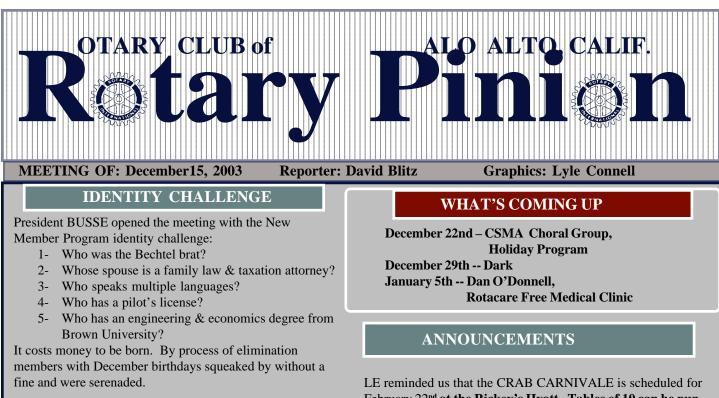
This year we're aiming for a 30% increase in contributions, so please help. The kickoff took place on December 8th. We're on our way!



## **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.



## 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.

LE reminded us that the CRAB CARNIVALE is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> or fax them to DAVID at 650-234-1011.



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.

Twenty-two members from the Palo Alto and Los Altos clubs are leaving for the village of Chicxulub in the Yucatan on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Walt Hays (<u>wkhays@igc.org</u> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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.

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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



#### PRESIDENT'S CLUB

BRIAN STEEN joined the club in honor of his son's col-

lege graduation and the visit of his parents. TRISH BUBENIK made a contribution to the Foundation.





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