

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary



PALO ALTO, CALIF. Pinion



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A TOAST TO THE LADIES--SORT OF

After an appropriate salute to the flag led by JOHN KIDD, JOHN BRACKEN did – this reporter is not sure exactly what he did. But the idea was to honor, pre-Valentine’s Day, the women. This the assemblage did, following closely JOHN’s instructions in singing Hello, Ladies.” From there the situation grew a bit fuzzy. But if you get this **Pinion** after the 14th, we hope you all had a splendid “Day of the Heart.

INTRODUCTION



Sole visiting Rotarian was Solomon Levy (isn’t there a song by that name?), who is in property sales in Gibraltar, whose residents voted overwhelmingly in 1967 to retain their link with Great Britain (source: TIME Almanac 2002). But, said the spirited visitor, “We speak Spanish.”...We had a few guests. RACHEL MEYER introduced Shannon Ortiz, from Positive Alternatives for Youth, Palo Alto. BETSY BECHTEL hosted Rotaryandy George.



JUDY KLEINBERG proudly presented Dave Charleston, “a reformed lawyer” now in banking. Welcome all – and we hope we see you again.

VERY SPECIAL VISITOR



JOHN KIDD introduced a very special visitor. Julie Rousseau is assistant coach of the Stanford women’s basketball team, having come to Palo Alto from coaching the professional Los Angeles Sparks. Julie gave an abbreviated story of her lifelong interest in sports as a participant as well as a spectator. She was fascinated by sports as a young girl and played a number of them competi-

tively, including participation on boys’ baseball teams despite her gender. Viewing in person Billie Jean King walloping Bobby Riggs fueled the flame in her that said that girls and women could play on a level with the best of boys and men. Julie spoke highly of the current women’s team at Stanford. Despite their disappointing immediate past (back-to-back defeats by Arizona and ASU), the team is one that has a bright future. Its many fans who pack Maples whenever they play will say amen to that. Go Stanford!

WHAT’S COMING UP

SPECIAL NOTE

Feb 16 th is Dark

Feb 23rd -- Bern Beecham, Current Issues of the City
Mar 1st -- Walt Hays, Hands on Yucatan Project

CRAB CARNIVALE ON THE WAY



TRISH BUBENIK, who as auction co-chair, has been giving extensive micro-attention to the auction dimension of the upcoming carnivale, spoke enthusiastically about the quality and quantity of items that those who will attend The Big Event on February 22 will be tempted to get. She called on a number of committee members who spoke briefly about specific items of interest.

MARC DICKOW could not find words to praise highly enough the tank tour. (See the “Silent Auction Members-Only Preview” that was passed out to all by co-chair DAVID NEGRIN at the meeting for details on this and other items mentioned below.) INGE ANGIETTA hailed the outstanding “Chez Vous” meals that will be offered. DICK FREEMAN praised the members and outside agencies that contributed valuable underwriting gifts of money. TRISH thanked MARK HEYER for his “digital diligence.”

But this is just a taste of things to come. Do examine carefully the 9-page auction preview. Do not forget where you and your checkbook should be on February 22: Hyatt Rickey’s in the Camino Ballroom, kick-off at 5:00 p.m.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

LYNDA STEELE will host a vocational visit to the important agency that she heads. Members are invited to learn about the Community Association for Rehabilitation (C.A.R.) at noon on Wednesday, March 3. You can sign up at our regular club meeting on March 1; but put it on your calendar. This is a very special opportunity.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



Speaker at today's meeting was Allart (call him "Al") Ligtenberg, member of Los Altos Rotary Club and president of FAST (Friendly Appropriate Solar Technologies). Al, native of The Netherlands and educated at Delft, including a

doctorate, introduced club members to an encouraging project that Los Altos and Palo Alto Rotary Clubs are carrying out in Nepal. Each of the clubs has allocated \$1,000 for the project, and Rotary Foundation has matched that with \$7,000. The speaker livened his interesting talk even further with actual devices that the project has introduced to the village of Siddhipur, Nepal. The products, inexpensively made of cardboard covered with aluminum foil or thin aluminum sheets and items as simple as a beer can, capture the power of the sun to produce the effect needed, be it for cooking or pasteurizing water. Why these devices? The residents of this village, and millions of people in developing countries, face disease, injury and low life expectancies as a result of water and food preparation that includes the use of wood fires. Some 400-700 million citizens of the world face such statistics as one person in six dying before the age of five. A Rotary club in the town of Yala participates in the project, but our speaker said that those individuals themselves need guidance. For that reason FAST is looking for volunteers to spread Solar Technologies around the world. Persons fascinated by the Solar Box Cooker and Parabolic Cooker who did not get their curiosity satisfied because of the lack of time for post-talk questions can reach Dr. Ligtenberg at (650) 948-8294. WALT HAYS, who introduced the speaker, also can answer many of your questions about this outstanding project.

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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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