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The Plano Rotary Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nov 03
Ogie Shaw
What To Do About American & Childhood Obesity

Nov 10
Nancy Humphrey
Property Tax Relief and Transparency in Taxation

Nov 17
Dr. John Michels
(Former Green Bay Packer)
Having the Spine to Follow Your Passion



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lissa Smith	Nov 03
Olin Jaye	Nov 05
Martin Jackson	Nov 12
Tamara Dreger	Nov 28



Hendrick sans Wayne

KORY Bourque, of Ludlow's *The Bourque Identity*, is a 3.5 GPA Hendrick Scholar at *Collin College* destined for mathematics at *UTD*. *Sainted Editor* was delighted that Kory sat at his table, because he could relate the math specialties at the university (statistics and mathematical physics). Kory got *Sainted Editor's* "business" card for future consultation.

King David decreed the convocation commenced at 12:16 (12:10 henceforth), calling upon **Blair Ritchey** for the Invocation and **Maria Mott** for the Pledge. Greeting was the null set (to continue the math theme). But **SGT. KRAMER** was willing and able.

Chris Parr bade us welcome his "blushing bride of 30 years," **Patricia Storck**. **Roy Reeves** introduced **Will Mosby** whose IT work "is over my head."

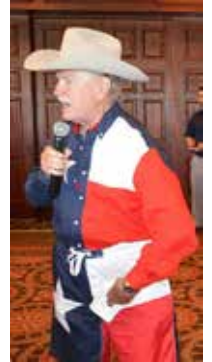


And **Charles Milby** welcomed back **Daniel Askari**, a candidate for membership. Jason harassed Charles about his fantasy football team's performance against Jason's. Charles complained, "those three players came out of nowhere" at the last minute.

Randy THE RADIANT Wright had drawn the *Black Jelly Bean* last week, and so he stood and delivered his **Three Minutes of Fame** speech...from notes. As he explained, "I'm going to be 80 next year," and he's lived a long life full of ventures and adventures, so a bullet list was in order.

Randy is a self-made man, only appropriately named as a *randywright* (you know, shipwright, playwright, randywright, etc.). Having the mic thrust upon him, he complained,

"But I'm an auctioneer," and doesn't need amplification. Then he commenced on the longest three minutes in the history of the Club. But no one complained except **Olin Jaye**, who presented Randy with a summons to appear and answer the charge of desecrating the Texas Flag.



Born in Chicago in 1937 (and the next day, 10 striking steel workers were killed there by cops; coincidence? I think not). His first sales position was hawking Xmas cards door-to-door. One sympathetic target explained the first rule of salesmanship: "You don't say, 'You don't want to buy any Xmas cards, do you?'"

He was a cheerleader, drove a *John Deere*, set linotype, and was tax-audited at 16 for his wiring business. At *Univ. of MO*, Randy managed a liquid air plant and graded papers while obtaining his Electrical Engineering degree. After becoming "a trained killer" at Ranger School, he spent 3½ years "in the 8-inch howitzer business" and securing tactical nuclear weapons in Germany.

After the military, he joined the avionics team at *Collins Cedar Rapids* before moving to Plano in '68 to become Product Line Manager for computers. In 1972, he told **David McCall, Jr.** ("not III"), "I'm here to run your real estate business." That brash pitch succeeded. He started his own RE business in '77, which he sold in the 90's (good timing, Randy!) to consult instead on the design and opening of 15 other offices. From '01-'07, he was CEO of the *Collin County Association of Realtors®*, increasing their membership from 2K to 5K.

"Along the way," he was

- naturalized as a Texan by Gov. **Bill Clements**,
- became *Small Business Person of the Year*,

- chaired fundraisers for *United Way*, the *YMCA*, and his church,
- obtained licenses for
 - Radio Operator,
 - Real Estate,
 - Master Gardener,
 - Commercial Hot Air Balloon pilot,
 - Registered Professional Engineer, and
 - Auctioneer.

Currently he's President of *WRIGHT Solution*, married to Diana for 30 years, father to five, grandfather to eight, and great-grandfather to one. He's had a condo in Winter Park, CO, for as long as he's been married. He and Diana spend their summers cooling off there.

Randy then was privileged to draw the winner of Visitation Prize, **Sara Akers**, who was not present but still won.....what? King David turned to **Alan SPIRITWARE Feigenbaum** expectantly. Alan said, "Well, Johnny, we have a casual polo shirt..." which David amended to "an ensemble of four polo shirts plus" the two tickets to *Rover Dramawerks* he'd won from Randy but couldn't use. But, since she wasn't present, it wasn't known if she could use the tickets, so David amended that to giving them away, first-come-first-served. It was only consistent, then, that **Jason Rice**, Director of *Rover Dramawerks*, won the *Black Jelly Bean*, and will have his **Three Minutes of Fame** two weeks hence (since there's **no meeting next week**...by virtue of the Golf Tournament).



Rick Horne proselytized for the many "volunteer opportunities" for the *Plano Blues Review* scheduled in *Oak Point Park* for 17 June. He lauded **Jo Via** and **Jessica Jackson** for their help with the finer points of running a festival. He had sign-up sheets on the tables to solicit managers and worker bees for gates, parking, musical acts, vendors, and more. All proceeds will go to our Foundation with *PISD* musicians to benefit from instrument donation.

King David noted **Minnie's Food Pantry's** Thanksgiving Food Drive to which we and the other Plano clubs will contribute 1000# each. He needed two members with pickup trucks to appear at *PSHS* at 8:30 on 5 Nov to receive food donations from members. David will email us further details. In lieu of food, he'll accept cash.

Alan then introduced **Gregg Pappas**, Exec. Dir. of the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*. He noted that a quarter of a century ago, **Rutledge Haggard**, **Johnny Lewis**, and **Dr. Wayne Hendrick**, among others in our Rotary Club, launched what has become the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*. The Club continues its support of their good works through leadership (**Mary Jo** heads its Board of Directors) and sponsorship of *Scramble for Scholarships*.



Gregg told us, "I appreciate the opportunity to talk about the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation*" and "it's important that you know the great things that are going on" within it.

He has intimate knowledge of Rotary, his father having been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and Gregg having

been a Rotarian (in *Park Cities*) for more than seven years a decade ago. (Hmmm...possible new recruit...an offer he can't well refuse.)



He then introduced us to his new (since August) Academic Advisor, **Veronica Tobias**. She has a heavy schedule meeting with students, coaches, and Collin College officials. We were also treated to another of his guests, **Lori Cecil**, the Foundation's event manager, who oversees our tournament, the *Taste of Elegance*, and more.

He reiterated the History of the Foundation: started as the *Hendrick Academy of Honor* by Superintendent (for 30 years) Wayne Hendrick in 1991. Fortunately, Wayne witnessed its "unprecedented" growth before his death; unfortunately, Gregg didn't have the opportunity to meet him.

In 2007, the Academy changed its name to the *Hendrick Scholarship Foundation* to more closely reflect its activity. (The former title had it confused with an educational entity.) Until that time, it was run by volunteers. He pointed out the brochures and business cards on our tables, should we require further information.



Under Mary Jo's leadership, the Board has looked at and updated the Foundation's Mission: "Provides *Plano ISD* graduates, who have overcome adversity, with scholarships and support services to promote success in life." He thanked Mary Jo, Rutledge, and others for their continued involvement with the Foundation.

In the current semester, HSF is supporting 54 students. Since 1991, it has distributed 300 scholarships and \$1M to students who are 90% first-generation collegiate. They range in age from 17 to 25. The Foundation is proudly supporting 16 new scholars this year, among them, Kory Bourque, who "inspires" Gregg.

Lori tag-teamed us, chiming in that 70% have graduated with a two- or four-year degree from substantial institutions like *UTD*.

Gregg continued, "We haven't done a good job of data collection," but now the Foundation has a Data Task Force for that purpose. It wants to find out "what kind of life do they [the graduates] have now?" *Plano Rotary's* \$10K grant supports both *Collin College* students (\$1,500 per annum) and four-year students (\$3,000 per annum).

Lori told us the scholars "need a support network" to aid them in balancing work, family, and school. She of-

ferred us a graphic, four-legged stool, upon which rested a seat of MOTIVATION, which she called fundamental to success. The pillars supported by it were FINANCE, PERSONAL, SOCIAL NETWORK, and ACADEMIC.

Gregg outlined the services offered by the Foundation:

- **Coaching/Tutoring**
- **Educational Planning**
 - Helping students identify the sequence of courses necessary to reach their life goals
- **Career Guidance**
 - Helping them choose the fields that match their strengths.
- **Life Skills Workshops**
 - Creating a personal budget
 - Buying a car
 - Renting an apartment
 - Where to go for food/housing
- **Referrals** to community resources
- **Web-based tutoring.**

Lori told us of success stories like **Logan**, who went to *UNT* and now is Director of Emergency Management at NASA. **Vincent** runs a tutoring company in Plano. She also lauded community partners like *Legacy Bank of Texas*.

Gregg included in that list *Collin College*, where their liaison advisor is a former Hendrick Scholar. He said that all they're trying to do is "give 'em a fighting chance. Education is the great equalizer."

Kory then rose to tell his tale. He graduated from *Plano West* (where kid's cars outclass teacher's) as the only Hendrick Scholar. He works as a manager at *Chick-fil-A*, since his single-Mom must support his three younger siblings. He was fortunate enough to be interviewed by Dr. Hendrick personally. "I owe him my education." He's grateful too to his coach, **Chris Hair**, who offers advice about schooling and living and arranges tutoring "for my harder math classes. If I ever need anything, I can go to the Foundation." He thanked us for our support with which he's entering *UTD* next fall

Mary Jo Dean confirmed the need for volunteers for the Golf Tournament adding that "we are short four to six teams." She said that Nancy Humphrey and **Kelly Palmer** have worked hard to ensure "our footprint on the community is huge." Kelly touted the raffle tickets at \$25 (5 for \$100 or 12 for \$200) to win Southwest airfare, rounds of golf, walls of wine, and several nights on the town, dining at Plano restaurants. Mary Jo said, "make your checks out Hendrick Scholarship Foundation."



King David presented all and sundry with desk organizers and emphasized that there'd be no meeting next week. He wished Dr. Parr safe travels to India, noting his one-month absence. (Olin Jaye applauded that!) David concluded with the Four-Way Test and disbanded the convocation at 1:05.



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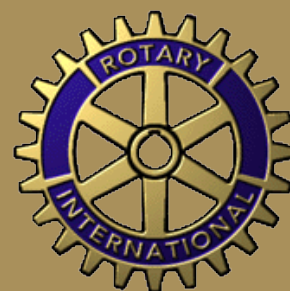
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