

# ROTARY CLUB of Palo Alto, CALIF. Pinion

MEETING of: May 5, 2003

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## TODAY WAS SUNNY!

What a day this has been! It was sunny (stop press!) and a good turnout heard a great speaker who gave us food for thought and left plenty of time for questions, and – well – you should have been here!

DAVID NEGRIN led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President LE LEVY gave well-earned credit to HERSH DAVIS for minding the till.

## OPENING REMARKS

CYRILLE BETANT suggested that, in light of the tenets that everything came out of nothing, that particles can exist and not exist at the same time, and that the more we know the less we understand, we should step back, take a deep breath or a good vacation, and then put the relatively inconsequential conflicts of everyday life into perspective or avoid them altogether. Well thought, CYRILLE!

## VISITORS

LEANNAH HUNT introduced visiting Rotarian GENE BLAKESLEE from the Rotary Club of San Jose. ANNETTE GLANCKOPF's guest was Palo Alto fire chief RUBEN GRIJALVA. BILL BUSSE reintroduced MARC DICKOW.



## FEED THE HOMELESS

CYRILLE BETANT reported on last week's Urban Ministry feed-the-homeless event. In addition to CYRILLE, chair ART STAUFFER, WES GARDINER, DAVID NEGRIN, CHARLIE and JESSIE BEALL, and DARYL SAVAGE and her sons participated.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

May 19 – LINDA PAULSON of Stanford University on "The Stanford/PA Weekly Dickens Project."

May 26 – No meeting today (Memorial Day observed).

## ROTARY ENDOWMENT



DUANE KALAR began a month of promotion for our own Rotary Endowment – he's the current chair – by explaining the Endowment's mission of building a nest egg of principal calculated to return five percent a year for the club's good works. That five percent currently gives us about \$15,000 a year! To participate we need only give a check, payable to Rotary Endowment, to HIG HIGGINS.

Then DUANE encouraged various of our members to pay fines for the benefit of the Endowment: LEANNAH HUNT paid \$100 in honor of the TWO weddings – within six weeks of each other – upcoming in her family. BILL BUSSE and WALT HAYS dug deep for \$5 each for driving hybrid cars and thus undermining Cheney Economics. BILL LOVE (a ringer: we know he's an Endowment guy) pledged \$200. DAVID NEGRIN, whose 50-something daughter just ran her second marathon in greatly improved time, gave \$100 in her honor.

## NAMES MAKE NEWS



President LE had a Blue Badge for ART STAUFFER, remarking in his best Berkeleyite manner that "as you move up in the club you go from red to blue." ART volleyed neatly: As a Stanford man, he said, he took a long time getting the Blue Badge because he wanted to keep the red one. He also had enhanced Paul Harris pins for recidivist Foundation donors VIC ROSASCO, BILL LOVE, and BRUCE LIEDSTRAND. And he saluted the highly successful Board Red Hot Margarita Party at PAM BRANDIN's home, a fundraising auction item from the recent Crab Carnivale 2003 event.

## HANDS ON SLEEVES UP!



It's almost time for Hands On Sleeves Up, Saturday, May 17, starting at 8:30 a.m., at Eastside Prep and Boys & Girls Club on Pulgas in East Palo Alto. Volunteer coordinator PAM BRANDIN pointed out that everyone who has signed up now has a detailed assignment sheet, and a map, in his or her folder. DICK MANSFIELD called for a handyperson to deal with late-breaking fixit requests from Boys & Girls Club (BRIAN STEEN, NICK NICHOLS, and

CARL KING all stepped up), and also asked for ladders: If you have one or more we can use, call WALT HAYS or BILL BUSSE, the site captains.

## DOES THE OLD EUROPE STILL MATTER?



Our speaker was the exceptional entrepreneur and epigrammatist JEAN-LOUIS GASSÉE, introduced by ANGELIKA BLENDSTRUP. The question posed by his title: "Does the Old Europe Still Matter?" His proposed answer: Maybe not. But as a product of Europe and as one who loves her still he strongly suggested that Europe's only plausible route to continued viability is to recognize its cultural similarities to "the evil United States" and to become more closely allied with this country notwithstanding recent differences. Along the way GASSÉE delighted us with his insights and his wit. Once again, you should have been here!



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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.



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