

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

MEETING of: January 27, 2003

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My Country 'Tis of Thee!

HERSH DAVIS led the Pledge followed by a rousing two verses of "My Country 'Tis of Thee!"...followed by IRIS KOROL ably pitching tix for the RED HOT EVENT!

IT WAS ALMOST A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prior to the Main Event at least 23 members met with their illustrious leader, GEORGE SPERLING, to review progress on the RED HOT CRAB CARNIVALE. Included were new members JOHN RICHERS, TRISH BUBENIK, HERSH DAVIS, and VERNON THOMPSON. VANESSA ROACH stood in for Mom, Co-Chair and President Elect PAM BRANDIN, who is recovering quite nicely from hip surgery. She is destined to be one of the hippest prexies this club has ever had!

RALPH ADAMS RETURNS!



After an appropriate demur for addressing a possible political subject, RALPH, a graduate of West Point, shared his views on the Iraq Quandary. The chances of war? Almost inevitable...What will it be like?...Not like the last one...street fighting...retribution...His hope?...My

predictions are wrong. Later President LE acknowledged that well thought out views are always welcome. Well done,

RALPH!



ACCOLADES: Opening Remarks Chairwoman extraordinaire, BETSY BECHTEL: a Paul Harris pin with two sapphires. And to STEVE EMSLIE, DON

LANGENDORF and SY GREENSTONE, highly prized Blue Badges. RACHEL MEYER rose in ART STAUFFER's stead to announce the Homeless Feeding Team. "Serving above self" were RACHEL, SKIP HOYT, DAVID NEGRIN, SY GREENSTONE, and KEN WEIGEL, along with KEN's delightful daughter, CALI!

PROGRAM UPDATE

February 3 – MARILYN YALOM, Professor, Institute on Women and Gender, Stanford, "A History of the Wife," how social and religious customs and laws have changed the status and role of wives throughout history to the present day. Bring a spouse!

February 10 – IRIS KOROL will moderate New Member/Mature Member talks.

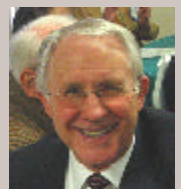
February 17 – No meeting (Presidents Day).

GUESTS--WOW!

RYAN WILLIAMS introduced a plethora of Guests including EIGHT visiting Rotarians! Our special guest was Past International Treasurer TIBOR GREGOR from Toronto. TIBOR logged many international miles and, in the process of making up, had 52 YEARS of perfect attendance! Wow!



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:
 STEVE EMSLIE: TERRY GALE, Hewlett-Packard;
 BETSY BECHTEL: STEVE FICK, Borel Bank; ANNETTE GLANCKOPF: BRAD ZOOK, P.A. Police Dept.;
 DARYL PEARSON: Prof. DON DA GRADE, UOP Music Dept.; PAM BRANDIN (in abstentia): Daughter VANESSA ROACH, Stanford Development Office.



RED HOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAM WEBSTER took the opportunity to report that AL KENRICK is "fighting back!" We all look forward to seeing you soon, AL.

By DIANA DIAMOND. Please look around you and see if there are other Corporate Donors lurking in the wings! To date we have signed up Borel Bank, Comerica Bank, Greater Bay Bancorp, Charter Oak Foundation, Bridge Bank, Stanford Park Hotel, Thoits Brothers, and Hanna & Van Atta.

WHAT A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM!



NICK NICHOLS presented Stanford English Professor **J. MARTIN EVANS** who dazzled the attendant attendees with wine-related poems, writings and historical banter. We heard from John Milton, Chaucer, Keats, and others with sage sayings such as "A grape is like taking wine in pill form" or "Vintner of Our Discontent!" It was a true tribute to the

soothing, medicinal, relaxing powers of the grape fermentation process.

By **GEORGE SPERLING**.

A Pre-event Auction Item List will be available at our meeting of the 10th. Plan to huddle with hubby or wifey ahead of time to choose your bid choices, or something like that! Final deadline for submitting auction items is Valentines Day! Think of something romantic to add to the mix. **GEORGE'S** suggestions: Four hours of Yard Clean-up or Window Washing or Dog Walking or a Harry Potter Movie Night or, if you have no other creative insight, become a Personal Underwriter with a check of any denomination.

A REMINDER

The **RED HOT CRAB CARNIVALE** is on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 23** at Rick-eyes Camino Ballroom. **THE BAR OPENS** at 5 pm along with the Silent Auction. Dinner starts about 6 followed by the Lively Live Auction. Invite your friends, relatives, associates, doctors, dentists, neighbors, shop owners, personal trainers, dance instructors, favorite waitresses, bankers, attorneys, and architects!

POT POURI TIME

GLORIA HOM announced a South African home exchange for mid-March followed by exchanges with Rotary families from New Zealand and possibly France. Call **GLORIA** and sign up for one of life's great experiences. From **DICK SMITH**, thanx for the get well card! President **LE** pointed out that **DICK** coordinated our original Polio Plus campaign. Get ready for the definitive slide show when the rest of the Guatemala "fuel efficient stove" Gang returns!

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.

IRIS KOROL rose at the end of the meeting to report that her daughter had been written up as Vintner of the Week for her Mount Tam Vineyards. President **LE** graciously waved off the potential Pres Club contribution. How about a bottle of Mount Tam Merlot for the festivities on February 23?



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