

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 13 - How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft: Officer Christopher Biane, Plano Police Department

September 20 - No Lunch -Fundraiser @ Haggard's Barn Dinner, Entertainment, and Live Auction 6:30 pm

September 21 - Golf Tournament @ Prestonwood Country Club, The Hills Course

September 27 - Business Lessons Learned from the Fast Lane - Scott Black, President, TimePiece Public Relations

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sullivan, Ean H.	Sep 04
Foor, Joe	Sep 14
Ortiz, III, Octavio	Sep 16
Aaron, Hubert	Sep 17
Esparza, Hugo	Sep 28

NOT A DRY EYE

NEWLY-APPOINTED Chief Paparazzi **Tim McCord** was AWOL today, and Second Fiddler **Randy Wright** had not brought his Point-n-Shoot. ADG **Kent Stone** offered to take iPhone™ photos, but the action was too quick for that item.

Fortunately, Randy was recording the **TALES OF WOE** with his camcorder, so he grabbed frames from the resultant video which appear here in all their low-resolution glory! (Thanks, Randy.) **Sainted Editor** should remember to bring his own Point-n-Shoot henceforth.

LENNY THE LAMPLIGHTER, local beneficiary of the **FEDERAL RETIREMENT OF THE INCANDESCENT BULB**, called the conclave to order at 12:16, offering up not one but two inspirational thoughts for the day (with the explanation that he is inspiration-challenged).

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor Man perfected without trials(, Grasshopper).

- Chinese Proverb

I will never quit. I persevere and thrive on adversity. My team expects me to be physically harder and mentally stronger than our competition. If knocked down, I will get back up, every time. I will draw on every remaining ounce of strength to help my team and to accomplish our goal.

I am never out of the FIGHT.

- Excerpt from the Navy SEAL creed

LENNY then called out **IB** the Good to Pray and **Bruce Mr. Clean Glasscock** to Pledge, thanking the Golf Volunteers for Greeting. Then he anointed a new **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE MONTH**, **Rick Horne**, who was "truly touched" by the ironic applause. On second thought, he added, he "was truly touched in the head for doin' this."

Rick welcomed Visiting Rotarians **Richard Wells** (Sunrise), **Mark Thomason** (Park Cities), and **Kent Stone** (ADG, Richardson Central). **John Ernst**, stumping for the *Georgetown* vs. *Princeton* game, introduced **Larry Bisno**. **Lori Roberts** welcomed the President of the Latin-American Rotary, **Josephina**

Keschney-Gray. **Mark Waterbury** brought (the surely long-suffering) **Cassandra** just to prove she "went through with the marriage." **Susan Iron butterfly Shuler** introduced *Plano Children's Clinic's* new Development Director, **Stacy Gooch**. **Larry Flannery** would have welcomed **Sara Hoagland** had anybody dared to give him the floor. **Nancy Humphrey** hinted that we were to be on good behavior because a reporter from *The Dallas Morning News* was here present. But **Rutledge Haggard** won the prize for the most guests in attendance. He had strong-armed denizens of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation* to appear for the rubber chicken and peas. They included **Lori Geer**, **Marcy Wilson**, **Charla Fletcher**, **Tamara McCabe**, and Board President **Robert Lee** (whom **LENNY** thanked for the auctioned steak dinner with scotch and cigars!). **Stephanie Wells** was also present, it's a good bet she was brought by **Richard**.



An Attendance Pin (imperfect, apparently) was not awarded to **David McWhorter** since he was not in attendance. Neither was **David**



Bowen or **Johnny Lewis**. But **Jim Cooper** (1), **Lee Dunlap** (6), **Jim Anderson** (7), **LENNY SCHWARTZ** (12), **Earl Simpkins** (17), Bruce Glasscock (22), and **Ray Huffines** (28!) picked up theirs.

Jo Via hogged the spotlight to spotlight the *Plano Balloon Festival*, September 21-23 at Oak Point Park. We were to find event posters at the front table, and she expected to see us all over that weekend. **LENNY** commented that we would all show up directly after playing golf (in the *Hendrick* Tournament).

Speaking of which, **Alan Feigenbaum** arose to introduce today's MC, the Vice Chairman of the Board of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*, Richard Wells. Alan took the opportunity to remind us of our "social obligation to help the community," which included raising funds for Scholarships for At-Risk students. He wanted to thank those of us who have donated, are golfing, purchased raffle tickets (with chances to win one of seven bundled packages of golfing for seven lucky foursomes at area courses), and/or volunteering. "Everyone has done something."



Richard "shamelessly" plugged the *Wells Brothers Pet, Lawn, and Garden Center* before settling into his pitch. He noted that Superintendent **Wayne Hendrick** started the Scholarships in 1991, saying, "A true educator never retires." Since that time, the Foundation has awarded over **\$1 million** to some 250 at-risk scholars. It has added mentoring, career guidance, and lifelong learning

to its arsenal. They support 50 scholars at any one time, adding 10 new ones per year.

He thanked "Dr. Israel" and the *Collin College* for the tender, loving care given these VIP scholars. As if on cue, **Cary** bounded to the podium to edge Richard away from the microphone. He announced that *Collin College* was awarding 10 scholarships at \$12,000 immediately. Faux-stunned (Cary has done this before), Richard mused, "So if I say more nice things...?"



Richard noted the college graduation rate for non-at-risk students is about 60%. For at-risk, it drops to 50%. For *Hendrick* Scholars, however, over 76% graduate in the canonical four years.

He said that since his Father, **William Wells**, had been on the *Hendrick* Board, he is a second-generation member. And he is not alone in that! He is convinced that education is the greatest single venue for changing the scholars' lives and those of "their children and grandchildren."

He and Marcy Make 'Em Weep Wilson had brought three current *Hendrick* Scholars to tell us their stories. They drew straws to see who had to speak first. **Elizabeth Dudek** lost.

She began by telling us she goes by "Liz," then she pulled out a sheaf of papers, announcing that she would read us her application essay. She hadn't looked at it since it was submitted, but, in preparation for her talk, she reread it minutes ago and visited the horrors afresh. She apologized in advance for her emotions.



She began with the summer of her eviction. She had a summer job and had that very day told her boss that she was free to work whatever hours he assigned, but then she went home to discover her room was no longer her room. The family had to move out ahead of a lockout action. With nowhere else to turn, she stayed with friends for the remainder of that summer.



Her family's 401K had been exhausted as the mother was diabetic and the father's job as a trucker was not sufficiently remunerative to support a family. Liz's salary went for the family's groceries. Her mom had to move elsewhere to get the medical help she needed. The phone was removed. The only stability she sees in life now is her *Hendrick* Scholarship. "I wish I could be more articulate than that, but that's basically it."

Alex Schwartz also read from his application essay. He told us that he "grew up normally" until his dad remarried. His (evil) stepmother sought to micromanage her new family in dysfunctional ways. It didn't help that his older brother died of a drug overdose. Alex reacted to save his sanity by staying away from home as often as possible, working, for example,



at **SUBWAY** after school from 5-10 pm, clocking 35-40 hours per week. He saved his salary, and purchased his first car, earning the admiration of his father.

He changed jobs, working now as a waiter in an (unnamed) Italian restaurant, but it all ate into his academic performance. To encourage himself to excel, he took advance placement courses.

His Dad divorced the harpy but, by then, had become an alcoholic and couldn't hold a job. So Alex supported him and his stepbrother who was afflicted with Down syndrome. The brother's hospital bills now total over a million dollars! All this has left Alex pathologically wary of marriage and romance.



He was able to engage in a German Student exchange which has encouraged him to become a teacher of English overseas. He credits the Scholarship with enabling his college career.

McKayla Cornett had the toughest time of all, relating the "blood on the walls" that defined her relationship with a cold, cruel universe.



Her Mom is addicted to drugs and alcohol. She has endured 3 out of 4 of her Mom's marriages with hardships during each. She was a product of the second marriage, and she has remained connected to her biological father while the first husband was jailed for abuse. It was "a huge relief" when he went to jail, but she fears he'll be out in three and "what if he comes back?"

Her homeless mom continues as an addict, dating "drugees." She described living in a van with mom, four girls, and mom's boyfriend in less than affectionate terms. They were in an apartment for a short time, and she remembers her mother running to the children's room to escape the abuse. Her mom finally snapped, savaging the abuser and going to jail for it.

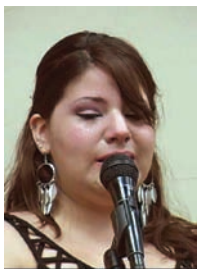
That's when Kayla and her three sisters moved in with her grandparents, who fought for custody of the children. "Grandma is the reason I'm here today."

School was her "escape." A kindly Art Teacher sympathized saying, "That's not how people are to be raised." Now she wants to emulate the teacher, studying art to become an art therapist.

Her main goal now is to finish college. She thanked the *Hendrick Foundation* for enabling that.

Kayla, and indeed all the students, received standing ovations for their courage and candor.

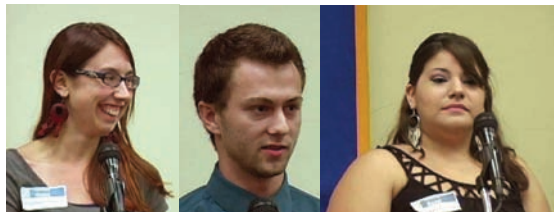
Richard had an easy sell after that. He thanked us for the scholarships that aided such students and noted that the Foundation needs not only more money but



also mentors and job opportunities for the scholars.



Cary and led us in the Four-Way Test, belling us out at 1:12.



LENNY gave the student speakers the dog tags from **OPERATION ONCE IN A LIFETIME**. He inquired how long Rotary had supported the *Hendrick* Scholarships and was told it was 21 years! So he commended the Club on its good works. He thanked

Due to the lateness of the hour, **Sainted Editor** didn't get a chance to embarrass fellow Rotarians for their yeomen volunteer efforts on behalf of the recent tour of Plano by Japanese home-stay visitors.

Ray Huffines and **Octavio Ortiz** aided them with transportation and a great shopping experience. **Brad Keith** and **Randy Wright** facilitated their visit by chauffeur-ing the daylights out of them in Ray's vans for twelve hours straight!

I thank all of you for your selfless service, and I promise you that the visitors would do likewise.

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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?

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest

Larry Bisno
Stephanie Wells
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Josefina Keschny-Gray
Richard Wells
Mark Thomason
Kent Stone

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John Ernst
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Member NEWS

New Member Proposal:

John Yeung
Classification: Restaurant
Management

Proposed by: Jo Via

New Member Proposal:

Timothy B. McCord
Classification: Signs Printing
Proposed by: Randy Wright

New Member Proposal:

Kevin Hanigan
Classification: Banking
Proposed by: Keith Sockwell

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Randy Wright

Athena Award:

Camille Ussery

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