

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

MEETING of: March 3, 2003

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TODAY'S MEETING

JOHN O'KEEFE led the Pledge of Allegiance and SKIP HOYT played accompaniment as President LE LEVY led us in verses two and four of "America"! After an all-too-short break for lunch & levity, President LE returned with one of his own lyrics, to the tune (provided by the skilled and versatile SKIP) of "King of the Road," called "King of the Club." President LE sang nice tributes to several members. Can you believe he's never had a lesson in his life? Well, moving right along . . .

OPENING REMARKS



In his opening remarks BRUCE LIEDSTRAND invited us to draw a parallel between our current state of international tension and an earlier one. BRUCE read a column written, shortly after the resolution of the Cuban missile crisis, by the late San Francisco Chronicle columnist Art Hoppe: The leitmotif was that "we had won a famous victory," but Hoppe left us to ponder what, exactly, we had won. Thought-provoking words appropriate to these troubling times, BRUCE.

GUESTS & SUCH

Today's visiting Rotarians were JOHN DONOHUE of Orange, Connecticut, and GOETZ DYCKERHOFF of Aachen (who sat with our own alumnus KLAUS HEINEMANN). Rotarians with guests were MIKE COUCH with KATHY RIGGINS (BARRY TAYLOR's successor as president and CEO of YMCA of the Midpeninsula) and speaker MIKE SPENCE, SKIP HOYT with his friend TED LARSEN, ART STAUFFER with JOY SLEIZER (well known for, among many other things, her service to the homeless), and President LE with STEPHANIE MCGRAW (of the board of AchieveKids).

BEST SHOWING EVER

Crab Carnivale people just won't go away: GEORGE SPERLING sold leftover beer and DICK MANSFIELD reported that our net will be more than \$50,000, our best showing ever in what had been expected to be a down year.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 10 – KEITH KVENVOLDEN, emeritus USGS geochemist, "The Future of Natural Gas."

March 17 – JOE KRESSE, Foundation for Global Community, "Business and Sustainability: The Next Wave of Innovation."

March 24 – WILL BECKETT on fuel efficient transportation by electric and hybrid cars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.

DICK also announced that we should all save May 17 for a day of community service in our second annual Hands-On-Sleeves-Up workday. We'll be providing needed maintenance services at Eastside College Prep and Boys & Girls Club, both on Pulgas Avenue in East Palo Alto. Watch this space!

The club's PolioPlus honcho DON LANGENDORF reported that he took in \$9,950 last week for the new polio eradication drive and (never content to rest on his laurels) is looking for more! For those of you filling out the forms, the "Club #" is 497 and the "District #" is 5170, but to learn your "Membership ID #" you'll probably need to talk to JOYCE CUSICK or BERT ROSE. President LE and JUDY have pledged \$1,000 to honor the memory of LE's mother who passed away last week at age 98 after a full life.

ROMAN KAGARLITSKY chronicled his travels in Israel (where he stood in line with relatives to exchange gas masks), Poland and Russia, attending Rotary meetings (and bringing back banners) and observing nascent capitalism in Moscow. ROMAN cheerfully joined the President's Club in honor of his trip.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



MIKE SPENCE, Nobel laureate in economics, dean emeritus of the Stanford School of Business and a practicing venture capitalist, was introduced by **MIKE COUCH**. A wonderfully engaging speaker whose personal warmth and intellectual power captivated us, **SPENCE** described the impact on markets worldwide of the emerg-

ing internet technology. You had to be there. As your scrivener departed shortly before 2 p.m., **SPENCE** was still there, responding with obvious enthusiasm to the questions and comments of several Rotarians. A very special program by a gifted speaker.

THIS & THAT

ART STAUFFER wants the record to reflect that **DICK ABBOTT** joined those listed last week in serving the homeless for Urban Ministry in February.

Responding to the every whim of his constituents, King of the Club **LE** sought a straw vote as to whether we should switch from yogurt to cottage cheese on the fruit plate. He concluded that those who want cottage cheese should bring the

It was a delight to see **SUSAN BLACK** at the meeting, back after a long but successful battle with illness, and **SAM WEBSTER** brought more good news: **AL KENRICK** was feeling well enough to lunch with **SAM** recently at the Palo Alto Club, and hopes to be back to our own lunch spot very soon.

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, Julie Jerome, 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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