

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING of: November 18, 2002

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COME JOIN THE CLUBS!

Big Game Week – the biennial visitation of our Berkeley Rotarian counterparts – twenty years since The Misplay – nearly that long since Cal’s last victory – STEVE PLAYER and HAL MICKELSON for the Red – DICK ERICKSON and (ultimately) JOHN RALSTON for the Blue – it was all just too much for President LE LEVY (a Cal guy, albeit on Stanford turf) who called on JOHN RICHERS to lead us in “the Star Spangled – uh – let’s start over.” JOHN (who was game to try the Rockets’ Red Glare) led the pledge of allegiance instead, and SKIP HOYT accompanied a lusty singing of America.

You shoulda been here! Twelve representatives of the Berkeley club, lots of other visitors and guests including a guy wearing a large license plate and brandishing a bottle of wine, the Stanford Axe, badinage, side wagers – you just shoulda been here!

The Berkeley representatives: DICK ERICKSON, ED STRONG, JACK MAHSHI, JON SHINDO, GIL FERREY, DICK CONNELL, BOB EANEMAN, BUD LOFTESNESS, ALAN FRASER, MARY ALICE RATHBUN, and Berkeley club guests STEFAN SIEGMUND and DOROTHEA HEFELE from Germany. Other visiting Rotarians: RON SEKKEL (the license plate guy) from Scotts Valley, RICK NELSON from Elizabeth City, N.C. (bringing a banner), CINDY CARROLL from Woodstock, Vermont, and CHUCK (that’s all he told us) from Cupertino. Guests introduced by Rotarians: TOM GRACON and LEANNA HUNT (by DICK FREEMAN); JIM KINGSBURY (by GLORIA HOM); JOHN DOLAN (by ED SCHLEH); and CYRILLE BETANT (by IRIS KOROL for President LE).

OPENING ACT



H A L MICKELSON, recapturing his Stanford band announcer form, brought on the Stanford Axe Committee which brought on The

Axe Itself! HAL recounted the history of The Axe. It was a Great Moment In Stanford Sports!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 25 – Newly-re-elected Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO will address current issues.

December 2 – IRIS KOROL will moderate New-and-Mature-Member Talks.

December 9 – Our own MARY FRANCES CALLAN, Superintendent of the Palo Alto Unified School District, will discuss district doings.

LICENSE PLATES



Visiting Rotarian/license plate guy RON SEKKEL asked us to sign up for Rotary license plates. Twenty signups within the club would mean \$1,000 for our club’s good works in the first year and \$500 per year thereafter, and a prompt reply would get the buyer a chance on RON’s bottle of merlot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED HOT CRAB CARNIVALE: SUSAN WALKER, with KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE and SY GREENSTONE, is seeking donations of auction items from Rotarians. RYAN WILLIAMS is looking for auction-item donations outside the club, and called for “at least four” good Rotarian volunteers to work the phones with him.



PRESIDENT’S CLUB: TODD LEWIS celebrated his 50th birthday in Manhattan and visited the World Trade Center site and Battery Park. For half a century he reckoned he could buy half a President’s Club membership.

FEED THE HOMELESS: ART STAUFFER reported that his squad fed 55 people on November 5. He was there, and he thanked co-participants SKIP HOYT, JERRY BLUM, WES GARDINER, BOB McCOWAN and ART’s wife PEGGY.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: DICK FREEMAN is pushing the annual drive to buy Entertainment Books, which offer two-for-one meals at local restaurants, half off on hotel rooms, and other attractive discounts. For each book @ \$20 the club benefits by \$4

AND A PROGRAM TOO!



STEVE PLAYER introduced great Berkeley Rotarian (and former Cal quarterback) **DICK ERICKSON**, who displayed a Rotary version of The Axe to be bestowed annual on the club whose gownies **LOSE** the Big Game. **DICK** said he would save time this year by simply leaving the Rotary Axe with us. Then **DICK** introduced old friend and longtime mainstay of Bay Area football **JOHN RALSTON**, who gave a very witty talk that remained essentially nonpartisan until, as he left the mic for the last time, he cried out “Go Bears!” And the ever-classy Palo Alto club, predominantly Stanford-oriented notwithstanding President **LE**, fastidiously left that line alone.



THIS & THAT

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL: Tickets were on sale before the meeting, and **BILL BUSSE** promised to be brief and was: “The game is December 1. Be there!”

HOLIDAY PARTY, TAKE THREE: Check signals! The very latest is that our annual Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 13, at **MITCH MILLER**’s house. Save the date for this great event!

SING ALONG

It seemed ages since President **LE** last crafted a sing-along lyric, but he came through in topical fashion with (to the tune of Stanford’s “Come Join The Band,” ably keyed by **SKIP HOYT**) “Come join the club, And give a cheer for Ro Ta Ree!”

PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Le Levy. **PRESIDENT ELECT:** Bill Busse. **PAST PRESIDENT:** Sara Pantin. **DIRECTORS:** Lisa Akselrad, Pam Brandin, Annette Glanckopf, Dick Mansfield, Nick Nichols, Rick Tipton. **TREASURER:** Dick Carlson. **SECRETARIES:** Dick Freeman, Sandra Wallace, Bob McCowan.. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com.

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.

NEXT TIME, CYNTHIA!

Postponed by the busy agenda were **CYNTHIA CRITTENDEN**’s opening remarks, but President **LE** promised she’d get another chance



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