



Rotary Club of Los Gatos Cat Tale

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ANNUAL ROTARY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

The main event for the day was the Annual Los Gatos High School Rotarian-sponsored speech contest. The contest is named after **Richard B. King**, a Past Governor. First, **President Tony** presented **Bob Mistele** with a plaque for continued excellent service. Bob was the MC for the speech contest, and explained the rules and awards. Only 37% of Rotary clubs hold a high school speech contest. The theme was *servicing humanity*, and the speech must contain elements of the Rotarian 4 way test: Is it the truth, is it fair, does it promote goodwill, and is it beneficial. Each speech is 4-5 minutes, as timed by **Ron Cassel**. Bob Mistele took a moment to thank Ron, a former long-time instructor at Los Gatos High School, for his continued volunteering at the school.



Elan Friedland

The first speaker was **Elan Friedland**. He is a senior preparing to major in economics or business. He is active in speech and debate, piano and KCAT. He

spoke of the elements of fairness regarding education, and how one's accident of birth location should not preclude the right to a quality education, and how Rotary helps educational causes in developing countries. He also spoke of how Rotary builds goodwill through its micro loan program, helping those in the economic downturn in Detroit.

Speaker number two was **Zee shaan Chunawala**, a sophomore interested in biology and swimming. He noted how Rotary helps those less fortunate with their polio and clean water programs. They also promote good will with the community Crab Fest and homeless breakfasts, and promoting volunteerism.



Zeeshaan Chunawala

The third speaker was **Justin Quan**, a sophomore interested in engineering, speech, and robotics. He noted that there is 1 Rotarian for every 6000 people in the world. Rotarians

spread their goodwill by encouraging others. For example, the polio program encouraged UNICEF and the *Bill and Meilnda Gates Foundation* to also contribute in eradicating polio. Rotarians also encourage literacy through donations and reading with children, and scholarship programs.



Justin Quan

The final speaker was **Sawye Raygani**, a sophomore interested in biology and speech and debate. She volunteers at the Iranian Equality Center and at a safe haven for the sexually abused. She noted that through serving humanity, Rotarians give a voice to those who lost theirs. She quoted Longfellow to illustrate how one can make life sublime through actions. She noted the polio efforts, plus the empowering projects run in the Philippines, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The judges were sent from the room to tally their scores. Speech and debate coach **Zach Wilson** spoke briefly of his pride in working with these bright and promising students. A big thank you goes out to the Rotarian judges for their efforts. Though it was tough, the judges returned with the following awards:

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SPEECH CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

1st place (\$200)- **Sawye Raygani**

2nd place (\$100)- **Zeeshaan Chunawala**

3rd place (\$50)- **Justin Quan**



Bob Mistele, Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District Superintendent and Club Speech Contest chair, did the MC honors

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Meeting

Presiding
President Tony James

Pledge
Dick Konrad

Invocation
Patti Van der Burg

Editor Patti Van der Burg

Photos Patti Van der Burg



VISITING ROTARIANS — Carol Abela

Carol Abela introduced his large group of Almaden Valley Rotarians that are considering Los Gatos Rotary: Randy Zimmer, Paul Johnson, Michelle Nelson, Elaine Blaise, Greg Gamon, and Harold Pascal. President Tony thereafter referred to the large group as *Carol's Posse*.

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

Miriam Negari (Kamyar Negari)

WE CARE

Patti was covering for Gae La Torre, who was out with knee surgery. She is recovering well.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Judith Propp*, Dave Downing, Marlon Smith, Canan Sonuk, Michele Behr*, and Marshall Smith*. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALL !

* not in attendance



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Feb 14 Valentines Day — Amy Potts
- Feb 21 "Eastern vs, Western Medicine"
Doc Mitchell
- Feb 28 "ELC Presentation"
- Mar 7 "Rebuilding Together"
Teresa Gallo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 3 Annual Rotary Ski Competition
Lake Tahoe
- Mar 4 Annual Tahoe Ski Competition Dinner
at John Colwell's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tony reported that the *First Thursday Happy Hour* was indeed happy last week at *Stiletto's*. Rotarians are encouraged to bring their sweethearts (or spouses, but not both...yikes!) next week on Valentine's Day for a special treat.

Ski weekend is coming next month. **Andrew Howard** made the ski reminder announcement as **Eric Eberle** had to step out of the meeting, and Andrew was kind enough to let everyone know he thinks Eric is covering everyone's drinks all weekend. Sorry, Eric! That'll teach you to step out.

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NEW MEMBER

There was then a new member induction ceremony, not as painful as it sounds though. **Hal Rosen** was introduced by his sponsor **Marlon Smith**, and given his red badge. Hal had an impressive career with over 80 patents while spending 30 years at IBM, including one to extend DVD length to hold an entire movie. He was inspired by a former boss to become a Rotarian, and sought out our club last fall after retiring. After a serious detour undergoing open heart surgery, he has recovered, is smiling again, and is ready to resume. He appreciated the special kindness Marlon gave while healing up, and has felt very welcomed by the club. Glad to have Hal aboard!



New Red Badger Hal Rosen
and his sponsor Marlon Smith

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SISTER ROTARY CLUB MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

MONDAY

PALO ALTO

Ming's Restaurant
1700 Embarcadero Road
MILPITAS

Embassy Suites Hotel
901 E. Calaveras
SCOTTS VALLEY
Hilton Hotel

*All meeting times 12:15 pm
Unless noted otherwise*

Los Gatos Lodge
50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd

TUESDAY

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Historic Adobe Bldg.
Moffett Field
SANTA CRUZ Sunrise

7:15 am De La Viega Golf
CAMPBELL / S.J. West
Eastfield Ming Quong Ctr
251 Llewellyn Ave

SUNNYVALE
Lookout Rest. Muni Golf
GILROY Elks Lodge
2765 Hecker Pass Rd

FREMONT
Massimo's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

SUNNYVALE Sunrise

7:00 am Le Boulanger
LOS GATOS Morning
7:15 am Los Gatos Lodge

50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd
SAN JOSE Summit Ctr
4th & San Fernando
CUPERTINO

Quinlan Comm. Center
WATSONVILLE
Elk's Lodge

MORGAN HILL
Morgan Hill Comm. Center
FELTON / San Lorenzo
Mt. Hermon Ctr. / 7 am

THURSDAY

SAN JOSE Sunrise

Club no longer meets
ALMADEN VALLEY
Boulder Ridge Golf

1000 Old Quarry
SANTA CLARA
Hilton Santa Clara
4949 Great America Pwy

SAN JOSE EAST
Ranch Golf Club
4601 Hill Top View

FRIDAY

SAN JOSE North

HP Pavilion Arena
SARATOGA
Community Center / 12 n

SANTA CRUZ
Elk's Lodge / 12:10 pm

Los Gatos Lodge
50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd

MEMBER INFORMATION

As the Cat Tale will again be published on our web site, we will cease posting new member info and member address corrections in the Cat Tale, for privacy reasons. For this information, use the **Clubrunner Members Area**, which is NOT available to the public.

MEMBERS INDUCTED IN FY 2015-2016



Michelle Behr



Jack Chevlen



Michael Bisbee



James Park



Leola Edmond



Neal Mudgett



Margaret Smith



Canan Sonuk



Madeline Smith

MEMBERS INDUCTED IN FY 2015-2016



Angelique Pimentel



Henry Vitkovich



David Karwowski

MEMBERS INDUCTED IN FY 2016-2017



Joyce Cordi



Ketan Shah



Geraldine Arce



Marty Fishman



Dick Konrad

MEMBERS INDUCTED



Greg Butterfield



Amy Potts



Cathy Schumacher



Chad Clemings



Janice Gali



Shane Rogers



AnnMarie Valle

IN FY 2014-2015



Patti Van der Burg



Gordon Levin



Kathy Murtfeldt



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