

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: December 1, 2003

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A LOT OF NEWS

And this week a lot of names made a lot of news, so hang on tight!

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER



President BILL introduced our sixteenth new member since July 1: ELLEN HARRINGTON, co-sponsored by WALT HAYS and ISRAEL ZEHAVI. Welcome ELLEN!

ROTARY FOUNDATION

November Rotary Foundation drive chair LE LEVY delivered special pins to those who gave \$200: WALT HAYS, HAL MICKELSON, ART STAUFFER, BILL BUSSE, SAM WEBSTER, GEORGE WHEATON, and MIKE COUCH. The drawing for all-expense trips to Osaka and Costa Rica will be conducted this week. President BILL presented Paul Harris Fellowship awards – for these who have given a total of \$1,000, or multiples of \$1,000, to the Foundation – to STEVE SCHAPER, BRUCE LIEDSTRAND, ROB LANCEFIELD, WALT HAYS, and DUANE KALAR.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

President BILL announced that we are contributing \$700 to help buy cement for a dam-building project near Bombay. WALT HAYS reminded us of the need for children's books and a variety of clothing, toys, computers and other articles to donate to the village of Chicxulub, in the Yucatan, at the time of our international hands-on project there in January.

HOLIDAY PARTY!

This year's festivities will be at VICKY CHING's beautiful home from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, December 14, according to social chair NINA MOORE. Surnames A to M bring appetizers; N to Z bring bottles of wine. And NINA needs volunteers to help.

CHARITABLE GIFT COMMITTEE

SANDRA NIEMANN wants volunteers for her Charitable Gifts Committee, which will soon start selecting recipients for our annual cash grants to educational and charitable organizations in our community.

WHAT'S COMING UP

December 8 – Assemblyman JOE SIMITIAN. Bring a guest!

December 15 – New Member Talks

December 22 – CSMA Choral Group

OPENING REMARKS



CHALMERS SMITH encouraged us to spend an hour or so in Poor Richard's Almanac, savoring the wit of Benjamin Franklin. One quotation was especially evocative for our members: "He gives twice that gives soon, for he will soon be asked to give again."

INTERACT AND ROTARACT



The Gunn High School Interact Club will conduct its annual weekend retreat in the Half Moon Bay area on December 13 and 14. Club guests and Interact co-presidents VALERIE WANG and ERICA BLAIR, both past Camp RYLA participants, asked us to help with the club's public service project, and with transportation back to Palo Alto, between 9:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 14. President BILL announced formation of a new Rotaract club, for young people ages 18 to 25, in the Palo Alto-Stanford area, to be sponsored by our club with the active participation of YUJIAN YAN, MIKE COUCH, PAM BRANDIN and recent club guest SILVIA CONSOLE BATTILANA.

NEW MEMBER CONCLAVES

The Membership Committee (DICK FREEMAN, STEVE SCHAPER, and MARY FRANCES CALLAN) will assign special tables for new members and other Red Badgers at the December 8 meeting and will conduct the informational session required to convert that Red Badge to Blue. Then, on January 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the new members will get together socially at the school district offices.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



PAM BRANDIN introduced NICOLE TAYLOR and MARSHALL LOTT of College Track, a nonprofit organization in East Palo Alto and Oakland which helps young people from those communities get into, and succeed in, four-year colleges.

College Track provides academic and student-life programs with tutoring, financial aid, college application assistance, SAT preparation, and college-level follow-up, and has had a 100 percent success rate with students who remain in the program. Currently College Track is helping 140 students in East Palo Alto and 45 more in Oakland. It was an exciting, informative program on an organization that does real good in our community.

FEED THE HOMELESS

AXEL MERK thanked all those who worked so hard to feed the homeless on the night before Thanksgiving: MIKE COUCH, RACHEL MEYER, TED LARSEN, YUJIAN YAN, SKIPHOYT, SY GREENSTONE, CYRILLE BETANT, DAVID NEGRIN, JAMES YOUNG, STEVE SCHAPER, DARYL SAVAGE, and AXEL, HANNA, and their three children. SY GREENSTONE hopes to buy pizzas to heat & eat for the next feed-the-homeless event (on New Year's Eve), and he'll be looking for underwriters.

CRABFEED

Our annual major fundraiser will be here on February 22, almost before we know it. The committee will next meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, at Scott's in Town & Country.

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.



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