

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: February 2, 2004

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ROTARY NEWS HOUR

President Bill Busse announced a Rotary News Hour format for the meeting where News, Feature Stories, Sports, Editorials and Entertainment would be presented by various reporters for the good of all. The News format was followed and made for a quick-paced and provocative meeting.

Under *Entertainment*, John Kidd led the singing of "God Bless America", prefacing the group's performance by pointing out we should get lyrics of patriotic songs to our international members who may not know the words yet. Good suggestion, John.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Tony Carrasco introduced his guest, Nick Carrasco, who later helped with audiovisuals in the *Features* section.

Visiting Rotarians were recognized: Soloman Levy, a repeat visitor from the Peninsula of Gibraltar.

Ben Stolpa, also a repeat visitor from the far away isle of San Mateo.

ENTERTAINMENT



Sy Greenstone shared quotes of Clarence Darrow, HL Mencken, Alice Roosevelt, Dave Barry, LBJ and others on the subjects of the Presidency, Love and Marriage. Most notable quote on Love: "Love is temporary insanity, cured by marriage", Ambrose Pierce

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

President Bill introduced Valerie and Erica, from the Gunn High School Interact Club. They proudly showed their progress to raise funds to buy 40 wheelchairs. So far they've raised over \$1,000 and asked our members to contribute. At \$75/chair it's an amazing bargain....worth writing your check to : Wheel Chair Foundation/Rotary.



WHAT'S COMING UP

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

Feb 16th -- Dark

Feb 23rd -- Bern Beecham, Current Issues of the City

Mar 1st -- Walt Hays, Hands on Yucatan Project

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Pres Bill presented three Paul Harris awards to: Annette Glanckopf, Julie Jerome and Lyle Connell. Hugs were shared all around!

BB presented David Wittenkamp with his Blue Badge in recognition of Dave's long term service as a Red badge member.



MAJOR EVENT NEWS

.... The upcoming Crab Carnavalle!

1. Carol Jenson reported tickets sales are going well, warning folks they have only until Monday, Feb 9 to purchase at a reduced rate.
2. David Negrin reported that auction item donations now total \$28,000 in value, almost on par with last year's results at this time. But we need LOTS more, so get those items to Dave or to:
3. Trish Bubenik who described one of the more unique auction items as a "concert with Jacque Littlefield playing his magnificent organ"
4. Dick Freeman reported that he has received \$14,000 in pledges to help underwrite the Carnavalle. Now the trick is turning pledges into real \$\$

SPORTING NEWS

Pres Bill reminded the gathering that they should be feeling good about Stanford basketball. Everyone did.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Palo Alto's Mayor and distinguished Rotarian Bern Beecham will be speaking on 2/23. Every member is encouraged to bring a guest to hear Bern tell us how he and City Hall are doing. Let Joyce Cusick know in advance if you're bringing somebody. parotaryrecords@aol.com

MORE NEWS

1. George Fitzgerald attended a Rotary Project Fair in San Juan, Costa Rica. They accomplished more than this reporter could record. Sorry, George. But the next fair is in Antigua, Guatemala.
2. Tony Carrasco came back to describe his India work project where he worked with Rotarians there to construct a small dam that greatly helped improve the lives of many. A good film clip was shared showing details of the project.
3. Walt Hays and Ruth Schneider shared their very recent experiences with 17 (!!) other PA Rotarians in Chicxulub, Yukatan. A library was refurbished, beaches were cleaned and lots of useful items from PA Rotarians were distributed. This trip was partly sponsored by Rotary International with a matching grant.

AND, THE PROGRAM



New member Yujian Yan shared the fascinating details of his recent wedding in Xiamen, Taiwan attending by over 250 folks wishing him and his wife well. Yujian works for the German software giant SAP here in Palo Alto. His wife is a high school teacher as are his parents.

Yujian's interests include real estate, international business law and administration, soccer, skiing and tennis....a busy Rotarian on the go!

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.

And that's all the news fit to print for Monday February 2, 2004



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