &
Arts Park"

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/5 RICK MAUCIERI
- 10/20 WALT MEYER
- 10/20 BOB BOTTS
- 10/26 JESSICA JACKSON
- 10/27 MARC LEWIS
- 10/31 CASEY STEWART



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The Three Musketeers

Prince John went all cute on us today, stooping to diminutives for everyone's name; some of us reject diminution. He struck us in at 12:16, calling upon **LB the Good** for the Invocation and "**Herbie**" Ziev for the Pledge. ("Thanks, **Bol!**") Of course, "Johnnie" didn't dare belittle **LB**, but then what would he have called him: "**LBie?**" The President Formerly Known as **Prince** thanked **Johnny Shaw** for greeting.



SERGEANT "SKIPPIE"

was summoned to welcome one and all with his bubbly personality. He regaled us with sports stats like *Michigan State* at 7-0 and *Oklahoma & OSU* being 6-0. (He didn't mention it, but *Utah*, *Boise State*, and *Missouri* are all currently undefeated.) Of course, Skip has a fondness for *Michigan State*, and he wouldn't object to a national championship to reward his loyalty. He expressed confusion over the *Rangers* with their "*horns and claws*." It's amazing for Skip to see "*so many \$10 million men managing to have so much fun playing ball*."



Gary Basham

introduced three denizens of *Memorial Elementary*, two administrators and a 3rd Grader (but not **Maricel**[m]a **Hayek Helm**, who has flown the coop to become a Principal in Rockwall). Also having left us is **Carol Truscott**, ME's Mentor Coordinator; her office is now occupied by **Jennifer Erp** (469-752-2515), Counselor.

We had two Dads in the audience today. **Thad Stammen**, whose name is

pronounced just like the male flower sex organ, Skip, introduced his Dad, **Gary**, Grandchild Wrangler Extraordinaire. And **Chris Henry** asked us to welcome his Dad, **Ken**, who will be the ringer in Chris' Golf Tournament.



Only one Perfect Attendance pin was awarded today; it went to "**Rickie**" **Maucieri** for 22 years of consistently showing up.

"**Bennie**" **Criste** reminded us of the New Member Orientation at **Tino's in the Mall** on Oct. 28th.



Jennifer Erp asked for a minute at the podium with the Memorial Elementary Liaison to Plano Rotary and the 3rd Grader, Hazel? They explained to us the value of having a mentor by coaching the answer out of a shy student. She said she liked playing board games with her Mentor who checks on her school progress and helps solve any problems she may have. Mentors work an hour a week, and I've learned the hard way, you must reapply to be a mentor annually.

Jessica announced that the predations of a 21-month-old are wearing on her to the point where she must, reluctantly, resign



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from Plano Rotary's Executive Directorship. She's grooming **Jan Sullivan** for the role. And while we may be losing Jessica, we're still stuck with **Martin**.

"Wally" Meyer supplied a \$80 birthday check, and **Prince John** marveled that meant he was born on 10/20/30!

John said, *"There's nothing diminutive about **Gerald(ie) Brence**."* (Maybe he should have tried Gerald?) John launched into a story about time spent in an Ohio Sports Bar, but we digress.

Gerald talked about the recent advances in Plano Sports Communications, viz., via radio and the internet, all in an effort to *"publish"* the games to everyone. The trend started with the *Atlanta Braves* and continued with the *Chicago Cubs*, and now it can't be stopped. PISD is *"working out the kinks,"* but you can give it a try at

www.PISDAthletics.net



Several alumni of PISD Athletics are now playing for the football leagues. They seem to be proudest of **Justin Blaylock** of the *Atlanta Falcons*. Gerald is concerned about the helmet-to-helmet contact hit that Justin took in a recent game, but that concern is magnified here on PISD playing fields. They've had serious injuries, and so *"doing it right is paramount."*

Yes, Gerald admitted, *"winning is important, but number one is integrity."* He said, *"Football is all about resiliency, the ability to 'make mistakes and keep on goin'."* With that he introduced **Johnny Ringo**, coach of the *Plano East Panthers*.

Coach Ringo thanked PISD Administration for *"great support,"* and he singled out **Wayne Hendrick** and **Keith Sockwell** for special mention. (We won't read any significance into his omission of **Karen MacDonald**.)



The *Panthers* finished 2009 with a 5-1 record, winning the playoffs at the last possible minute. With their quarterback out on injury, they lost to Coppell 14-0. On the other hand, with their quarterback (presumably), they scored 20 points in one minute (!), and ended up tied with Hebron for 4th place.

During a breast cancer awareness drive, the team wore pink spats in support. While they were *"extremely colorful,"* Coach Ringo worried that they might be a tad emasculating (and football is nothing without testosterone). But the *Panthers* won in the second half and did *"a great job"* so attired.



As for the current season, he has a good offense, but the defense is playing catch-up, working through the injuries. Player **Keenan** he expects to have an NFL career; he's already accepted at *Harvard*, that bastion of football.

The second of *The Three Musketeers* (all for one and one for all, unless they're playing one another) **Jaydon**



McCullough, Coach of the Plano Wildcats, had a formula for success.

1. Winning
2. A winning attitude
3. Integrity of character
4. Leadership



He reminded us of **Captain Miller**, a leader of men on Omaha Beach on the 6th of June 1944. Although faced with bloody distractions, including his own head wound, he shouted, *"Get to the seawall,"* demonstrating the overcoming of adversity.

He's interested in *"growing leaders in school and the community"* even though there are 6,000 teenage alcoholics, 13 suicides a day, and 43% of teenagers pregnant. (Sounds a bit high; familyfirstaid.com quotes the rate as 34%.) He's convinced such growth *"doesn't just happen,"* but rather results from attitudes that don't *"just quit."* He recommends, *"If you accept it, expect it."* And your charges will present it.



"We are the product of people in our life," he said, *"Parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches..."* He gave his life as an example. He dreamed of becoming an NFL player, and he was given *"permission to dream."* Although he fell short, he *"felt the love,"* as it is with all his coaches who *"hug the players after a game."* Even his daughter has written him, *"Win or lose, I still love you."*

Continuing the sound bites, Coach McCullough concluded, *"The world needs more stepping up to the plate (odd metaphor for football) and less beating about the bush. It needs character."*

Last up was *Plano West Wolves* Coach, **Mike Hughes**. He explained that he comes from a family steeped in education. He has been so for 31 years. Indeed his son is a chip off the old block, coaching for his Dad.



The Wolves are in the basement with 0-4 at present, rendering Mike as turning from the best coach to a *"worst one in a hurry."* But he still thinks they've a shot to make playoffs.

He spoke of a kid who had violated the Athletic Code of Conduct and was heading out of the program (if not to jail), and Coach Hughes told him to hang out with his team players and not the bad company that led him into error. *"Iron sharpens iron,"* he said. The kid had made *"a bad decision,"* but his leniency *"made a difference in his life."*

He stresses punctuality, a simple virtue.

His wife is a teacher at Shepton High, and he considers himself *"the luckiest man in the world."*

Gerald returned to the podium to answer questions. The

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first was whether the internet videos were streamed (live) or taped. Gerald said that the UIL forbids live video, so it's taped.

Sherman Millender wanted to know how the offense is so far ahead of the defense. **Prince John** announced that Q&A was over. The answer, however, was that the 7 on 7 configuration is making receivers more prolific.

And Jaydon said the quick snaps gives the defense no time for substitutions, wearing them down.

Susan Shuler wanted to know how much Plano missed Wylie. **Prince John** reiterated his plea.

Martin Jackson pled with the coaches to coach Gerald who was losing 2-4 at Fantasy Football. Someone suggested telling Gerald that **Troy Aikman** had retired.

Herb Hoxie wanted to know about the consequences of 6A. Gerald said the

be seen writing on their clipboards with Rotary pens, which he distributed. He then thanked Jessica for her years of dedication, led us in the 4-Way Test, and belled us out at 1:04.



UIL has that as its preference. It will mean longer travel to games, so "it's a big deal." So PISD doesn't favor it. Skip Jenkins piped up, "The Board won't be voting on it."

Someone asked about a proper age for tackle football. Gerald wants to wait until Grade 5 or 6, but, he noted, Blaylock started in 7th grade.

Prince John wanted the coaches to

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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?

PLANO ROTARY CLUB FANTASY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

NFC Division

Brad Shanklin.....5-2
Octavio Ortiz.....4-3
Nathan Barbara.....4-3
Mark Waterbury.....3-4
Gerald Brence.....3-4
David Allison.....3-4

AFC Division

Martin Jackson.....5-2
Ean Sullivan.....4-3
John Ernst.....3-4
Kyle Walters.....3-4
Mark Johnson.....3-4
Ben Criste.....2-5

Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award

Chris Parr

Athena Award

Rebecca Caso

Fred Moses Award

Richard Butterfly

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of the Year

Gary Base

Kersey Can Holder:

Vance Bryson

Citizen of the Year:

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Proposed By:

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