

MEETING of: April 28, 2003

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A TRIBUTE TO ED CLEMENTS

BOB SMITHWICK shared how their paths had crossed many times, but came to life when they discovered their common involvement in higher education. ED was a UCLA graduate with a Ph.D. from Stanford. President during 1988-89, Ed served on many local and District committees. ED passed away two weeks ago. Memorial services will be at 2 pm, Thursday, May 1 at the Los Altos Chapel of Spangler's Mortuary. Ed was a great Rotarian! Thanks from all of us whose lives you touched.

HERE ARE OUR GUESTS



ANDY MOSER, who somehow grew up in Czechoslovakia, England, Ecuador, Colombia and New Jersey, ably handled the intro chores. Joining us were two visiting Rotarians, including JOHN MOSS representing the Los Altos Club. (Later JOHN made a pitch for their highly successful fund raiser, "Fine Art in the Park" to be held in Lincoln Park on May 17-18. A grand event, but DICK MANSFIELD is covetous of your time, so don't let art interfere with your "hands on" duties Saturday, May 17.)



Special guests were the father of DUANE KALAR'S three grandchildren, son-in-law JEFF FRICK....DARYL SAVAGE forced son JACOB, a budding sports fan, to miss his coveted math and science classes. Sorry about that JACOB!

"HOW MANY OF YOU SAW TODAY'S PALO ALTO DAILY?"

The "local area" POLIO PLUS "wrap up campaign" is approaching our 100K target. The thermometer reached \$88,745 according to today's news. We were informed by "No More Polio" Promoter DON LANGENDORF that our club has raised 31K. Los Altos has hit 36k and the rest is distributed among Mountain View, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto Sunrise and Los Altos Sunset...Paul Harris pins were awarded to CHALMERS MIKE TRAUGOTT, VIC ROSASCO and BILL BUSSE. Way to go!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 5 – JEAN LOUIS GASSÉE, former president of Apple Products Division who now heads up his own company, Allegis Capital, on "Does the Old Europe Still Matter?"

May 12 – Rotarians TED ROSE and SUSAN HILL, on World Community Service Project Amigo, a children's program in Colima, Mexico.

EXPOSE' OF H. L. MENCKEN



JOHN BRACKEN regaled the assembled throng with an exposé of the great writer, humorist and book reviewer, H. L. Mencken. In H. L.'s later years he "verbally speared" his adversaries, including Rotary. JOHN noted that had Mr. Mencken been at last weekend's District 5170 Conference in Santa Clara he would have certainly changed his tune. So, in honor of that assumption, JOHN recommends a visit to the library to pick up one of the great man's books. Well done, JOHN!

DISA & DATA

Prez LE recognized HERSH DAVIS, our "student" cashier who is under the tutelage of pseudo moneyman, BOB WHITEHAIR. (Seems BOB is paying the piper for setting the Red Badge longevity record.)....Last weekend's District 5170 Conference was attended, in part, by Prez LE, LE's fiancé, JUDY, Prez to be BILL, JOHN BRACKEN, WALTHAYS, LEANNA HUNT, PAM BRANDIN, LISA AKSELRAD, and STEVE SCHAPER...At the Conference "Higher than most" Potentate LE accepted the District 10 International Service Award for our Guatemalan Fuel Efficient Stove Project. Kudos to WALT HAYS and ART STAUFFER!...PAM BRANDIN is looking for volunteers to man the Rotary Information Table at the Gamble Gardens this weekend. Call PAM today!

ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED...

Hosting our Vietnamese Group Study Exchange members in their homes was a great cultural experience. Hosts were LE LEVY and JUDY HUEY, DUANE and ANN KALAR, ANDY and ANITA MOSER, and BETSY and GEORGE BECHTEL. (Betsy encouraged all of us to consider hosting the next GSE Team!) Also contributing as tour guides, and such, were BILL LOVE, WALT HAYS, BILL BUSSE, DAVE SMULLIN, DIANA DIAMOND and ANGELIKA BLENDSTRUP.

LET DICK MANSFIELD KNOW

If your spouses, non spouses, offspring, or other assorted relatives and friends will be assisting with our HANDS ON...SLEEVES UP work day in East PA Saturday May 17th. Thanx in advance to IRIS for the hats (?) and ANNETTE GLANCKOPF for arranging the various sumptuous vittles.

OVERHEARD

One of the District Conference speakers quoted Mark Twain as he stood at the podium. "No man should speak any longer then he can make love." Mark then folded up his papers and walked off the stage! (When the word gets out we can anticipate some very brief club presentations.)

Don't forget to sign up for the A's-versus-Twins baseball game on Wednesday, May 21, at 12:35 p.m. Just \$25 for a seat, and \$10 of that will go to the Polio Eradication drive! But you MUST call BOB SMITHWICK, at (650) 948-3209, before this Friday, May 2!

ROTARY COMPETITION ABOUNDS!

That according to BILL BUSSE in his prologue to introducing our speaker Promotional Sports Agent DAN MORGAN. District leaders, including our very own LE LEVY, attempted to sing the University of California Alma Mater while the camera projected "Beat Cal" on the large monitor screens. Go Bears! Go Big Red!



DAN shared his sports relationships with Joe Montana and Joe Dimaggio, along with giving a very informative presentation on fraud in the collectible signature business. This is an eight billion dollar industry in which 80% of the signatures are fake. So beware when you see a baseball signed by Sister Theresa or a chess set signed by "Lee Levi." The frosting on the cake was the auctioning of an authentic Joe Montana signed photograph, which LE mistook as a picture of himself as a youth. Thanx to JOYCE CUSICK for outbidding the crowd and enriching our Polio Plus coffers!



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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, 7:30 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.

GOOD NEWS DAY!

Past Presidents JOE JEDD and AL KENRICK are on the mend. We can expect to see them at one of our next meetings. IRIS KOROL reported that Al has gained 20# and is "lookin' good!"



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