

MEETING of: March 10, 2003

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## TODAY'S MEETING

PREZ LE led the club and its guests in an enthusiastic pronouncement of our Pledge of Allegiance.

## BUDGET OR DEFICIT?



GLORIA HOM, in a gallant effort to attribute our state's financial woes to either California's budget or its deficit, ended up concluding that it's really both. She commented passionately on some of the pros and cons of progressive taxation, I guess. (Sorry GLORIA, I didn't get all the statistics associated with the lunchroom debate, but you really seemed convinced.)

## GUESTS & SUCH

Visiting Rotarians were JOHN DONAHUE of the Orange, CT club and MAURIE WATSON of the San Diego Downtown club. Guests included GARTH LEWIS and KEITH KVENVOLDEN (host TODD LEWIS, GARTH's big brother), TOM GRACON (host DICK FREEMAN) and ERIC de la CROIX (host JACK DORGAN).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.



WALT HAYS gave a passionate and appealing challenge for club members to respond to the opportunity of a lifetime by helping rid the world of polio. It's within our grasp since only seven countries remain that are still not considered polio free. All it takes, WALT stated, is an average of \$300 per member (you can give more) over the next three year period

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 17 - JOE KRESSE of The Foundation for a Global Economy

March 24 - WILL BECKETT on Fuel Efficient Transportation by using electric and hybrid cars.

March 31 - RANDY ADAMS, Managing Director of TheatreWorks

PREZ LE called attention to the recent passing of DICK SMITH who, during the club presidency of AL KENRICK, initiated the resoundingly successful first POLIO PLUS drive. Also announced was the passing of BRUCE GLEIM, son of long-standing member ART GLEIM. We're with you ART.



Super finemaster KAREN BROSI reminded certain club members that they had hoodwinked PREZ LE and CARL KING into even money bets on the Stanford/Cal basketball game in what should have been at least a ten point spot. Com'on guys, pay up.....JOSEPH JOHN joined the President's Club after being exposed, in a recent article in the San Francisco Comical, as coffee blender extraordinaire by combining Indian beans with Italian style.....BERT ROSE generously donated in honor of VIC ROSASCO .....JACK RIDDLE joined the President's Club 3x (a very generous guy who just wanted to make sure it took).....DICK CARLSON announced that due to job demands he would have to step down as club treasurer but not before he made a \$500 contribution to the club..... SUSAN BLACK, in recognition of her recovery from a recent illness, also joined the President's Club. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS EXTRACTED BY KAREN WILL GO TO THE POLIO PLUS DRIVE.

## A RIDDLE

What do Attila the Hun and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

-Anonymous

(See answer 0n the next page)

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



**KEITH KVENVOLDEN**, emeritus geochemist with USGS, spoke on "the Future of Natural Gas." There are ample supplies of the natural gas methane, KEITH explained, they're just not in the right locations to be taken full advantage of. This relatively clean burning substance is produced in wetlands, in rice paddies and even in our own garbage dump. It's just a question of getting to the right place so that it can be used. In response to a question,

Keith predicted that hydrogen-rich methane would be a major factor in the use of fuel cells for automotive use. A really interesting peek into the future.

## THIS & THAT



**WES GARDINER** called for volunteers to help with feeding the homeless this Wednesday. We always get a very positive response when we conduct this event.

**BERT ROSE** presented **PREZ LE** with a gem-studded Paul Harris pin. Thanks **PREZ**.



**PREZ LE** announced that with the upcoming renovation of Hyatt Rickey's, we may need to find a temporary alternate venue. He asked members to submit their ideas to him.

## 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.

**Answer to the Riddle: They have the same middle name.**



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