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MEETING of 15 July 2002

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OPENERS

A rousing pledge was led by who else, GLORIA

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:

Umpire JACK RIDDLE gave us a "K" for no visiting Rotarians. RUTH SCHNEIDER introduced her guest, LYNNE DOTSON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PAM BRANDIN announced that the We Care Committee will be chaired this year by BOB SMITHWICK so if you know of anyone in the Club in need of that special Rotary lift, be sure to let BOB know. For that matter, let everyone know.

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF distributed Program Report Cards covering the past Rotary year. We want to maintain the Program Committee's excellent record, so let them know what you liked or found uninteresting.

BILL BUSSE reported that the Club's Wheelchair Committee was well represented at the July 4 Chili Cook-Off at Mitchell Park. BILL, WAYNE THOMAS and DAVID NEGRIN set up a booth for distributing information on the desperate need for wheelchairs around the world. The booth was manned/womanned for the rest of the day by WAYNE, DAVID, RUTH SCHNEIDER, LORRAINE PHILLIPS and ANITA and ANDY MOSER. Thanks or spreading the word, guys/gals.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 22 – NASIR DURANI and MICHAEL H. ABKIN will share their experiences and insights about Afghanistan, its current situation and future prospects, based on their recent trip to Kabul as part of a reconstruction needs assessment delegation.

OPENING REMARKS



LYLE CONNELL with his real life narrative, convinced us all that mysterious benefits often result from gifts and good deeds given with no expected return. He cited one real life historical event which has shaped all our lives.

FINEMASTER PAR EXCELENCE

MIKE TRAUGOTT set the tone by making the first tribute. After that it looked easy as it always does for MIKE. In quick succession, revenue in the form of fines and/or President's Club memberships sprang forth from GLORIA HOM, NANCY LYTTLE, SAM WEBSTER, PAM BRANDIN, DAVID NEGRIN, ART STAUFFER, ANDY MOSER, BETSY BECHTEL and even visitor but always a member at heart KLAUS HEINEMANN. (Ed.: This list would have gone on and on, but I warned MIKE that we'd run out of space.)

TODAY'S PROGRAM

IRIS KOROL, our distinguished Membership Chairperson introduced our program which consisted of new/ripe-on-the-vine member talks. To kick things off,

TRISH BUBENIK currently the Executive Director of our local Red Cross chapter described her summer memories. As a young girl, she brought home a trove of piglets and when her mother showed her displeasure, TRISH tried to dig a hole to China in their front yard so the piglets could be safely transported. Her more serious endeavors included teaching school where she was able to express her interest in activities outside the normal curriculum. Her progression resulted in her receiving a PhD and finally becoming Superintendent of the Mountain View school district. A career change recently brought her to the Palo Alto Area Chapter of the American Red cross where she now serves as the Executive Director. Welcome aboard TRISH; we're pleased and privileged to have you as a member of our Club.

MARK SHAFFER has had a very varied career working at among other jobs, in a pizza restaurant to (mis)loading trucks, to being a tree surgeon all on the way towards obtaining a college education. After a number of narrow escapes from becoming involved in the wrong occupation, finally attended hotel management school at the University of Las Vegas and was hired by Hyatt. Having served in a number of locations, he's progressed to where he is now General Manager of Hyatt Ricketts in Palo Alto. MARK, we're lucky to have you and hope you're here for an extended stay.



HARRY BROWNE, our ripe-and-ready-for-pickin' member, has been a Rotarian for fifty years but couldn't seem to decide where. He first started out in La Jolla, found it to be too stuffy so he joined the Palo Alto club, switched to San Francisco and then realizing where home really was, came back to Palo Alto; we're now joined at the hip. While a member of the SF club, he observed the active and effective role played by their first female member, former mayor DIANNE FEINSTEIN. This convinced him of the positive impact that inclusion of women has made on Rotary's effectiveness. HARRY cited what he considers to be one of our Club's greatest legacies, La Comida which serves meals to the elderly five days a week at multiple locations. HARRY, we're lucky you found the right club.

NEARBY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos Sunset: The Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, 7:15 p.m.
Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central, Mountain View, 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, noon.
Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 7:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, Shoup Park, Los Altos, 12:15 p.m.
Palo Alto Sunrise: Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Palo Alto, 7:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, Palo Alto, 7:30 a.m.
San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15 p.m.



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