

ROTARY CLUB of Palo Alto, CALIF. Pinion

MEETING of: June 16, 2003

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THE DAY THEY GAVE THE MONEY AWAY

Visiting Rotarians and guests augmented our numbers – the salads were gone early and the cashier ran out of cash – as our Charitable Gifts Committee announced the club's annual cash grants and saluted the recipients.

CHESLEY DOUGLAS got us started by leading the pledge of allegiance, and President LE expressed pleasure at opening his next-to-last meeting in the office.

GUESTS



ANDY MOSER introduced visiting Rotarian HANI TARAZI, an accountant from the Dubai club, who described his club and his city. WALT HAYS's guest was attorney recruiter JOE MacRAE; WALT also stood in for DAVID NEGRIN to introduce PAUL ST. ROSEMAN and IRENE ST. ROSEMAN. STEVE PLAYER introduced MARGO GORDON and GEORGE FITZGERALD. VALJOTHI, a personal trainer and real estate investor who is interested in affiliating with Rotary, was welcomed by ISRAEL ZEHAVAL. And ANDY had a guest of his own: His wife ANITA.



MEMBER SIGHTINGS

ANDY thought there must be more guests, and finally pointed out "the man in the green shirt" who turned out to be long-lost member GARY FAZZINO, stopping by for his annual visit. DICK CARLSON, on the other hand, has attended the last couple of meetings even though he now splits most of his

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 23 – Our own BOB SMITHWICK, who wants the record to show that his title will be "MediShare – Not Medicare." Be there to learn all about it!

June 30 – NO LUNCH MEETING today. Instead, we'll gather at the Garden Court in Palo Alto, at 6 p.m., to debunk retiring President LE LEVY! (Who says he's retiring? I'd say he's always been commendably brash.) Get your \$45 per seat – and great value for the money – to DICK MANSFIELD no later than the June 23 meeting!

OPENING REMARKS



BRIAN STEEN put us in the philosophical mood by reciting remarks by Garri-son Keillor at a recent Harvard commencement weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, etc.

Remember the Debunking Dinner, with fun for all (and especially President LE), Monday evening, June 30, 6 p.m., at the Garden Court Hotel in Palo Alto. Make (and pay for) your reservations with DICK MANSFIELD.

President-Elect BILL BUSSE, freshly back from the RI Convention in Brisbane (the Australian one), spoke a little Stryne for us and said he and BARBARA had a wonderful time in Oz, New Zealand, and the South Pacific but are also glad to be back.

AND THE ENVELOPES PLEASE



SANDRA NIEMANN, who was recruited to be co-chair of the Charitable Gifts Committee but wound up in charge when BRAD WEEKS departed to Michigan, did a marvelous job of introducing and choreographing our six charitable grant recipients for 2003

TODAY'S AWARDEES



GIRLS CLUB OF THE MID-PENINSULA received \$8,000 to help it buy a van in which to take its young clients on field trips. Executive Director (and East Palo

Alto mayor) **PATRICIA FOSTER**, and artist **EILEEN MCGARVEY** who is serving as the club's interim program director, described the club's support services to 50 to 60 school-aged girls a day in East Palo Alto.



COMMUNITY BREAST HEALTH FOUNDATION received \$5,000 to fund its outreach program. **KAREN NIERENBERG**, the Foundation's Executive Director, described the Foundation's services to young women with significant breast health issues which might not otherwise be effectively treated.



RISE/CDI, which helps African-American and other minority high school students earn an opportunity to get into the colleges of their choice, received \$10,000 for a technology program on how to use computers as a source of information rather than simply as a vehicle for computer games. Executive Director **IRENE ST. ROSEMAN** described the RISE/CDI program.



THE FRIENDS OF THE PALO ALTO JUNIOR MUSEUM & ZOO, represented by our own **RACHEL MEYER**, received \$5,210 to fund science education programs for 125 students in East Palo Alto schools.



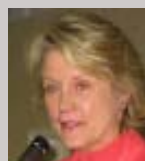
LYTTON GARDENS SENIOR COMMUNITIES received \$4,790 to purchase two video magnifiers and two adjustable chairs for its visually impaired residents. **ANNE WELLNER DE VEER** told us that **LYTTON GARDENS** now offers broad services to senior residents including five who are over 100 years old!

PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Le Levy. **PRESIDENT ELECT:** Bill Busse. **PAST PRESIDENT:** Sara Pantin. **DIRECTORS:** Lisa Akselrad, Pam Brandin, Annette Glanckopf, Dick Mansfield, Nick Nichols, Rick Tipton. **TREASURER:** Dick Carlson. **SECRETARIES:** Dick Freeman, Bob McCowan. **MAIL:** P.O. Box 592, Palo Alto, CA 94302. **GENERAL E-MAIL:** parotary@aol.com. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com. **WEB SITE:** <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

Note: Check our website, www.rotarypaloalto.org, for updates!



BRING ME A BOOK FOUNDATION, created by **JUDY KOCH BUCHANAN** to help children (and their parents) gain access to good books, received \$5,000 to purchase ten bookcases filled with wonderful books to build reading skills and encourage reading enjoyment

President **LE** summed up nicely, gave special thanks to **SANDRA, BRAD and NICK NICHOLS**, and accepted questions for the recipients. **NICK** described his experiences with **RISE** and other community educational organizations.

With time still on the clock, **BRUCE LIEDSTRAND, BILL LOVE** and **RACHEL MEYER** all joined the President's Club. Then **SAM WEBSTER** told a couple of jokes and everyone headed for the parking lot, albeit with happy memories of a great meeting!



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