

# ROTARY CLUB of **P**ALO ALTO, CALIF. **Rotary Pini**n

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## THE VIEW BACK AT YOU

**GOD BLESS AMERICA.** The PRIZE to the Rotarian most energetically engaged in singing opening songs has got to be split right down the middle between, can you guess, the dapperst goodolboy at the O'Keefe table; and our highly energetic, vivacious and patriotic anti-goodolboy finemistress. Kudos to you both

## WHO ARE THE GUESTS?



VR's..... Convivial S. Schaper engaged Visiting Rotarians Ginny Parker from Lincoln Nebraska, George Paulson from Belmont, Gary Ledbetter from SPRING HILL with a banner Tennessee, and Tony Wise and Jim Cuneen from San Jose in enough patter that we learned just a tad more than we needed to know about who's wedding gift to whom from Nebraska



was See's Candy.

And VERY WELCOME GUESTS included ALAN BENNETT, an R&D specialist introduced by G. Ziman, and GEORGE FITZGERALD, Stanford Hospital's Director of Spiritual Care

introduced by S. Player.

## GARDEN PARTY

READY FOR A CLUB GARDEN PARTY???? SANDRA NEIMANN rose to remind us to plan on Busse's Garden (it's a treat) @ 4:00 PM Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

28 July **THE BEST.** New & Experienced Member Brief Bios

4 August **TOM WILSON**, Assistant Football Coach, Stanford Cardinal. CAN WE, in fact, beat cal??????

11 August **DON ALLEN.** District Governor. As DG annual talks go, this promises to be one of the best. Preview last year, when we kicked off the Polio Eradication project, was superb.

## OPENING REMARKS?



MARC DICKOW did an excellent job of inspiring us to the needs and values of the medieval practice of apprenticeship. Worked then, still works today. And is an excellent vehicle for teaching & training young people who can greatly benefit from such mentoring. To say nothing about the value to the mentor.



And in his doesn't-quite-grasp-the-concept-of-a-Rotary Minute, CHESLEY DOUGLAS did tell us an almost interesting story about plane trouble in Xian. Stay tuned, the jury is anxiously awaiting Pres BB's case for this illuminating, if arcane, practice of trying to teach us all something about our Club in a brief 60 seconds. I'm betting

on abandonment, myself, but our pres is persevering.

## AND THEN THERE WAS KAREN B.....

After quickly dispatching the O'Keefe boys with a fiver each, she much more graciously acknowledged (for free yet already) July anniversaries starting with TODD LEWIS (10), DON LANGEDORF (54), and to top it off, RABBI SID AKSELRAD (60!). Then on to serious contributors who were willing to donate \$100 to our President's Club (really our tax deductible Annual Charity Fund) in celebration of notable events: BOB & PAT BROWN just returned from a delightful hiking & grandchildren-filled two months in Austria and Germany, and WAYNE THOMAS told of the most-often-experienced-by-teenagers joy of getting the braces off! And DAVID NEGRIN was delighted that his recent return to New York had remarkably restored his native accent. (Don't tell David, but I don't think most of us could tell the difference.)

## DANGEROUS/OPPORTUNITY



GLORIA HOM gave a glowing intro to local Gunn High graduate and now successful politician and President of the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, JIM CUNEEN. Did you realize that no less than the United States Federal Government has declared that we are officially part of the San Jose Metropolitan Area, rather

than the San Francisco Metropolitan Area??? We understand that the "San Jose Bay Area" tag didn't go down very well with Willy Brown. After this bit of understandable puffery from the S.J.C. of C., Jim then built his talk around the Dangerous/Opportunity theme that provided the vehicle for cautious optimism about our economic and social future. Positives: We're still a unique synergistic amalgam of talent and entrepreneurial spirit and capital; we're situated on the East Coast of the Pacific Rim, and Venture Capital is alive and well. Negative: We polled dead last as a destination for a relocated business due to high regulation and workers comp costs. Guess we'll have to stay tuned.

## 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.

### FRIDAY

**Palo Alto University:** Sheraton, El Camino, Palo Alto, 7:15 a.m.

**San Carlos:** Piacere, San Carlos, 12:15 p.m.



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