

MEETING of: July 6, 2003

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## WHO'S THE GUY IN THE AUSSIE HAT?



If you didn't believe this would be the Dawning of the Age of the BUSSE, listen to his openers: "Welcome to the 3,453<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Palo Alto Rotary Club!" Brand new Maestro BILL acknowledged that "this is my very first meeting," and likened it to a first date or a first

kiss. Well, not really, BILL, but you done good anyhow.

## WHO ARE THE GUESTS?

LISAAKSELRAD and MICKEY WHEAT introduced visiting Cupertino Rotarian and new chancellor of Foothill-De Anza Colleges MARTHA KANTER, and STEVE PLAYER introduced second-time guest GEORGE FITZGERALD, director of spiritual care services at Stanford Hospital.



## WILL THERE BE OPENING REMARKS?



WALT HAYS then was permitted to give what were by now mid-program remarks, recounting a teacher's adjuration to cherish the nuances of life because they can be taken away quite suddenly. Poignantly, the story came to us by way of Lisa Beamer, widow of one of the heroes of the September 11 flight that crashed in

Pennsylvania.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 14 – Dr. KAREN SMITH, "Bioterrorism."

July 21 – JIM CUNEEN, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, "Regionalism."

July 28 – New Member talks.

## PREROGATIVES OF NEW POWER

Exercising the prerogatives of his new power – use it wisely, Maestro BILL! – our new president designated himself today's speaker and demonstrated his talents by giving a PowerPoint presentation (groans from the gallery) that was actually very good!

First he brought us scenes and messages from the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia, where he learned to pronounce the name of new RI president JONATHAN MAJIYAGBE from Nigeria. RI raised \$88 million worldwide — \$8 million over goal – for polio eradication, and our club and Rotarians from North America did more than their share. Next year the convention will be in Osaka in May, and Maestro BILL invited us all to travel along with President-Elect PAM BRANDIN.

Then Maestro BILL shared his vision for the forthcoming year for Rotary Club of Palo Alto, listing the many committee chairs already on board and encouraging all of us to participate. Among other things, Maestro BILL intends to "make the Pinion really sing this year . . ." Well, maybe next week.

## WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION

BILL KIRK received a Paul Harris Fellowship.



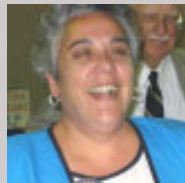
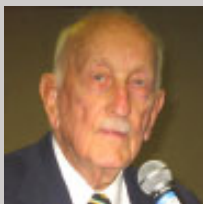
## WELCOME TO THE CLUB



Maestro **BILL** assured us that the President's Club is going to be Where It's Happening for "fun and games" this year. Thus inspired, several of us became charter members: **LISA AKSELRAD** joined to welcome Maestro **BILL** and to celebrate her parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week (and good on you too, Rotarian **SID**!).

**NANCY LYTLE** also honored Maestro **BILL** as well as her daughter **CORI**, a newly-minted Paly graduate. **SAM WEBSTER** joined to celebrate

his daughter's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and his own 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Past Prez **LE LEVY** joined, and also sent some money to the Rotary Foundation, in gratitude for last week's splendid Debunking Dinner and in anticipation of his forthcoming wedding: All the best, **LE** and **JUDY**! **Le** and **JOHN BRACKEN** (who later joined the President's Club too) reminisced at some length about the late columnist **LEONARD KOPPETT**. **HARRY KALLSHIAN**, whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in his absence at the June 23 meeting, agreed to give \$90 if it would go to help crippled children. **KAREN BROSI** agreed to join because "I always love a party," and invited Maestro **BILL** to join because he had already postponed introduction of guests and **WALT HAYS**'s opening remarks. **BILL LOVE** rose to honor his granddaughter who had become an all-American in steeplechase, then recalled that he had already honored her, but concluded "Oh, well, I'll join again



## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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### NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

**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

**East Palo Alto Bayshore:** Boys & Girls Club, 2031 Pulgas (at O'Connor), 12:15 p.m.

**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.



Happy 90th Birthday



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