

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: December 22, 2003

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IN MEMORY OF BILL MILLER



Following an enthusiastic, as usual, pledge led by BILL LOVE, PREZ BILL made note of the fact that this would be a very special meeting in which we'd all pay tribute to the memory of BILL MILLER, our esteemed and treasured member who



very recently passed away. He then introduced members of BILL's family who were present, NANCY, his wife, BILL Jr., his son, NANCY, his daughter and wife of STEVE PLAYER and ANDY, his grandson.

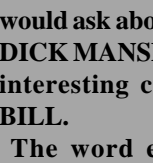
Friends of BILL, we all were really, but special friends rose to proclaim their closeness and fondness for BILL and spoke of his very special qualities. WARREN THOITS told us of their long friendship and close relationship over the years. VIC ROSASCO recalled their frequent meetings and warm friendship as did



LIZ KNISS who was interviewed by BILL on several occasions on his TV program Conversation Piece.



CHESLEY DOUGLAS recalled a letter he received from BILL including some advice on how to lead our Rotary Club as a newly elected president. He still has that letter.



DUANE KALAR remembered how BILL would admire his frequently loud neckties and how he

would ask about his beautiful wife, ANN.

DICK MANSFIELD had some interesting comments about BILL.



The word even got out to CYNTHIA CRITTENDON who sent a warm E-mail from her new home in North Carolina, recalling fond memories of BILL.



WHAT'S COMING UP

December 22 – CSMA Choral Group
 December 29 -- Dark
 Jan 5 -- Dan O'Donnell, RotaCare Free Medical Clinic
 Jan 12 -- New Members
 Jan 19 -- Dark

STEVE PLAYER recalled the close relationship he had with BILL his father-in-law and golf buddy. (Those of you who need golf balls can dredge them out of Bill Miller Lake). STEVE also announced that there would be a memorial service for BILL at 2:00 PM,



Tuesday, January 6 at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church on Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Perhaps his most enduring legacy was his TV program, Conversation Piece in which he interviewed 456 of our most prominent citizens, over a period of eleven years. He surprisingly announced the end of that series after eleven years on June 26, 2000 to his guest JAY THORWALDSON. He mentioned that preparing for each interview would take about six hours; that adds up to over a year just in prep time. In closing the tribute to BILL, PREZ BILL awarded his Rotary badge to grandson ANDY. It seems that everyone who ever encountered BILL was left with a lasting, very positive impression. To just say we'll miss BILL MILLER is the understatement of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAM BRANDIN announced that the President-Elect-Elect is IRIS KOROL. Congratulations IRIS. Also, PAM announced the resignation from the Board, but not the Club, of LISA AKSELRAD who will be replaced by DAVID NEGRIN plus three minor league pitchers and cash. Also joining the Board in 2004-2005 will be JUDY KLEINBERG.....SANDRA NIEMANN, chair of the Gifts Committee, circulated a list of potential grantees for additions, comment, etc.....LE LEVY invited members to purchase their Crabfeed tickets. See CAROL JANSEN for the special rate of \$65.....SY GREENSTONE invited members to a special New Year's Eve party, Feed-the-Homeless. They'll have pizza and SY promises to have you home before midnight Aleutian Islands time.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



What a treat! Following their introduction by principal **DR. NICHOLAS ISAACS** and voice teacher **KAYE DEVRIES**, singers **SONIA IBRAHIMKAIL**, **HILARY**



MCKINNEY and **L E S L I E SHERMAN** of the Community School of Music and Arts, performed for us. The program included a full range of holiday music paying tribute to

Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa. The singers sang in perfect harmony, and also performed several solo pieces. The meeting ended on a very warm note and with a genuine holiday spirit. Since we won't be meeting again until next year.....

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Visiting Rotarians were **LARRY HENDERSON**, Rotarian emeritus and former member **DICK CARLSON**, who was warmly greeted by all. Rotarians with guests/hosts were **ELLIE**, wife and



CARL, son of **DICK MANSFIELD**; **VANESSA** daughter of **PAM BRANDIN**; **ANITA**, wife of **ANDY MOSER**; **NED MANSFIELD**, guest of **BILL LOVE** and **ELAINE**, wife of **VIC ROSASCO**. ALL were warmly greeted at this special, holiday meeting.



PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Bill Busse. **PRESIDENT ELECT:** Pam Brandin. **PAST PRESIDENT:** Le Levy. **DIRECTORS:** David Negrin, 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.

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, PA, 7:30am.

San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15pm.

A very happy holiday season to you all !!!!

>>QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

After today's program I'm speechless.



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