

MEETING of: March 17 2003

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY 'TIS

Faith an' it was the wearin' o' the green as President LE O'LEVY welcomed us to the March 17 gatherin'. ROB LANCEFIELD led the Pledge of Allegiance and SKIP HOYT accompanied "God Bless America." BRIAN STEEN was today's cashier, ably trained by JOYCE CUSICK

President LE introduced two new Features to today's meeting: The New Member Table, where new members will be encouraged to gather each week with a few mature members, and the Suggestion Box, which resembles a wastebasket but (President LE assured us) was actually used for shredding.

OPENING REMARKS



WAYNE THOMAS offered timely and thought-provoking opening remarks, comparing the factors which caused the decline of the League of Nations in the mid-1930s with the stresses being placed on the United Nations by some of its leading members over the past few months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.

Our friend and longtime visiting Rotarian JOHN DONOHUE told us that he will be heading back to Orange, Connecticut soon, hoping for weather better than they have been having there. Hurry back JOHN!



KEN WEIGEL reminded us that the Group Study Exchange team from Vietnam will be here from late Sunday, April 20, through early Friday, April 25. KEN needs two more host families, each to provide a room, breakfast and dinner for one team member for the five nights.

Rotarians can also provide transportation and tours to local business and recreation sites. To take advantage of this rare opportunity meet well-educated, young and energetic individuals from Vietnam, call KEN at (650) 473-9545 or e-mail him at KJWEIGEL@msn.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

March 31 – RANDY ADAMS, Managing Director of TheatreWorks, on "TheatreWorks in the 21st Century."

April 7 – It'll be a great one! Watch this space.

President LE announced that a brand new future Rotarian, PHOEBE BRADLEY FOLLETTE, was born to our own KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE at 1:24 a.m. Friday! Phoebe weighed in at 9 lbs 7 oz. Everyone including daddy DON is doing fine. At President LE's suggestion we passed the hat and collected \$150 for Polio Eradication in PHOEBE's honor, and CARL KING added a \$100 check for the cause.

POLIO ERADICATION



DON LANGENDORF reported good progress in our club for Rotary International's Polio Eradication campaign: We have contributions or pledges totalling \$15,000 from 45 contributors. DON announced names of those who have given or pledged at least \$300: DICK ABBOTT, LISA AKSELRAD, BETSY BECHTEL, CYRILLE BETANT, PAM

BRANDIN, BOB BROWN, TRISH BUBENIK, BILL BUSSE, DICK CARLSON, HERSH DAVIS, JACK DORGAN, HILLARY FREEMAN, WALT HAYS, GLORIA HOM, KLAUS HEINEMANN, SKIP HOYT, LEANNAH HUNT, JOSEPH JOHN, JOHN KIDD, JUDY KLEINBERG, LIZ KNISS, ROB LANCEFIELD, DON LANGENDORF, LE LEVY, BRUCE LIEDSTRAND, DICK MANSFIELD, DAVID NEGRIN, JACK RIDDLE, VIC ROSASCO, RUTH SCHNEIDER, ART STAUFFER, RICK TIPTON and MIKE TRAUGOTT. Come join the band! You can pay your pledge over the next three years.

THE NEXT WAVE OF INNOVATION



WALT HAYS introduced today's speaker, **JOE KRESSE**, of Palo Alto's Foundation for Global Community, whose topic was "Business and Sustainability: The Next Wave of Innovation." Mr. KRESSE, an engaging speaker, described the beginnings of a revolution in manufacturing processes as businesses increasingly recognize a need for an economy that meets the needs of today's citizens without compromising its ability to meet the needs of other citizens in the future.

Taking case studies and statements of philosophy from several prominent companies, Mr. KRESSE urged that businesses can and must learn to pursue the bottom line in a manner that will "minimize damage and leave a healthy and thriving planet for our childrens' childrens' children."

MEMORIAL GROVE



DICK FREEMAN called for a good turnout for our visit to the Palo Alto Rotary Memorial Grove in Big Basin State Park on Sunday, April 6. **SID AKSELRAD** will lead a memorial service, and then we'll enjoy a no-host picnic lunch (but no alcoholic beverages please). We'll assemble at Rickeys on Sunday morning in time to leave at 9 a.m. by carpooling caravan. **BRIAN STEEN**, executive director of Sempervirens Fund, will be our in-park host. We should be back by the end of the afternoon. Among those whose memories we'll honor will be **HERSCHEL MEREDITH, JOHNCHUCK, WILLIAM WARNE, HANK TRAUOGOTT, JACK POWER, DOUG HARPER, RICHARD KRUSS, WARREN PETERS, JOE WEEDEN, KEITH PETTY, TONY BRANTENAAR, DICK SMITH, B. O. A. THOMAS, ALBERT WILSON, HOWARD JONES** and **MIKE SCHMIDT**.

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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, 7:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, Palo Alto, 7:30 a.m.

San Carlos: Piacere Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15 p.m.



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