

MEETING of: March 24 2003

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## HOW MANY VERSES?

And how many of us knew that there was more than one verse to The Star Spangled Banner? As a matter of fact, how many knew there were four...and that the assembled chorus would mangle verse four under the direction of High Potentate LE. Another creative musical treat by "SKIP on the ivories" and "HPL with the baton." (Our incoming Prez is busy scurrying around trying to come up with some equally audacious musical madness. It may not be possible and it may not even be a good idea.)

President LE proudly announced that he had received the first suggestion. "Get a more attractive suggestion box!" Touché!

## RABBI SID



Was in his usual fine form as he opened the "opening" with a tribute to our 1987 Polio Plus Chairman, the late DICK SMITH, by contributing 1K to our current drive. SID then offered what he referred to as "traditional prayers" for peace and goodwill as we find ourselves at war in the Middle East. Palo Alto Rotary continues to be blessed by having SID as our spiritual leader.

## NEW MEMBERS TABLE

Was graced by CYRILLE BETANT...SY GREENSTONE...WAYNE THOMAS...MICHAEL LYDON...DON LANGENDORF...HERSH DAVIS...VERNON "Pledge leader extraordinaire" THOMPSON...incoming Board Member GEORGE SPERLING and the ever faithful BOB SMITHWICK. (No, Bob is not a new member, just likes to be near the sign-in table to accost late arrivers. ) If you haven't graced the NMT next week will be the last chance to meet with your fellow NMs.

### BIG BASIN!

Meet at Rickey's at 9 am Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> for our visit to the Palo Alto Rotary Club's Memorial Grove at Big Basin. DICK FREEMAN allowed as how Daylight Savings Time starts the night before, so "make a note so you don't miss the boat!" Let Dick know if you can drive.

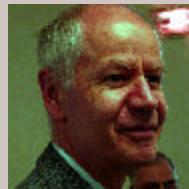
## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 31 – RANDY ADAMS, managing director of Theatre Works, on "TheatreWorks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

April 7 – Program Chair JUDY KLEINBERG has two interesting alternative prospects for this program.

April 14 – ELISABETH PATE-CORNELL, Chair of Stanford's Department of Management Science and Engineering, on "What we do and don't know about what caused the crash of the Columbia."

## INTRODUCING VISITORS



Was the venerable SAM "I would also like to contribute 1K to Polio eradication" WEBSTER. Unfortunately your humble scribe missed the name of our visitor from Switzerland but was alert enough to see the exchange of club banners. Also attending were our honorary guest, JOHN DONAHUE, and our guest speaker's brother and University Club member, JIM BECKETT. Well done, SAM...I think.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.



OUR POLIO IMMUNIZATION EXPERT GEOFF ZIMAN, complete with his Polio Plus shirt..."2000 GHANA"...showed photos of the immunization process while making a push for the final drive. If you haven't contributed, and are financially able... do it! DON LANGENDORF, our committee chairman, reported that... thus far...\$19,000 in contributions and pledges has been received from 52 members. ANDY MOSER, BOB MOBERG and BOB SMITHWICK all kicked in a President's Club membership toward the Polio Campaign. Thanks guys!

### HI AL...THANK FOR THE E-MAIL!

AL KENRICK is still recuperating and asks that someone take his place in escorting our Korean Rotary Scholar to the District Conference. See LE!



How about KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE'S baby daughter, PHOEBE! KAREN sent the following e-mail ... "Yes, I would love to bring Phoebe to a meeting! She's just the best and of course, we must let everyone know how much we were touched by the contribution made in honor of Phoebe by the Club to the Polio Eradication Fund. Both Don and I were really appreciative of the thoughtfulness of everyone. I really miss you all too." Hurry back, Mom!

#### AND SPEAKING OF

District Conferences...if you are an Incoming Officer or a Committee Chairperson or a New Member or a non-new member put down the dates of April 26, 27 and 28 at the Santa Clara Marriott. This is a great way to get a sense of Rotary's worldwide impact and feel you are looking from the inside. Plan to spend one or more days depending on your interest. Look for the application coming from District Governor BRAD HOWARD!

ANDY MOSER REPORTS That applications have been received for the District's 5 or 6 Ambassadorial Scholars. Let Andy know if you can assist in reviewing the applications...Sunday morning May 6

### WE HAVE A CHOICE



Was the message from today's speaker. In his introduction STEVE PLAYER noted the long time Palo Altan and community leader WILL BECKETT has been an electric car aficionado for 31 years and currently holds offices with the National and Silicon Valley Electric Automobile Associations.

"Electric cars 1) Are real cars...2) Go at highway speeds...3) Are non-polluting...4) Can go in the carpool lane with a single person...5) Do not need tune ups...6) Do not drip oil...and the list goes on." Will shared his thoughts on hybrid cars, fuel cells, conversion kits, scooters and segways. As Will left in his electric scooter he was heard to say, "At a penny a mile, this is the way!"

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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., 7:30 a.m.

**OVERHEARD ...at the President's Elect Training Seminar, "Some Rotarians come and go, but District Governors just accumulate!" And, yes, they do attempt to train the incoming presidents. The success rate is never reported.**

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