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MEETING of: September 8, 2003

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OPENER

THE PLEDGE was led by JOHN BRACKEN followed by a rousing chorus of "God Bless America" accompanied by SKIP HOYT at the "88". Welcome back SKIP.

GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians were TONI WISE (San Jose) and BOB BRATMAN (Aberdare, Wales, UK).

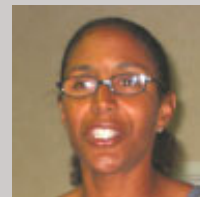
Rotarians with guests/hosts (do I have them all?) included ERIC RAGERE/Karen Brosi; JANE BROOKE REESE/Le Levy; PAUL LOSCH and ERIC HASSETT/John Kidd; JACKIE HILLARY/Diana Diamond; BILL D'AGOSTINO/Bill Johnson; AXEL MERK/George Sperling; YUJIAN YAN/Bill Busse; ERNEST TEDESCHI, JEREMY JOSEPH and JARON FERRANTI/Liz Kniss; AUDREY JACOB/Tony Carrasco; ADAM ATITO/(Hillary Freeman) and lastly (except for omissions) HUSBAND SAM and DON KAZAK/Daryl Savage



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- September 15 **One of our favorites: NEW MEMBER TALKS along with a very interesting MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT issue**
- September 22 **TED LELAND, Stanford University Sports**
- September 29 **EMILYSANO & FOREST MCGILL, San Francisco's new Asian Art Museum**

OPENING REMARKS



HILLARY FREEMAN gave us all hope observing that in this season of seasons (baseball, football, basketball, etc., etc.) when we all strive to be winners, we have to be able to take some tough losses. Citing President Lincoln's long list of defeats both political and military, she reminded us that despite these disappointments he had the qualities, including perseverance, toughness, tenacity and refusal-to-quit, that allowed him to prevail during one of the most critical periods in our history. Thanks, HILLARY for those inspiring remarks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAVID NEGRIN announced that this year the Club is reinitiating its popular Vocational Visits program. In this program, organization in which Rotarians play a key role, are visited by Club members who are told about it's goals and accomplishments. Visits this Rotary year are planned to the American Red Cross, Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Community Association for Rehabilitation (CAR), the Daily News and the Palo Alto Weekly. The visit to the Red Cross will take place on October 13; dates for the other visits will be announced. Stay Tuned.....ANDY MOSER introduced DEJI OLUKOTUN, our District's Ambassadorial Scholarship award winner who will be studying in South Africa during the next academic year. DEJI was eloquent in describing his plans and in thanking Rotary for the generous gift.....MIKE COUCH invited us all to attend the next social event to be held at the home of VICKI CHING on Sunday, September 28. More to come.....DICK MANSFIELD, our Treasurer, is asking for help in managing Club finances. All you need is spreadsheet computer experience. Call DICK.....CYRILLE BETANT announced the next Feed the Homeless event to be held on Wednesday, September 17. Sign up, a very rewarding experience.....



TODAY'S PROGRAM



LIZ KNISS was introduced by DAVID NEGRIN. LIZ was born and raised in the east. Following her move to California she obtained B.S., P.H.N. and M.P.A. degrees specializing in public health, the center of her interest as a Santa Clara County Supervisor. She applied her vast experience in local politics, she was a Council Member, Vice-Mayor and Mayor of Palo Alto, to help us understand some

of the major issues preceding the California Governor's recall election, which by the way will cost the taxpayers \$60-70M. Mentioned briefly were the two leading candidates, ARNOLD and STAMONTE both of whom are flawed but who also have some positive attributes. The major issue is financial management with the state being rated 50th in this area. Underlying are a loss of confidence by the voters amplified by the loss of jobs. LIZ also spoke of three major areas that will require the attention of both the voters and the legislators namely, Prop. 13, term limits and the initiative system in California. A real think piece, LIZ.

WALT HAYS has invited Club members to help distribute wheelchairs in Guatemala later on this month. It's not too late to sign up. Also, he described a hands-on project to be held in a town near Merida in the Yucatan later on in the year. WALT will provide the details in ensuing meetings.....Want to play golf? SAM WEBSTER asked those interested to call STEVE SCHAPER. No? How about learning how pistachios are processed? Call TODD LEWIS on this one. Coming Attractions (next week): MIKE TRAUGOTT'S travel experiences.

>>QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If you can't make it, don't fake it, let someone else take it.
-Moms Mabley

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NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos Sunset: The Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, 7:15pm.
Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central, 12:15pm.

WEDNESDAY

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



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