

MEETING of: April 14 2003

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OPENERS

We were led in the pledge today by SY GREENSTONE followed by the singing of the first and third stanzas of "My Country, 'tis of Thee" both accompanied by SKIP HOYT on the "88."

LOOK WHO ARE GUESTS



Visiting Rotarians included FRITZ SPERLING (father of GEORGE - I thought his first name was "Mister"), visiting from the Saarbrücken, Germany club, and BEN STOLPA of the San Carlos club. LAURIE LISTON, introduced his guest MARK DICKOW; SKIP HOYT introduced his guest, TED LARSON (a third timer); BOB SMITHWICK, not to be outdone, had three guests, wife AILEEN, TOM McSHANE and LEON JOHNSON. In addition to his dad, GEORGE introduced third-timer ARNE STOSCHEK.



CELEBRATION OF TAX DAY



DIANA DIAMOND in the opening remarks reminded us all, as if we needed reminding, that tomorrow is Tax Day, a national holiday which we must pay to celebrate. She told us that on the average we each spend 27 hours preparing our tax returns. Let's see - say about 100,000,000 tax preparers at \$8.25/hr.

times 27 hours - that's over \$22 billion. That would dig a lot of ditches but wouldn't help the budget deficit very much. But DIANA encouraged us not to despair since we now have taxation WITH representation. Also, she suggested a very simplified tax form - fat chance.

INTERESTING PROGRAMS COMING

April 21 - Stanford law professor LAWRENCE LESSIG on "IT vs IP - A Plan for Peace". His thesis is that two California industries, technology and content, are locked in a war that will determine the state's future. He will outline a plan for peace.

April 28 - DAN MORGAN, Joe Montana's agent and a specialist in signature authentication technology, will discuss authentication of signed art and sports memorabilia and may even auction some off.

May 5 - JEAN LOUIS GASSÉE, former president of Apple Products division who now heads up his own company, will speak on "Does the Old Europe Still Mat

WHAT'S UP DOC!

-PREZ LE read off a list of members' names too numerous to repeat here, of those who don't sign in. It cost each a ten buck fine. Good going PREZ.

WALT HAYS who heads up our Polio Eradication committee, announced that club had raised \$29K of its \$42K target and that by only 88 club members. DON LANGENDORF helped with the distribution of the special pins for the \$300 contributors. Also, part of the proceeds of the May 21 Oakland - Minnesota baseball game will go to the polio fund (tickets are \$25 and WALT sez \$10 goes to the cause), so sign up.



-BRAD WEEKS announced that the Gifts committee had six finalists still under consideration, with site visits scheduled for the weeks ahead.

A FASCINATING TALK



ANGELIKA BLENDSTRUP introduced our distinguished guest speaker, ELISABETH PATÉ-CORNELL, Chair of Stanford's Department of Management Science and Engineering, who described the results of investigations she headed to determine the causes of the Columbia shuttle crash earlier this year. By performing a risk analysis intended to identify the most likely contributors to the accident, the conclusion was reached that the faulty installation of the wing surface tiles was the most likely cause. Also, several management recommendations were made which possible could have forestalled the accident. A fascinating talk by a very informed presenter.



-DICK MANSFIELD distributed sign-up sheets for our annual Hands-On-Sleeves-Up day scheduled for May 17. Remember last year - a real winner. This year sites include the Boys and Girls Club and Eastside Prep School, both located in East Palo Alto. It's not too late - contact DICK, or PAM BRANDIN the volunteer coordinator for the event, if you haven't yet signed up.

-PREZ LE reminded us that the club will have a table at the District Conference luncheon to be held on April 26. Call the PREZ to reserve a space.

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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

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