

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

MEETING of: December 2, 2002

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OPENING REMARKS



RABBI SID AKSELRAD told us the ancient story of Hanukkah and its legacy as one of the first celebrations of the struggle for religious freedom.

GUESTS

DIANA DIAMOND introduced visiting Rotarian HAL MARCHICK from the Palo Alto University Rotary Club. Guests included JAMES HARRIS introduced by RYAN WILLIAMS and BRYAN CHANCELLOR introduced by SAM WEBSTER.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Chairman BILL BUSSE characteristically gave credit to the volunteers for yesterday's very successful and entertaining Wheelchair Foundation Basketball Game Fundraiser. Honorees include MARCIE COX, JOHN KIDD, DAVID NEGRIN, DARYL SAVAGE, SUSAN WALKER, HILLARY FREEMAN, NINA MOORE, WAYNE THOMAS, CYNTHIA CRITTENDEN, DICK FREEMAN, RUTH SCHNEIDER, WALT HAYS, HAL MICKELSON, STEVE PLAYER, ANDY MOSER and BETSY BECHTEL.

WINTER COATS

It's time to think about providing winter coats for children who could not otherwise afford them. If you'd like to buy a coat, or participate in any other way, contact NICK NICHOLS.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 9 – Member MARY FRANCES CALLAN, Superintendent of The Palo Alto Unified School District

December 16 – The Holiday program

December 23 – No Meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 30 – No Meeting HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE RED HOT CRAB CARNIVALE



– FEBRUARY 23RD. Co-Chairs PAM BRANDIN, SARA PANTIN and JOERG SPERLING introduced volunteer Captains for our biggest fundraiser of the year. They made a special request for auction items on behalf of local agencies that are having a challenging year to fund their charitable activities. Please contribute early and often.

HOLIDAY PARTY

– FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH – 6:30 p.m. TO 9:30 p.m. MITCH & LINDA MILLER have graciously opened their home for this year's Holiday Party. Call NINA MOORE to sign up and to volunteer to help with the event. If your last name begins with A-L please bring an appetizer or M-Z bring white wine.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB

GEOFF ZIMAN celebrated the birth of his tenth grandchild and his daughter's third by joining THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Join the YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUBS in a fun and satisfying day as a chaperone on Saturday, December 14th at The Giving Tree, a program that organizes the packaging and distribution of holiday gifts to deserving children. Contact WALT HAYS to sign-up or for more information.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

TODD LEWIS introduced new members **JERRY BLUM** and **JOHN RICHERS** and 'mature' member **CHESLEY DOUGLAS** as our program speakers.



JERRY BLUM has devoted himself to world health care issues since 1981 when he began his global efforts to bring basic health care services and equipment to third world countries. He elegantly described the challenges and joys of his incredible work.



JOHN RICHERS described his youth in Pennsylvania as a member of a large family – 7 siblings. It is not surprising that this member of the Little League City Championship team and the Boy Scouts would go to the Philippines as a Peace Corps volunteer, meet his future wife there and devote his career to working for the Boy Scouts.



Former Palo Alto Rotary President **CHESLEY DOUGLAS** won the best-dressed award as he was regaled in his ancestral kilt. **CHESLEY'S** roots in California go back to the 1840's. He entertained us with the personal story of his family and reminded us to live our lives to the fullest.

Tis the season of **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**. They make a wonderful Holiday present. Each year the club presents these books as a fundraiser. You pay \$20 and the club receives \$4. Two-for-one meals are offered at fine restaurants such as Sundance, Chef Chu's, Mings, Birk's, Maddalena's and many more. There are also hundreds of discounts for sporting events, hotels, car rentals, ice cream and cookie shops. Use of one coupon can save you the cost of the entire book. See **BILL BUSSE** or **DICK FREEMAN** to order your books.



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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.

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