

The third season of the Early Act First Knight (EAFK) program kicked off in the gym of the Whitcomb Elementary on September 23, 2014. Principal Diana Kattner and Club President Scott Rainey made the opening remarks to a gym full of excited students from kindergarten to the fifth grade. Past President Sheryl Berg gave Dr. Jack Bacon a shining star award for his being the squire for the program last year. Knight Sir Cass and Lady Hanna entertained the students with examples of knight paraphernalia such as a helmet, a sword, a shield, and a chain mail protective gear. Each piece of protection was demonstrated by a student from the audience. Also each piece of protection was used as an example of one of the virtues that the students would be studying and emulating. At the close of the program a black knight (play acted by Sir James) came out and challenged Sir Cass. A sword fight broke out, and a realistic looking one, with Sir Cass eventually overpowering Sir James and making him repeat the Rotary 4-Way Test. In the end Sir Cass and Sir James shook hands and the bad knight became a good knight. The kickoff was also the first lesson in Trustworthiness. Five award ceremonies, culminating in awards for about 30 students in the six grade levels for each category of virtues, will be conducted over the ensuing school year: respect/friendliness, responsibility/discipline, fairness/honesty, caring/compassion, and citizenship/service. Eleven Rotarians and a visitor from the Clear Creek Independents Schools District Board of Trustees attended.