ROTARY CLUB of PALO ALTO, CALIF.

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MEETING of: May 19, 2003 Reporter: John Kidd Graphics: Lyle Connell

GETTING US TO ORDER!

MPORTANT OBSERVED EVENT

AL KENRICK is back! Wonderful to see, you, Al. We've missed you.

PRELIMINARY STUFF

Without the appropriate pomp and circumstance accoutrements usually attendant to getting our attention, Le somehow still managed to get us to order. (Hig later came groveling up with gavel, bell and apologies) "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" rang. A considerably considerate gesture - celebrating the SU Baseball Team's Conference Championship - coming from our ex-Beserkleyite president.

INTERESTING GUESTS

Lots of very INTERESTING GUESTS: MARC DICKOW, TED LARSON, BRIAN CHANCELLOR, PEGGY WILEY, DAREN SINGER, & JANE BOOKER DEES. Word must have leaked out that we're a pretty interesting Monday lunch-and-community-service group of people!

BLUE BADGES

LYLE CONNELL tried to break Art Stauffer's longevity record for red badge holder, but fouled up by successfully completing the necessary requirements. As did Mary Frances Callan. Huzzahs all around.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

26 May **NO MEETING (Memorial Day)**

2 June **DR. PETER NELSON of Stanford University on matters of cardiovascular health: "Heart Disease and Stroke"**

CLASSIC FACTS!

CHESLEY DOUGLAS was classy with opening remarks. Classic facts, that is, about Rotary & our club. A great listen for new members and old. (You could tell we were actually listening when we asked Chet to elaborate on the fine distinction between 'all at once' and 'one-time.'). Chesley promised to give all the data to Joyce to post on our website.

ANNOUNCMENTS, etc.

OUR BOARD IS NOT BORED, and reported that:

- **we are investigating the possibility of providing teachers for the local Junior Achievement program;**
- **we have finally come to grips with the nettlesome problem of spouses as members. We've decided that it's a good thing, so long as sponses don't spouser their own sponse. And of course keeping in mind that we are not the local Y and you may not have a family discount unless you pass GO three times in one roll.**

DON LANGENDORF reported great success in our campaign to do our part in ROTARY'S effort to eradicate polio. Our club's goal was to raise $25,000. We put together over $37,000! Well done DON & WALT, and well done to all of us!

DUANE KALAR, our Chair of the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund Board, acknowledged the other Board members, all dedicated Rotarians are they, and reminded us that: 1) if we're going to reach our goal of pushing the current $278,151 to a $Million in Sam's lifetime, we'd best not tarry, and 2) remember Memorial Day as a opportunity to remember someone you wish to memorialize by donating to the PAREF and having the family receive an appropriate 'in memory of' letter from us. So don't forget.

HANDS ON SLEEVES UP!

AND REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF
John O'Keefe said it. "In all my years in Rotary, I've never seen a more well organized event. DICK MANSFIELD did an incredible job." Took the words right out of many mouths. The HANDS-ON-SLEEVES-UP projects @ Eastside School and The Boys & Girls Club in East Palo Alto were very ambitious and VERY successful. Even if it did take 20 Rotarians to refelt a pool table (SOMEbody had to pick it up). Kudos all around. Bracken wrote touching and appropriate verse, Levy added on the spot, and somebody ought to get that on the Web. too.

READINGS OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS

• Bill Johnson introduced the speaker who described one of the most innovative events to hit Palo Alto since Art Gleim's dad decided to sell jewelry instead of shoes. LINDA PAULSON, Associate Dean of Humanities and Director of the Master of Liberal Arts Program at Stanford was fascinating as she told the tale of how a 140 year old Dicken's of an idea, serialized story telling, got updated for us locals. With a slamming success! (Except for the annoying bobbles by the US Postal Service). Thinking that it might be fun to try to present Great Expectations to Palo Altoans as Dickens did, she talked Bill Johnson into inserting the first three installments into successive Palo Alto Weekly's to see how many would 'take' and order the next installments over the web. Budgeting for at most 1000, she wound up with 7000 readers on her hands in 46 states and 22 countries! Listening carefully, you could hear Charles Himself utter profound appreciation with not one peep about expired copyrights .

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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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