

OTARY CLUB of Rotary



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STARTING THINGS OFF

JOHN KIDD and SKIP HOYT (conducting and accompanying) got things going by leading the assemblage, following the Pledge of Allegiance, in a rendering (not to be confused with “rending”) of “America the Beautiful.”...President BILL BUSSE mentioned only briefly Stanford’s success in roundball over the Arizona Wildcats on Saturday. There is no truth to the rumor that JOHN O’KEEFE will begin to wear the cardinal color of Stanford.



The next confrontation between the two teams should be an interesting one...ANNETTE GLANCKOPF proudly presented the blue badge to CHRIS KELLY, whom she sponsored more than 18 months ago...Prez BILL is encouraging a more speedy movement from red (temporary) to blue (permanent) badge of new members. Specifically, a Blue Badge Follow-up Committee (BBFC) is under way as a means to further this goal. Stay tuned.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS



SAM WEBSTER did Moses one better and added an 11th Commandment after getting a howler involving alligators off his chest, in addition to reporting several responses of 8-year-olds to what love means. His favorite: “Start with a friend you hate.” And the 11th Commandment? “Love thy neighbor as yourself.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President BILL thanked DIANA DIAMOND for the fine effort and talent she showed in helping to get Rotacare off the ground some years ago. DIANA is on the international board of this program that offers medical care to the needy...Welcome back, GARY FAZZINO,



and congratulations on your marriage to ANNETTE EVANS! The former mayor acknowledged the greeting and sweetened his remarks with a sizeable monetary contribution to the club to make amends for such things as missed meetings and simply as a generous acknowledgment of the service that Rotary provides, plus his personal attachment to Palo Alto Rotary. A grateful

President BILL suggested only half in jest that he would welcome other members’ taking long lay-offs in return for such juicy dividends...Next opportunity to volunteer in feeding the homeless, a program under the Urban Ministry of Palo Alto, is Wednesday, February 4. Call SY GREENSTONE for details.

WHAT’S COMING UP

Jan 19th -- Dark

Jan 26th -- Bob Hobson, Pooled Income Funds

Feb 2nd -- New Member Presentations

Feb 9th -- Al Ligtenberg, Solar Power in Nepal

Feb 16th -- Dark

A FEW INTRODUCTIONS

Three visiting Rotarians were on hand. Ted Mock (photography) and Elaine White (law & real estate), both from the Palo Alto University Club, and Ben Stolpa (dentistry, retired) from San Carlos Rotary. Ben is current president of the Board of Directors of La Comida, the nutrition lunch program for seniors founded and fostered by our club. Guests of members were Terry Kelly, friend of RICK TIPTON, and Cassandra Feriante, wife of new member JAROM.

THE OLD FOCUS AT HOME – er, RICKEYS

There may have been more neckties and Rotary pins in evidence. If so, it was because it was “Photography Day.” Thanks to the efforts of President BUSSE, JOHN KIDD, and LYLE CONNELL, members of the club were photographed in a series of posings, two tables at a time, against a wall near the bulletin board. The results will appear in a book that District 5170 is preparing as part of its contribution to Rotary’s centennial in 200

CRABFEED AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED



TRISH BUBENIK made a strong pitch to members, urging them to help inject blood into the currently anemic number of assured auction items (30, as compared with the total of 159 submitted at last year’s affair). MARK HEYER demonstrated use of the club’s

web site in connecting the donor with an appropriate member of the Auction Items Committee. DAVID NEGRIN emphasized the use of the data base (“It’s easy.”) In a note to this reporter he called upon members “to be sure to make suggestions to the various Crabfeed Auction Items Committee members listed on handout sheets” that were available at all tables. Onward and upward! February 22 is not that far away.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



"New Member Talks," given a star rating by members when asked to name their favorite club programs, once again did not disappoint. Three new members bared their pasts (if not their souls), to wit: ELLEN HARRINGTON, sponsored by WALT HAYS and ISRAEL ZEHAVI, is a second-generation native of Palo Alto. She supported Chairman STEVE SCHAPER's image of her as a renaissance person as she detailed her many interests and talents. Over the years she has been involved in home renovation, real estate, banking, and overseeing testing integrated circuits at Hewlett-Packard. She also has studied piano and vocal music. We could go on and on...



ADAM ATITO, sponsored by HILLARY FREEMAN, was born and raised in Egypt. He devoted most of his dramatic talk to a personal story that taught him the value of friendship. Some years ago ADAM befriended a young man who, on the surface, appeared to have the attributes of happiness and success. However, he was a troubled person and had even decided on suicide as the solution to his problems. ADAM was there as a friend, and the young man's future was assured. "Never underestimate the power of your actions," said ADAM. "You can change a person's life." This new member, engaged in real estate, has chaired the Jaycees and was appointed to the Human Relations Commission by the City Council...



JAROM FERIANTE, sponsored by BILL BUSSE and WALT HAYS, made good use of the short time allotted him. Delving into the past, he spewed forth from his brown bag prop such items as his baby blanket, BSA merit badge sash, high school diploma, to name but a few. JAROM attended Brigham Young University and served his church on a mission in Chile. At Stanford he received his education in civil engineering. JAROM is employed in the family Durafoam business as well as the recently formed construction company... These three outstanding persons have the potential to add a great deal to the continued Rotary goal of service.

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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.

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, PA, 7:30am.
San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15pm.



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