

# ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

# ALO ALTO, CALIF. Pinion

MEETING of: August 18, 2003

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## OPENER

**HONEYMOONERS:** PRESIDENT BILL began the meeting by welcoming and congratulating past president LE LEVY and his new wife, JUDY HUEY LEVY, who were married on August 24 and set a new precedent by attending Rotary the next day.

## VISITING ROTATIANS



DAVID DOWN, from San Jose, coffee wholesaler, who said he used to know CHESLEY DOUGLAS "when he was still alive." BOB ROCKET, from Cupertino, introduced his wife, BETSY, and also IRINA YUKOVINA from the Moscow Capital Club. Irina is the Director of Opora ("support" in Russian), a nonprofit that teaches Russian youth to avoid drug and alcohol abuse. Through the efforts of ROB LANCEFIELD, our club contributed \$500 toward the cost of bringing her here to build relationships.



## GUESTS



TONY CARRASCO introduced AUDREY JACOB, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Chamber of Commerce. SANDRA NIEMANN introduced CAROL GARSTON,



proprietor of the Major Gallery. PRESIDENT BILL introduced MARK HEYER, who has provided invaluable assistance on the club website.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- September 1      **LABOR DAY, No Meeting**
- September 8      **LIZ KNISS The Recall and Current Status of Santa Clara County Politics and Finances**
- September 15     **CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM**
- September 22     **TED LELAND Stanford University Sports**
- September 29     **EMILY SANO & FOREST MCGILL San Francisco's new Asian Art Museum**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, September 28th, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., we will hold a party at the lovely home of VICKY CHING. Among other features will be a talk by an expert on Iraqi antiquities. SANDRA NIEMANN announced that on Wednesday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m., Lytton Gardens will hold a dedication of the magnifiers and chairs donated by our charity fund. Members are invited and urged to attend.

WALT HAYS announced that the container of wheelchairs purchased by us and the Guatemala del Este Club has arrived in Guatemala, and the plan is for interested members to fly to Guatemala on Friday, 9/19, deliver chairs and meet with Rotarians on 9/20 and return on 9/21. Call Walt for info.



RUTH SCHNEIDER described her own moving experience of delivering a chair in Belize in January, and showed a beautiful picture of the recipient painted from one of Ruth's photos.

HAL MICKELSON congratulated TONY CARRASCO as the incoming president of the Chamber, in response to which Tony joined the President's Club with a w i c e .



Walking His Talk, HAL contributed \$50 to announce that on Tuesday, September 9, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., president-elect PAM BRANDIN will be awarded the Athena Award, given by the Chamber each year to a woman who has "demonstrated excellence in her business or profession, devoted time and energy

to her community in a meaningful way and generously assisted women in attaining their full potential."

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



LIZ KNISS introduced CARL GUARDINO, President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, to talk about economic and demographic trends in the Valley. Carl first announced that the Group is sponsoring a fuller program on the subject Tuesday, September 23, from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Mayer Theatre at Santa Clara University. He then illustrated the Valley's worst recession ever with the following changes in the last 36 months: Unemployment: from 1/6 % to 8.6 %. Jobs: from a 6-year increase of 300,00 to a loss of 200,000. Commercial vacancies: from low single digits to 30-40%.



Forthcoming challenges: Population increase by 2010: 13%, mostly from births. Portion of population able to afford average resale home in 2000: 20%. Increase in daily trips into Valley by 2010: 30%. Transportation funding: \$82 billion over 25 years, only \$7.7 for new work. K-12 enrollment: up 16% by 2010. In 2002, 14 % of teachers were uncredentialed, mostly in poor areas.

Despite its challenges, Silicon Valley has unparalleled human and intellectual resources, as evidenced by the fact that 120 other areas in the country have appropriated the word "Silicon" in describing their area, the most amusing being Florida's "Silicon Swamp." And the Manufacturing Group has led the way in proactive response to our challenges, with one outstanding example being the Housing Trust Fund, to which local companies and public entities contributed over \$20 million, \$11 million of which has already been leveraged to provide affordable housing to over 2800 families .

TODD LEWIS, who went on vacation at the outset of remodeling, returned to find only a foundation where his home used to be, and joined the club in hopes that things are going according to plan.

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Bill Busse. PRESIDENT ELECT: Pam Brandin. PAST PRESIDENT: Le Levy. DIRECTORS: Lisa Aklselrad, Marcie Cox, Steve Schaper, George Sperling, Art Stauffer, and Rick Tipton. TREASURER: Dick Mansfield. SECRETARIES: Dick Freeman, Bob McCowan, Julie Jerome. MAIL: P.O. Box 592, Palo Alto, CA 94302. GENERAL E-MAIL: [parotary@aol.com](mailto:parotary@aol.com). CLUB RECORDS: Joyce Cusick, [parotaryrecords@aol.com](mailto:parotaryrecords@aol.com). WEB SITE: <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

### NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

#### TUESDAY

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

Los Altos Sunset: The Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, 7:15pm.

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central, 12:15pm.

#### WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, MP, Noon

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, 7:30am.

#### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, Shoup Park, Los Altos, 12:15pm.

Palo Alto Sunrise: Scott's, Town & Country, PA, 7:15am.

#### FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, PA, 7:30am.

San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15pm.



BOB BULMORE joined the Presidents Club in recognition of having won, with his partner, the doubles title in the N. Cal. Senior Tournament.



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