

# ROTARY CLUB of **Rotary** PALO ALTO...CALIF. **Pinion**

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**MEETING of 22 July 2002**

**Reporter: Dick Mansfield**

## TODAY'S MEETING

President LE LEVY called on JOSEPH JOHN to lead the salute to our flag. Then SKIP HOYT accompanied President LE's rousing rendition (to the tune of "Come to the Cabaret" from the Kander & Ebb musical) of "Come Out to Rotary!" Motivational? Inspirational? Don't ask: Just enjoy!

## OPENING REMARKS

World War II veteran, longtime educator, and Past President (1974-75) JOHN BRACKEN added to our enjoyment with a recitation of "a poem that concerns a characteristic that distinguishes humanity from the rest of the animals": "Forgetfulness," by America's poet laureate Billy Collins. Challenging Collins' premise, JOHN recited the poem entirely from memory!



## VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:

BERN BEECHAM introduced visiting Rotarian CHRIS VERILL, an internet marketer from Pacifica, and then called on several of our own Rotarians to introduce their guests: LE LEVY: VERNON THOMPSON, director of development at AchieveKids, and JANET MARDER, rabbi of Congregation Beth Am. BOB McCOWAN: His wife JOAN. DAVE VAN ATTA: His law partner JOHN HANNA. BILL BUSSE: His wife BARBARA. And WALT HAYS: His wife KAY and city councilman JIM BURCH.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 29 - Assemblyman JOE SIMITIAN will give us an "Update From Sacramento."**

**August 5 - PETER HERO, President, Silicon Valley Foundation, on "Giving Back the Silicon Valley Way: Emerging Patterns of a New Philanthropy"**

**August 12 - To be announced**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responding to PRESIDENT LE's call for an INTERNATIONAL hands-on project this year, WALT HAYS reminded us of a project he had mentioned at a previous meeting: Building stoves for poor communities on the south coast of Guatemala. WALT says the construction techniques are simple, and doable by, say, a Rotarian. He proposes a trip to Guatemala departing on January 17, 2003 and three days of stove-building followed by a relaxing overnight stay at Lake Atitlán where ART STAUFFER's daughter runs a B&B. On January 22 participants could elect to come home or to go on to Belize for the 2003 Project Fair and/or diversions of their own devising. WALT estimates cost at between \$1,000 and \$1,200 per person, and asks for signups ((650) 424-9633 or [wkhays@igc.org](mailto:wkhays@igc.org)) on or before August 12 because January is a popular time at Lake Atitlán.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF recalled our attention to her current Rotary Program Report Card and told us we had one more week to fill them out and send them in to ANNETTE's folder.

BOB McCOWAN asked us all to pick up our new bundles of inserts for our Member Directories. The new committee chairs are listed, so get your now and get hip to the power structure. President LE thanked BOB, DICK FREEMAN, and JOYCE CUSICK for their great work and tremendous service on this project.

The Lost & Found department opened as CHESLEY DOUGLAS announced he had found a blue pen - well, a "cheap old pen" with Hyatt Hotel imprinted on it - at last week's meeting. That yours, MARK SHAFFE

## TODAY'S PROGRAM IMAGES OF AFGHANISTAN



NASIR DURANI and MICHAEL K. ABKIN were members of a delegation which recently visited Afghanistan to explore ways and means of training Afghans for jobs and for self-employment. The project, to be known as the ARISE Vocational Training Center, is sponsored in part by the Foundation for Global Community, a Palo Alto-based organization well-represented among our members and among today's guests. NASIR and MICHAEL treated us to an excellent and informative narrated electronic slide show of images from today's Afghanistan, reported success in entering into memoranda of understanding and leases for the ARISE project, and responded knowledgeably to a number of questions from the members. For more information on the ARISE project contact the Afghan Center, 37416 Joseph Street, Fremont, CA 94536, telephone (510) 794-1050, e-mail [afghancenter@cs.com](mailto:afghancenter@cs.com), or visit [www.ariseproject.org](http://www.ariseproject.org)

## NEARBY ROTARY 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, Embarcadero and El Camino Real Palo Alto, 7:30 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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