

# ROTARY CLUB of ALO ALTO, CALIF.

# Rotary Pinion

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## OPENING RIVALRY

Following a rousing pledge the club split into rival camps (singing groups). JOHN KIDD led the Stanford faction in "Come Join the Band" and LE LEVY and his Cal cohorts followed with "The Sturdy Golden Bear". In terms of volume and enthusiasm, it was a clear tie. Also CARL KING invited risk takers to agree to join the President's Club if Cal lost Saturday's BIG GAME or if they won by 8 1/2 points or less. There were quite a few "gamblers".

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

The visiting Rotarian was PAUL CLARK (Los Gatos).



Rotarians with guests/hosts were DEJI (ANDY MOSER), K. SREENIVASAN (LOU KAVANAU), LAURA CASAS FRIER (DEBORAH KANTER), HEATHER TROSSMAN



(AUDREY JACOB), JAMES MARZONI (LEANNAH HUNT), PRESTON TAYLOR (DARYL SAVAGE) and CAROL KARSTEN (JOHN KIDD). A rousing welcome greeted all our guests.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Meyer, The Future of the Junior Museum

Dec 1st -- Nichole Taylor/Marshall Lott, RYLA and College Track

Dec 8th -- Joe Simitian-Assemblyman, Advocacy Tips

## A FIRST AT ROTARY



GLORIA HOM described how it was in the old days when she became the first female Rotarian following the Supreme Court decision mind you, back in 1978. The club then was involved in world affairs (still is), hands on projects and social events. GLORIA was made to feel welcome by club members especially the older ones (so she told us). Not only did she become a full fledged member but she also served as president in 1992-93, only four years after joining the club.

## THE LATEST INFO

BRIAN STEEN has collected service related info. on each vet in the Pinion photo of last week and will post it all on our Web site.....

DAVID NEGRIN announced that the Vocational Visits program will be kicked off with a brown-bag lunch at the PA Chapter of the American Red Cross at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 2. Be sure to sign up.....

The trip to Berkeley this Wednesday will leave from Rickey's at 10:45 am per JOHN KIDD.....STEVE PLAYER displayed the AX - where will it end up after Saturdays Big Game?.....

DICK FREEMAN still has a few entertainment books. At \$20 this is a real bargain; it pays for itself most often after only one use.....

BETSY BECHTEL invited club members to take advantage of the opportunity to contribute to a most worthy cause - supporting research in pediatric hematology and lymphoma at local universities. Sign up!.....

LE LEVY encouraged all to get their Rotary International Foundation raffles returned to him. Call LE if you need more. The drawing will take place on December 3.

## HERE'S OUR NEW MEMBERS



**STEVE SCHAPER** introduced our three illustrious, accomplished new members who are certain to enrich our club (as well as reduce its average age). **AXEL MERK** (a Brown alumnus) led off describing how he got hooked on beer after his first taste at the age of three months. In addition he is skilled in the fields of economics and computer science and now heads up a company which provides investment counseling. Welcome **AXEL!**



**JAYNE BOOKER** followed with equally impressive credentials. She's a graduate of Duke with experience in the Peace Corps where she provided two years of service. **JAYNE** now heads up Design Response which serves the non profit community on ways in which their work environment can be modified to enhance their performance and effectiveness.



The third new member talk was given by **AUDREY JACOB** who after attending Michigan went on to law school specializing in business ethics and later in land use law. Currently **AUDREY** is Director of Government Relations for the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. We're really fortunate to add these three to an already impressive roster of talent in our club.

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

**PRESIDENT:** Bill Busse. **PRESIDENT ELECT:** Pam Brandin. **PAST PRESIDENT:** Le Levy. **DIRECTORS:** Lisa Akselrad, 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. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com. **WEB SITE:** <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

### NEARBY ROTRY 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.

#### >>QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy."  
-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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