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Weekly

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The Plano Rotary Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sep 29

Kathleen Turner

Five Fatal Flaws of Leadership

Oct 6

Sherrie Wilson

*First Female Firefighter/Paramedic
In the Dallas Fire Rescue Dept.*

Oct 13

Camp RYLA



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ean H. Sullivan	Sep 04
Rick Boyer	Sep 06
Clay Curtis	Sep 10
Satinder Baweja	Sep 16
Hubert Aaron	Sep 17



The Other Bill Dendy?

IT'S clear that to maximize your chances of being named 5810 District Governor, you should change your name to **Bill Dendy**. Wouldn't it be unique if we had a third Bill Dendy in the wings? Bill, maybe if you had a little Bill, Jr., and groomed him for the job?

King David summoned the Elders' attention (that's almost everyone's), commanding **Ean SECRET SANTA Sullivan** to issue the invocation and a newly-returned (from the Hinterlands of Colorado) **Randy Wright** to lead the Pledge. **Howard Matson** was anointed the Official Greeter.

SERGEANT KRAMER noted zero Visiting Rotarians then had to backtrack (running for President are we?), recognizing the entourage brought by DG Dendy in the form of ADG **Ken Too Tall Roberts**, ADG **Daniel Long**, and fiscally-responsible wife, **Lisa**. **Roy Reeves** welcomed his guest **Rick Armstrong**, and **Olin Jaye** arose to stand



and deliver his life in 3 minutes. Since he estimated it would take 30 minutes, Olin had to talk 10x faster, raising the pitch of his voice above human hearing. So **Sainted Editor** had to guess a lot.

Born in Austin, TX, (surely on 6th Street), Olin went to Pueblo High School and joined the US Air Force after attending the University of Arizona. His first remunerating job was with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, then, seeing the light, he became a Real Estate Developer. But the light at the end of that tunnel was an oncoming



train so he "lost my ass" and moved on to Corporate Human Relations. But then the true light dawned, and he became a licensed Commercial Real Estate broker. He and wife, **Amy**, have raised four kids. Beyond Real Estate, his life revolves around Golf and Volunteering. "That's basically it!"



David drew the "lucky winner" in **Doyle Dean**, who was sufficiently present (passing the fine bucket above) to make it stick.

Janis Allman sought volunteers for the Plano Rotaries booth at (next, as you read this) week's **PLANO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** in Haggard Park. She spoke of the hand pump created by her son that wowed kids who'd never seen one, and the little girl who pumped the water but couldn't switch her hands to the stream before it quit. When Janis helped her, she gave her "the biggest smile." Janis needs two more volunteers.



Kelly Palmer touted **CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**, calling for a couple of more mentors at, among others, **Mitchell Elementary**. **Sara Akers** said she take that one as her second, thus shaming us all, well..., all except Roy Reeves, who is taking on two as well.



Nancy Humphrey once again called for additional golfers, sponsors, and volunteers for the **SCRAMBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS** event.

King David announced that at the Board Meeting that preceded our lunch, the five Plano clubs have cooperated with **Minne's Food Pantry** to gather 2 1/2



tons of non-perishable items in time for Thanksgiving. That works out to about 10 pounds per member.

Sara Akers noted that this day was North Texas Giving Day, and that our Rotary was among the charities for which (at least) a \$25 donation will be doubled. **Alex**



Johnson said he'd just checked in and *Plano Rotary* wasn't listed; **John Caldwell** told him, "You can direct it."

Reviving **ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH**, **King David** said that August's recipient was AWOL, so he honored July's recipient, PE **Rick Horne**, for his service to the Club that "goes the extra yard." Rick, our current Treasurer and President-Elect, has been instrumental in *Jack Carter Park* and has brought forth a proposal for **The Plano Blues Festival**. (David neglected to mention Rick's heavy involvement with RYLA.) Rick scored a "perpetual" trophy.



David had to apologize for reading no official biography of DG Dendy, but time was growing short. So, instead, he mentioned that Bill's a pilot, a CPA, and an attorney, but we won't hold any of that against him. He's 16 years a Rotarian and has headed up 5810's eClub project. Bill's has wrought many "positive changes" in 5810's operations.

Commenting on the 100th birthday of the Rotary International Foundation, Bill said that there's only one other philanthropic organization older than RIF, but it isn't

crazy enough to propose to eliminate Polio by inoculating every child in the world. But with the help of **Bill Gates** and the *World Health Organization*, it's coming to pass.



To emphasize the near-universal recognition of the Rotary Wheel, DG Dendy told us that his Dad's idea of a vacation was to go camping in Texas. "So I know a lot about Texas State parks!" And every little town he passed through had welcome signs out for Rotary, Kiwanis, and other clubs. So he figured that they "must be Do-Gooders."

Then he met a recipient of a Rotary Scholarship, and it confirmed his suspicions. However, he wasn't sure "mere mortals" could join; he saw mayors, fire chiefs, bankers, lawyers, and other VIPs in Rotary. Come to think of it, "you've got all of those in your Club!" So, he said, "the most loving thing you can do is taking others to Rotary."

"Lunch on Thursdays should be the highlight of your week" because it's "important to like each other." He was invited to the Rotary Club of Dallas and attended "three or four times" before being told "there's no free lunch!" No sooner had he joined then he mentioned that their newsletter ought to be published weekly and was promptly assigned to be their **Sainted Editor**! (At this point in his presentation, he put a shameless plug in for OUR Bulletin, which modesty forbids my mentioning.) He was editor for two years, the piker! (Of course, I have yet to catch up to Orville Fudpucker's tenure of 21 years, so perhaps that's pot and kettle.)

He was having 2nd thoughts about spending time in Rotary. His office was a two-hour round trip, and the dues were two grand per year (and we're growling at 2/3 of that). So he thought, "Is Rotary the best use of my time?" (Heresy!)

Fortunately, his sponsor, **Mark Healy** (the ponytailed District Governor) suckered him back in with the changes wrought in RYLA scholars and so "re-Rotarized" him. "My sponsor means the world to me!"

His club cooperated with *Child Protective Services* to create an **ADOPT AWARENESS CARNIVAL** trying to improve the chances for teen adoption. "Everyone wants a baby," he complained. He'd hoped for one or two, but, in one day, a dozen children were placed in loving homes! He highly recommended getting "involved in a hands-on project. It's easy to do labors of love."

As for global commitments, there have been NO NEW CASES OF POLIO reported worldwide for the last two months! (Then two cases were reported in Nigeria.)

Since Rotary is "the largest non-religious, non-political [organization] in the world," its national convention hosts 40,000 delegates from all over. He recommends that we "get Rotarized" at an RI convention, especially since the next one's here in Atlanta, Georgia.

He took his son to the last one (in Seoul, South Korea), and they extended their stay to visit the DMZ to see the one million soldiers stationed on the border with North Korea. The boy wanted to “moon the North Koreans,” but Bill, cognizant of the too tempting target that would afford their snipers (just how close can we come to the bullseye?), nixed “that statement.”

While Seoul was lovely (as ~~Sainted~~ Editor can second), and Sydney was “a neat place” (third!), São Paulo, Brazil is not a place “where people want to go.” (But 2 out of 3 is batting .666!)

“Maximizing our Rotary year” takes planning. He and his brothers were tasked with preparations for their camping trips. They never forgot the same items twice! So planning is paramount; “get your reservations [for the RI convention] in early.”

Likewise, plan to attend Bill’s cool 5810 District Conference cruising the Gulf on *Royal Caribbean* for a week (23-30 April) with service days in Cozumel and Jamaica, all for as little as \$589 per person (or as much as \$3,124 for a Jr. Suite for two). And the first service you’ll perform is to get Bill out of hock and back in Amy’s good graces, since he’s booked 155 cabins on his credit card (and only ½ are claimed)! Amy’s only passive-aggressive comment was, “MY credit card hasn’t such a limit!”



Bill himself needs some seriously quick planning because the governorship “happens so fast!” He has to shove his initiatives out, for example, that to “showcase our clubs.” Larry Webb has done a couple of dozen videos of club projects (like Rotary’s cooperation with Fair Park’s *Discovery Gardens*), and he’d like to do the same for our Club.

In addition, Bill plans “a major facelift for the 5810 web site,” offering easy access to Join

A Project, Partner With Us, and the ever-popular Discover New Cultures.

With “I’d love to talk a lot longer, but I gotta stop on time. I look forward to working with all of you!” Bill stepped down to a standing ovation.

King David summoned him and Amy to the podium to present her with a \$350 check for OUR FRIEND’S PLACE, a “transitional living facility” for young adult girls seeking to “break the cycle of entitlement,” and the official DG wife’s project. Of course, Bill graciously accepted our non-perpetual desk organizer.

With a reminder to contribute in some way to Hendrick Scramble for Scholarships, Plano International Festival, and Citizen of the Month, David led us in the Four-Way Test and dismissed the gathering at 1:02.



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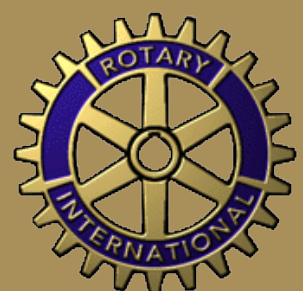
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None

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