

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

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**MEETING of 29 July 2002**

**Reporter: John Kidd**

## INTERESTING STUFF

Opening. MICHAEL LYDON declined to advise why his name is associated with huckleberries, but instead did a beautiful job of reminding us of what really is important: a home, something meaningful to do, and someone to care for. To make his point, he read a poignant letter from a 10 year old KARA grief counseling client who was helped to see that when we grieve, it shows us how much we are a person who deeply cares about someone else

## VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:



BOB WHITEHAIR introduced CRAIG MCGANEY;



WAYNE THOMAS introduced REED and SUE MOYER;



JOHN RICHERS introduced LARRY LEIGHTON;



and TRISH BUBENIK introduced KAREN BRUNTON. Great group of guests!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENT

**January '03: This Club launches a new International, Hands-On Rotary service project by sending a contingent to Guatemala — a country that is fast denuding its forest land — to build fuel efficient stoves. January 17 to 23. Perks include staying at a B&B at beautiful Lake Atitlan (look it up @ [www.villasumaya.com](http://www.villasumaya.com))! Those that get to go will have advised WALT HAYS of their interest by August 12th.**

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

August 12 — JOHN ELMAN, "Looking for Laughter in All the Right Places."

August 19 — LESLIE LARSON, a previous Palo Alto Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, on "The Big Ditch: Panama and its Canal."



## FALDERAL AND FINES



KAREN I'm-dying-on-the-vine-here BROSİ let TRISH BUBENIK do a nice job of promoting the Red Cross auction and fund raiser on August 17..... and also let TRISH contribute \$100 for the privilege; BOB S. clarified he

was named after the SMITHWICK Theater, and not vice versa; and our enduring and endearing HAL MICKELSON himself sibilantly shared sublime, but not sordid, secrets as he revealed resplendently and refulgently with remembrance and recollection that he would have to cop out early and miss his Democratic, yet honored, friend JOE SIMITIAN's remarks.

## 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, Town and Country, 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.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



ExHISONOR LE took the podium himself to honor and introduce Assemblyman JOE SIMITIAN who has served all of us well in his years of public service in Palo Alto — including School Board, City Council and Mayor, and Board of Supervisors. LE had asked JOE to pass on his reflections of his first two years in the State Legislature and leave time for questions. With great humor and articulate humility he described two years filled with both ridiculous and serious crises. In some ways a discouraging report of politicians bogged down in partisanship, it nonetheless left most of us with a good feeling that people of JOE's caliber are willing to shoulder the burdens of public life despite the acrimony that often entails. Most discouraging report: In a state budget of \$80B, this year's \$24B shortfall (solved largely with smoke and mirrors) was tough to solve, but will be much easier than next year. Best quote: Jonathon Swift in some ways anticipated the 9/11 events by saying: "Why do we have just enough religion to hate one another and not enough to love one another?"

This reporter's opinion: If all of our Republican elected officials were as thoughtful and articulate as HAL, and all of our Democrat elected officials were as thoughtful and articulate as JOE, government might actually work well.



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