

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

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## "AMERICA...A PATCHWORK QUILT"...



is how Russian writer Ales Adamovich described our Nation...this according to Opening Remarker, **ROB LANCEFIELD**. Because of our multi-national and multi-racial inheritance we resemble a beautiful quilt and are a stronger nation because of it. Another reason to be Thankful!

## GUESTS & SUCH



**RICK TIPTON** ably handled introductions. In addition to our two guests from near Mount Fuji (with whom he exchanged banners), we were honored by a visit from



our own **Lucianne Phillips**. Guests included Assistant District Gov. **GINNY LEAR**...Kay Hays introduced by hubby,

**WALT...IRIS KOROL** introduced **Cyrille Bertand**...New member



**HERSH DAVIS's** guest was **David Bret**...**TONY CARRASCO** introduced new member in waiting



**TRACY HUTCHINSON**...and **DICK FREEMAN** introduced his friend. **Jim Kingsbury**. A belated intro by **JUDY KLEINBERG**, Ann Ream.



**HILLARY FREEMAN** reported on **TROOPER JOHNSON's** inspirational visit to **JLS Middle School**. The excellent article in today's Palo Alto Daily added to the public awareness of Rotary and our fundraising Wheelchair Basketball Game.

## MIKE TRAUGOTT & TONY CARRASCO

Are obviously two of the richest men in town. President **LE** announced to the awestruck crowd that each had paid his dues, not once, but twice! But magnanimity prevailed as **Mike** contributed his over payment to the Wheelchair Campaign and **Tony** his to the President's Club. Hopefully Congresswoman **Eschoo** took note. This tack could help alleviate the National budget shortfall.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

December 16 - A Special Christmas Program

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.

### WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL IS ROLLING ON'...

that according to **BILL BUSSE**. All members were encouraged to attend the game on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have made a contribution of any kind to Rotary you are entitled to a ticket. Contact **RUTH SCHNEIDER** for your "ticket for five" or just show up at 4 pm at **Burnham Pavilion**, alone or with friends and family. One of our smiling ticket takers will see to it that you are given a Rotary welcome. As an added attraction, the ever loquacious **HAL MICKELSON** will handle introductions and the halftime festivities. This is a don't miss event!

### ANNETTE GLANCKOPF

Reported that **DAVID BLITZ's** company, Checkpoint Software Technologies has contributed a sum equal to 20 wheelchairs to the wheelchair cause. **ANNETTE** also announced that 21 neighborhood groups are sponsoring an **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING** on Tuesday night December 3rd at the **Unity Palo Alto Church** at 3391 Middlefield from 6:30PM until 9:00PM. Stay tuned to Community News for information on this project and an associated Poetry Contest.

### GIVE US THE AXE!

**HAL MICKELSON**, **BILL JOHNSON** AND **STEVE PLAYER**, all loyal sons of the Stanford Red, officially presented the **ROTARY AXE** to President **LE** "how did the game come out?" **LEVY**. Prez **LE**, our Club won the axe, having lost it the previous seven years. Good to be winners again! However, **HAL** aptly pointed out that it was important that Berkeley be allowed to win once every eight years so that it's obvious the fix is not on...**CARL KING** rose to announce that the losers of the **BIG GAME BET** were now officially "on the hook" for a "C" note each. Loyal Stanfordites **SAM "We beat the point spread" WEBSTER**, **STEVE "once a player always a" PLAYER**, **HAL MICKELSON**, **JOHN KIDD**, and **BILL BUSSE** were suckered on this one, but vow to recoup next year....President **LE**, who obviously stayed away from the Berkeley romp, reported seeing our own **DON LANGENDORF** being interviewed on Channel 5 after the game. Don reportedly acknowledged that "We stunk", but quickly added that the **Sears Cup**, emblematic of overall athletic superiority is Stanford's perpetual trophy, or something like that.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



LIZ KNISS introduced our speaker, the Honorable ANNA ESCHOO. Anna welcomed our Japanese visitors, along with the venerable BILL MILLER. She followed by noting that there were many issues to cover in just a few minutes. First up were comments on the election. She gave President Bush credit for the Republican victory...nationwide 94,000 swing votes would have resulted in both Houses being

Democratic. The economy of the Nation is her major concern. Our 2 trillion-dollar tax cut over 10 years could be a disaster unless Congress develops a trigger mechanism to halt a runaway deficit.

Another concern is the need to embrace a 20 year goal of excellence in education. She is not encouraged by the fact the latest education bill did not receive funding.

Third in her list of issues is the need for a National energy Policy. Tidbits: *"The war on terrorism is real. It will be long and difficult.".... "America is the best idea that was ever born.".... "Al Gore is a good man, but I don't think he should run again. We need new faces and new ideas to excite a new generation."*

Thanks, Anna, for an outstanding report to your constituents!

### MISCELLANY



Hey, the Ventura "Hands-on...Sleeves up" bronze plaque arrived at last thanx to the perseverance of DICK "I have Entertainment Books available" FREEMAN...The books cost \$20 and would make good Christmas presents.

JOYCE CUSICK announced the availability of Rotary Club of Palo Alto Tribute cards. An opportunity to present a gift, other than merchandise, during the upcoming holidays. Call Joyce for details. 408.481.1776.

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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### 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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