

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: December 8, 2003

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GREAT "STAND-IN"

Meeting called to order by PAM BRANDIN (rhymes with "stand-in"). Pledge led by TRISH BUBENIK (almost rhymes with "frenetic"). Visiting Rotarians and guests introduced by MIKE TRAUGOTT (rhymes, sort of, with "clean cut").

TODAY'S GUESTS



TODD LEWIS introduced John Binkley, formerly with the San Antonio Symphony. DARYL SAVAGE introduced Don Kazak of the Palo Alto Weekly.

DAVE SMULLIN introduced spouse Sharon.



WALT HAYS introduced former Rotary Scholar Piero Colonna, University of Delft, Netherlands.

CAROL JANSEN introduced sibling, Lew



Garrett, and Council election runner-up Skip Justman. TRISH BUBENIK (rhymes with "photogenic") introduced Pete O'Donnell.

WAYNE THOMAS introduced Paul Rice.

NINA MOORE (rhymes with "adore") reminded us of the terrific holiday party coming up this Sunday, Dec. 14th at the home of VICKI CHING (rhymes with "exciting"). 63 Crescent Drive, 6:00-9:00 PM. If your last name begins with A-M bring an appetizer; N-Z bring wine. This will be a great social event!

DAVID NEGRIN ("genuine") reported that the vocational visit to the Red Cross, hosted by TRISH BUBENIK (rhymes with "irenic"), was excellent. He announced upcoming visits to the Palo Alto Weekly and the Daily.

STEVE SCHAPER (rhymes with "bopper") reminds us that this month's homeless feed is scheduled for December 31st. Steve then raised funds for pizza to make the night easier for all concerned.

WHAT'S COMING UP

December 15 – New Member Talks

December 22 – CSMA Choral Group, a Holiday Program

December 29 -- Dark

WHY CALIFORNIA ?



ARNE STROSCHEK ("research tech") opened with remarks about why 30% of America's immigrants make California their destination. While the climate doesn't hurt, our positive outlook and the way we treat people as individuals count for much more. Thought provoking words from one born in Dresden, East Germany

during a very different time.

LIFE'S EASY WHEN MONEY IS AVAILABLE



DARYL SAVAGE (rhymes with "have edge") introduced Assemblyperson Joe Simitian (forget it!). Rather than speak about details of one or another



of the bills currently before the legislature, Joe spoke about "ethical issues in an era of scarcity." He commented that, "Life's easy when money's available." From 1996 to 2000, encouraged by large increases in taxes that turned out to be temporary, the legislature increased spending 60%. Now Joe is wrestling with value judgements in determining where necessary cuts should occur. How he looks at the trade-offs was the subject of his stimulating talk. In answer to a question about changing the law to enable newly-elected Palo Alto Councilmember LaDoris Cordell to serve without a Stanford conflict, Joe favors the change and is working for it. "If it were U.S.C., a non-profit corporation, there would be no conflict. But, Stanford happens to be a non-profit trust, so the law makes a distinction where there's no real difference. It should be changed."

CRABFEED AUCTION ITEMS

The annual CRABFEED event, to be held on February 22, is our major fundraiser. It's net proceeds are used to support many of the worthy and needy causes in our community; it stays right here. Below is a listing of auction items committee members by assigned area. When you learn of an opportunity to obtain an auctional item, please contact the appropriate committee member. This year we're aiming for a 30% increase in contributions, so please help. The kickoff took place on De 8. We're on our way!


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Gail Hilstrom & Dave Blitz	<u>Gail_hilstrom@amat.com</u>	Personal and Household Items
Joseph John	<u>josuma@aol.com</u>	Wine
Inge Angilletta	<u>langllet@apr.com</u>	Chez Vous
Gloria Hom	<u>dghom@yahoo.com</u>	Political & Com'ty Insight
Steve Player	<u>splayer@lelandstanford.edu</u>	Spectator (and other) Sports
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Hersh Davis	<u>davis@harolddavisco.com</u>	Logistics (auction Items)
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Ellen Harrington	<u>Classica_home@msn.com</u>	Plants & Flowers
Carol Jansen	<u>cjansen@worldnet.att.net</u>	Specialty Baskets
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David Negrin, Co-chair	<u>davjon@aol.com</u>	Food & Beverges

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