



Summer Weekly

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The Plano Rotary Club
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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 19

Lynn McClean, CEO
Children's Advocacy Center
of Collin County"

September 26

Robbie Robinson
"Legacy" (1:10 end time)

October 3

Richard Matkin, PISD
Superintendent
"PISD Today"

October 10

Admiral Patrick Walsh
"Current National Security
Challenges."

October 17

Bill Dendy
"The NEW Financial Reality
of Retirement."

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sullivan, Ean H.	Sept 04
Baweja, Satinder	Sept 16
Aaron, Hubert	Sept 17

PRESIDENT **KIRK** summoned our attention at 12:14, calling up on DG 1st Lady **Jan Sullivan** to deliver the Invocation and **Bob Pikna** to lead us ("and [Scary] Bob too") in the Pledge. **Nancy Humphrey** was our Greeter. Since **Nathan** was AWOL, **KIRK** took over as 2nd String Sergeant.

Dennis Fuller introduced "the loveliest woman I know," his wife **Julie**. **LE THE RADIANT** bade us fête again his 49th Anniversary with **Donna**. **KIRK** recognized the



returning guest **Cathy Tyler**. **Alex Johnson** had "3 beautiful women" as his guests: **Anderson Elementary** Principal **Monica Jackson**, her ravishing factotum **Laura**



Del Hierro, and his wife **Laura**. **John Ernst** introduced the Clinic's landlord, **Andy Hale**.

Visiting Rotarians included husband-and-wife team **George** (President of *Sunrise*) and **Marianne Elwell** (*N Tx Pioneers*) and PDG **Helen Reisler** (1st woman member of the *New York Rotary*). **George Elwell** was honored as doing the "heavy lifting" on the



9/11 event; he was presented with our much-sought-after Rotary Clock and a "personal thank you note" from **CAPTAIN KIRK**. **Kirk** then acknowledged the Keynote Speaker for the 9/11 event, PDG **Helen Reisler**, and called her to the podium.



Helen received a standing ovation and read us a poem she had authored for the occasion "to touch you and have you remember."

We Are Rotarians

We are business, professional, and community leaders
Who are ready to serve and be involved.

Without using guns, knives, or bombs
To get the world's problems solved.

We combat hunger, poverty, disease, and promote education,
Exchange students and rising young leaders
To create better global relations.

We address natural disasters
And send our volunteers.
Clubs partner with clubs
Both far and near.

We save hundreds of lives every day
And celebrate our fellowship along the way.

We're a volunteer army
Working in teams,
Giving people hope,
Activating dreams.

Helen Reisler
PP Rotary Club of NY
PDG 2005-6
RI Alt. Rep. to the UN



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

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Following Nathan's lead, **KIRK** held an INSIDE THE ROTARIAN STUDIO interview with Speaker du Jour **Ean Sullivan**. Born in Watonga, OK (no one booed). His Pop was a Diesel Mechanic. As a youth, he played tuba (that explains it). His 1st speech was awarded 3rd Place Honors;



there were 3 speakers. There were 56 students in his graduating class. He attended *SW State College* in Weatherford, OK, where he learned to play pool. After Vietnam, he finished *cum laude* at *SMU*! He was drafted into the Marines and decided that Officer Candidate School was preferable to being a grunt. He flew the back seat in F4s (including a stint as a Weapons Officer for pilot **Reeves Davis**)! **KIRK** asked him if prior to his 1st mission he had "brown hair and white shorts."

Favorite car: *Chevy*. Most embarrassing Rotary moment: instead of saying "I have as my guest today my wife, **Jan**," saying "I have as my wife today, *Jan*."



KIRK thanked Ean too for his **Birthday Check**, indicating that he now "was eligible for Social Security." And he recognized Rotary Anniversaries for **Dave Bowman** (5), **Lenny Schwartz** (13), **Earl Simpkins** (18), and **Johnny Lewis** (26).

"Mr. Magnificent" **Earnest Burke** arose to induct two of **KIRK'S** sponsorees: **Bev Kilmer** and **Gene Champagne**. Earnest rewrote **Ken Roberts'** masterpiece to finish the job, and Kirk pinned the new members to a standing ovation. (We were certainly getting our exercise, working off the *Pitchfork's* fine meal.)

Scary Bob put in a pitch for a **Scary Bob**-funded breakfast at *Gleneagles Country Club* at 7:15 on Friday, October 4 to which we were to invite candidate members. The speaker will be Col. **J.P. Hogan** (US Army, ret'd.). Someone cruel suggested that **Scary Bob** take a picture of himself, but that's already been done.



Alan Feigenbaum suffered **Scary Bob's** directions before touting the *Hendrick Golf Tournament* and introducing Dennis' wife and *Hendrick* Board Member and Mentor, **Julie**. She rose to say how scholar-mentoring has changed her life, and she recommended it to us. She finds helping students has led her to "a truly new path in life." She thanked *Plano Rotary Club* for offering "not just a check." And she asked business leaders to contact **Marci Wilson** with internships opportunities.



KIRK mentioned our club social, a golf outing after the next meeting: a round at *Canyon Creek* for only \$30. Then **HE** asked all the PDGs present, including **Helen** and **Brad**, to rise and be recognized. That way standing for Ean wouldn't be such "a pain."



Ean mentioned telling the *Ennis Rotary* on Tuesday that he roundly appreciated the respect they'd given him since he'd not see that on Thursday. He told us that a quarter century ago, when he joined Rotary, it was as a confirmed cynic. He believed do-gooders both domestic and international were suckers who'd see their contributions whittled away by greed and corruption. (Cue the stories of foreign aid being sold to disaster victims by Banana Republic governments.)

So he joined for less-than-altruistic reasons. It was **Jan** who led him to Rotary. He said, "I met my wife at this very hotel," and the room erupted in laughter.



Mumbling something about “*going off-script*,” he quickly added, “*at a **Christian Singles’ Mixer!***” (Randy Wright opined, “*Good recovery.*”)

Jan’s Dad had been a Rotarian and owned the restaurant where Rotary met, so she suggested that Ean join “*to learn about Plano.*”

Even though the Club used Ean “*as the dummy*” in martial arts presentations, all he knew about Plano came through Rotary. Then **Herb Hoxie** became DG and refused to take “*no*” for an answer when requesting Ean to become his Communication Chairman. Ean thought that attributable to a “*selective hearing aid.*”

Herb’s District Conference was scheduled at “*a four-star resort*” in Puerto Vallarta. So Ean was certainly going to go! But Herb insisted upon a service component, and, together with the *Puerto Vallarta Rotary*, they chose to paint a school. They not only did that but also brought school supplies for the children.



The PV Rotarians cleverly suggested that 5810 see another school and took them to a tin hut in the jungle! It was where the PV government had relocated the undesirables so as not to inconvenience the tourist trade. They passed out school supplies to the 200 children and took note of the absence of a toilet and the presence of only a single water faucet, then went back to their four-star resort.

Ned Startzle interrupted the Conference the next day saying that he couldn’t sleep. Those kids “*could have been my grandkids!*” So he donated \$1,000 on the spot. 5810 raised \$67,000 that day to build a real school. They gave it to the PV Club who built the school with \$60,000 AND RETURNED THE \$7,000!

When 5810 went back, there stood a gleaming white, 2-story school surrounded by a now-thriving community. A 7’ tall Rotary Wheel proudly adorned the building and Ean was as stunned by that as he was by the little girl who shared her candy with him. He keeps it in his desk drawer to remind himself of the good that Rotarians can do.

Skip Jenkins asked why we can do this for Mexico and not for Plano. And the *Plano Children’s Medical Clinic* Building became adorned with its own Rotary Wheel. Plano’s other clubs and *Richardson Rotary* pitched in to make that happen. So a cynic died in Mexico.

Since the DG’s wife has a personal charity that she espouses, Jan told us **END POLIO NOW** is hers for this year. She said “*we’re this close to getting polio back!*” paraphrasing the Rotary line. The 3 stricken countries doubled this week to 6. And the virus was found (not in people) in Israel. She cites an estimate of \$5B to end Polio in 5 years.



Saying that “*she always gets the last word*,” Ean sat down only to rise again to receive the Rotary Clock and a \$400 check for RI Foundation from PRC. **KIRK** then led us in the 4-Way Test and closed the meeting at 1:04.



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Cathy Tyler
Monica Jackson
Laura Del Hierro
Laura Johnson
Andy Hale

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Dennis Fuller
L.B. Showalter
Kirk Bell
Alex Johnson
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John Ernest

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Helen Reisler
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Friday, November 1, 2013
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9:30 am Registration; 11 am Shotgun Start with box lunch generously provided by **QUAKER STEAK & LUBE**
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Hosted by the Plano Rotary Club