

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

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## MEETING of 05 AUGUST 2002

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### TODAY AT ROTARY

The weekly festivities officially commenced with CHALMERS SMITH leading our pledge of allegiance to our flag followed by SKIPHOYT singing away at the piano as we all lustily sang "God Bless America."

### VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:



After our Rickey's repast STEVE PLAYER introduced our visiting Rotarian THANE FRENCH from Mosquito Lake, MN. Rotarians who introduced their guests included DARYL PEARSON: LEONARD ELY, who has been involved with many local philanthropic organizations; DIANA DIAMOND: PILAR FURLONG, Director of Development for the Palo Alto Red Cross; BILL BETHKE: His son-in-law BOB GETT from New York City; WALT HAYS: PETER GUGEE from Kenya; and PAM BRANDIN: VANESSA

ROACH, PAM's daughter and repeat guest.



### OPENING REMARKS

ANDY MOSER's opening remarks were a reminder from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address that we have lessons for today from events of the past.

### SILVER STARS

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF heaped kudos upon her stars: BETSY BECHTEL, who organizes speakers for Opening Remarks; JUDY KLEINBERG, for fabulous programs; JOERG SPERLING, for last year's fabulous programs; NINA MOORE, who'll be our social chair this year (and is thinking about adding a football tailgate party to our social calendar); and Big Game chair STEVE PLAYER.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 12 – JOHN ELMAN**, a student of laughter, comedy and humor, on "Looking for Laughter in All the Right Places," an exploration of the history and mystery of laughter offering insights into why we laugh and motivation to find more reasons to laugh in everyday life.

**August 19 – LESLIE LARSON**, a previous Palo Alto Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar recently returned from Panama, on "The Big Ditch: Panama and its Canal": What has happened since the canal was transferred to Panama and why Panama remains crucial to American interests.

**August 26 – DUANE BAY**, mayor of East Palo Alto, will give us an update on all the doings over there.

### GUATEMALA



ART STAUFFER came well prepared to enthrall the crowd for the Stove Project in Guatemala January 17-23, 2003. He brandished the local colorful garb, described the special lodging owned by his entrepreneur daughter, and encouraged Rotarians to join the team in making a difference. WALT HAYS would like to have commitments from those going by August 12.

### SIGN UP FOR OUR FIRST-EVER INTERNATIONAL HANDS-ON PROJECT.

Our club has been very active in World Community Service projects, and those who have taken the opportunity to visit them have always come back inspired. To offer the experience to more people, we have planned an international sequel to our successful "hands-on, sleeves-up" project.

It involves traveling to Guatemala to help rural families by building fuel-efficient stoves, which reduce both deforestation and the respiratory problems that come from open fire cooking. Our Guatemalan co-sponsors will work with us at least part of the time, and there will be enough English speakers so that knowledge of Spanish is not necessary. It will be a great project for both its beneficiaries and us. Itinerary and details next page:

## ITINERARY FOR HANDS-ON WEEK IN GUATEMALA

### **FRIDAY 1/17:**

Fly to Guatemala City, from either San Francisco or San Jose. American Airlines currently has nine flights per day to Guatemala City via Los Angeles, Dallas-Fort Worth and Miami. (Other airlines, including Continental, also have flights.) AA's current estimate for a roundtrip ticket in January is \$659. We will stay at the Reforma Inn in Guatemala City. Estimated cost/room: \$60.

### **SATURDAY 1/18:**

We will rent van(s) to travel to Tiquisate, a small town on the south coast, about 2.5 hours' drive. Our accommodations will be simple but adequate (\$10-\$12/night for rooms with bath at end of hall). From Tiquisate we will drive a short distance to Pinula, an even smaller village, where we will learn to build fuel-efficient stoves. Stuart Conway, the bilingual co-founder of Trees, Water & People, a Colorado NGO that promotes reforestation, will be there to translate and help, along with his Guatemalan associate, Leonel Jarquin.

### **SUNDAY, MONDAY 1/19- 1/20:**

We will build stoves in Pinula during the day and stay in Tiquisate in the evening. One evening we plan to offer our Noreteamericano management expertise to Stuart in a discussion about the best way to set up micro-enterprises to build and sell stoves.

### **TUESDAY 1/21:**

Drive to Lake Atitlán (2.5 hours) and take boat ride to village where Art Stauffer's daughter runs the Villa Sumaya resort B&B, which we will probably fill (cost: \$75/room). ([www.VillaSumaya.com](http://www.VillaSumaya.com))

### **WEDNESDAY 1/22:**

Those who want to either return home or go on to the Project Fair in Belize would leave around noon to return to the Reforma Inn in Guatemala City. Those who want to stay longer by Lake Atitlán can do so, or plan other activities.

### **THURSDAY 1/23:**

Fly home or visit the Project Fair in Belize.

## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**



KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE introduced the star of our show, PETER HERO, Director of the Community Foundation of Silicon Valley. Besides a litany of experience in business and in development, Mr. HERO also boasts experience and education as an art his-

torian and was named to the National Council of the Arts by President Bush. Mr. HERO's talk was a potpourri of interesting comments about giving in Silicon Valley. The content of his talk is included in the booklet that was available to all in attendance as well as on the Community Foundation website, [www.cfsv.org](http://www.cfsv.org). Some miscellaneous facts from a recent survey to entice you:

**\*There is a growing commitment to give back, and nearly everyone is Silicon Valley gives in some way.**

**\*Fewer households are giving, but the value given per household has increased.**

**\*60% of our residents were born elsewhere, and therefore, many donations go back to needy friends, relatives, alma maters in other areas.**

**\*High tech workers are more likely to give than those not in high tech, and they use the internet as a "charitable global positioning system" for charitable giving decisions.**

**\*Silicon Valley donors like to work "upstream" for solutions rather than addressing the problems that result later.**

**Guatemala Hand's-On Total Cost**, including air fare and all meals should be under \$1,200 per person (less if rooms are shared). Participants are responsible for their own flight bookings. We will coordinate hotel accommodations. January is the middle of the dry season. Temperatures are 54 to 73 degrees in Guatemala City, warmer in Tiquisate. The project is sponsored in cooperation with the Guatemala del Este Rotary Club of Guatemala City, which is a lively and friendly group. While our timing will not allow us to attend one of their meetings, they have committed to working with us on the project, so at least some members will meet with us at times during the week.



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