

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

MEETING of: December 16, 2002

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STEVE EMSLIE led the assembled merry makers in the Pledge of Allegiance, SY GREENSTONE manned the cash box, and BETSY BECHTEL introduced the significant others as well as visiting Rotarian LOU BECKER from Los Altos

NO UPCOMING PROGRAMS

In fact, no meetings until January 6!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

May this be a wonderful time of the year for you, your family and all of the Rotary Family throughout the world. And special good wishes and fond regards to our Club members who were sent "get well" cards, thanks to the We Care Committee: DICK ABBOTT, SUSAN BLACK, ED CLEMENTS, JOE JEDD, AL KENRICK and DICK SMITH.

OUR MEETING WAS BRIGHTENED . . .

Not only by the smashing red and green regalia, but by the beautiful spouses in attendance: SHIRLEY DOUGLAS, CORKIE FREEMAN, JANE KELLER, JOANNA LISTON, IRENE LOVE, LINDA MILLER, SUSAN TULLY (the future Mrs. JACK RIDDLE), SHARON SMULLIN, TERI WHITEHAIR, and the stunning JUDY HUEY who claims to not be married to President LE LEVY. The contest was won by RALPH and JANE KELLER who edged out BILL and IRENE LOVE . . . 63 years of wedded bliss to 62! Congratulations around!

OPENING REMARKS



KAREN BROSI opened the meeting with John Denver's holiday story, "Christmas Trees." Not only was the message inspiring – "Life is a gift for all" – but KAREN performed a capella, which is a fancy way to say "with nary a note." Class act as usual, KAREN!

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

President LE announced that incoming District Governors from "around the world" will be in the Bay Area for 3 to 4 days either before January 28 or after February 4 and will need housing. If you are a potential host, contact President LE.

President LE reported that our membership is up from 135 to 139 so far this year, but there is still room for more "service minded" citizens of Palo Alto and environs. Invite a friend! It may change their lives!

HOLIDAY PARTY ACCOLADES AROUND!

President LE offered "thanks" and a special Rotary pin to party givers extraordinaire MITCH and LINDA MILLER and to marvelous organizer and party promoter NINA MOORE. NINA, in turn, recognized the contributions of the MILLERs along with STEVE EMSLIE, STEVE SCHAPER, RALPH KELLER, VIC ROSASCO, BRENNAN MILLER, CAROL JANSEN and NANCY PETERS, and the myriad guests and guestesses who supplied wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. And how about those merry troubadours BILLY ALHOUSE, SKIP HOYT, CHALMERS SMITH and DAVE SMULLIN? Club Service coordinator ANNETTE GLANCKOPF applauded all who came while presenting



THE RED HOT CRAB CARNIVALE APPROACHETH!

o-chairperson JOERG "what do these folks have in common?" SPERLING invited, among others, SAM WEBSTER, DAVID NEGRIN, PAM BRANDIN, MIKE TRAUGOTT, LIZ KNISS, SY GREENSTONE and this reporter to stand while posing the above question. Answer: They have all made early contributions of items for the Crab Carnivale auction. Think of a unique interest, talent, facility, pass-on-able gift, etc. that you can offer our annual fundraiser. The challenge is for everyone in the Club to come up with a bidding opportunity. The Community will lead the applause! TODD LEWIS urged everyone to consider sponsoring a "table for 10" at the Carnivale. Invite your friends during the Holidays, and consider teaming with another Rotarian. TODD and STEVE SCHAPER will begin the official sign-ups on January 6.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our thanks, once again, to JUDY KLEINBERG for another timely and outstanding program. JUDY introduced four members of the Baroque Choral Guild, which included former – and incoming – member BRIAN STEEN. The Guild is a local non-profit educational corporation. We were serenaded with most of the great Christmas Carols with which we are all familiar, plus a few popular in days of yore. A great way to get into the Holiday spirit!

Ho ho ho and a Merry Christmas to all! Love and kisses from SAINT NICK!

A SAD FAREWELL TO SARA PANTIN

President LE presented our favorite Yellow Rose with a Rotary pin sporting a sapphire stone. A few tears by all, but SARA promised to be back for the Red Hot Crab Carnivale and to develop a visit of some kind to San Antone as an auction item. Thanks for blessing us with your presence, Tex! We'll miss you!

Entertainment books are available at \$20 a copy from DICK FREEMAN. (This reporter saved \$650 in accommodation fees during a week's vacation last year. My math says that's a savings of \$630, which buys a lot of piña coladas anywhere.

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.

ART STAUFFER announced that the latest "Feed the Homeless" event was catered by DICK MANSFIELD, HERSH DAVIS, SY GREENSTONE, and JOHN KIDD.



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