

ROTARY CLUB of **Rotary**

ALO ALTO, CALIF. **Pinion**

MEETING OF: December 15, 2003

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IDENTITY CHALLENGE

President BUSSE opened the meeting with the New Member Program identity challenge:

- 1- Who was the Bechtel brat?
- 2- Whose spouse is a family law & taxation attorney?
- 3- Who speaks multiple languages?
- 4- Who has a pilot's license?
- 5- Who has an engineering & economics degree from Brown University?

It costs money to be born. By process of elimination members with December birthdays squeaked by without a fine and were serenaded.

WHAT'S COMING UP

December 22nd – CSMA Choral Group, Holiday Program

December 29th -- Dark

January 5th -- Dan O'Donnell, Rotacare Free Medical Clinic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LE reminded us that the CRAB CARNIVALE is scheduled for February 22nd at the Rickey's Hyatt. Tables of 10 can be purchased from CAROL JANSEN. DAVID NEGRIN AND TRISH BUBENIK are organizing the Auction items and would appreciate your early attention to creative donations. Please see the list of contacts at the end of this Pinion. ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS – DAVID & TRISH would like to remind you to bring your progress reports to the next meeting on Monday, December 22nd or fax them to DAVID at 650-234-1011.

TODAY'S GUESTS



LE LEVY introduced once a year visiting Rotarian ANDY JACOBY from Stockholm, Sweden. BRIAN STEEN introduced his parents who are in town from Iowa to celebrate their grandson's graduation from UC Davis.



NINA MOORE reported that the Holiday Party was a great success and special thanks to VICKY CHING for opening her lovely home. Rotarians who contributed extra efforts to the party included ELLEN HERRINGTON, ART STAUFER, CHET DOUGLAS, LE LEVY, INGE ANGILETTA, JOYCE CUSICK, TRISH BUBENIK & ANNETTE GLANCKOPF.

THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN



RABBI SID AKSELRAD once again shared the wisdom that comes with experience. Today's topical thought provokers included "the mighty have fallen" and that we should remember not everyone is in the fortunate position to celebrate this holiday season. Responsibility for mental health was

shifted from the State of California to the counties in the 1980's but the counties didn't follow through on creating a new infrastructure and safety net. The result is too many people living on our streets.

Twenty-two members from the Palo Alto and Los Altos clubs are leaving for the village of Chicxulub in the Yucatan on January 24th. Please contact Walt Hays (wkhays@igc.org or 650-424-9633) if you have any questions about making your contribution to this effort. Opportunities include calling Milligan's Books at 408-286-7604 or bring contributions to Walt's home on Saturday, January 10th between 8am and noon. Requested items include modern computer equipment, educational toys and good quality clothing (no winter clothing please).

STEVE PLAYER gave a progress report on recuperating BILL MILLER. Your cards are appreciated.

OUR NEW MEMBERS



PAUL LOSCH (“Bechtel Brat”) warmed us up by trying to recruit new umpires for his passion of baseball officiating and coaching. There were a few groans in the audience when we were asked to bend in the umpire ready stance. His interest in travel and international relations led him from UC Davis to an internship at the United Nations to Harvard. When not umpiring PAUL logged careers including marketing and consulting. Buying small businesses, skiing and traveling now keep him busy.



HANNA TIKKANEN MERK (multiple languages, pilot’s license, Brown University) grew up in Finland, the land of 190,000 lakes and a land mass that is $\frac{3}{4}$ covered by forests. She was raised with great respect for nature, moderation, content vs. marketing, equality, responsibility and service to others. Hanna’s parents taught her the values of life are wisdom, justice, goodness and virtue.

Her wide ranging resume and travel include: former Rotary Exchange Student, Wall Street, London, graduate school in France, consulting in Sweden and Germany. Hanna is now a full time volunteer with the German International School.



GEORGE FITZGERALD (spouse is family law & taxation attorney) has experienced the ‘winds of life’ from South Dakota to Southern California to New Jersey to Topeka to San Francisco and Palo Alto. As the

Chaplain Supervisor at Stanford University Medical Center for the past fifteen years George has utilized his education and experience in religion and psychiatry to positively influence others who are caught up in the whirlwind (sometimes tornado) of life.

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 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



PRESIDENT’S CLUB

BRIAN STEEN joined the club in honor of his son’s college graduation and the visit of his parents. **TRISH BUBENIK** made a contribution to the Foundation.



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