

# ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: February 23, 2004

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## A LIVELY OPENING

Busse called the group to order following lunch at 12:40.

## GUESTS

Annette Glankoff warmly welcomed our guests (lots!) as follows:

### VISITING ROTARIANS

Candace Roney, Hospital Administration, San Jose  
Carl McBride, Danville

### GUESTS

David Charleston, General Partner of Ascend Corporation, friend of Judy Kleinberg, introduced by Le Levy. Cliff Smith, Tech Consultant, Trombonist and friend of John Bracken, Judith Steiner, ED of Hidden Villa introduced by Nancy Peters John Singer, introduced by his wife Karen Singer. Donna McDonald, Marty Croft and Berta Croft were introduced by their long time friend Joyce Cusick.

## ROTARAC



Silvia Comsole Battilana, (right) President of the newly established Rotarac chapter, introduced their officers and charter members.



Of this group, Chienlan Hsu gave a short summary of her experiences as a Rotary scholarship recipient including world travels and her current work as a Stanford student in Product Design.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

- Mar 1st -- Walt Hays, Hands on Yucatan Project
- March 8th -- Micheal Becker -- Rotary International Group Study Exchange 2003
- Mar 15th -- Laura Roden -- Venture Capital Investment Capital Update in Silicon Valley

## OPENING MY EYES, EARS & HEART



Karen Singer shared the questions she faced prior to opening her own business, the UPS Store in Mid-Town. Her answers were found, by "opening my, eyes, ears and heart". Karen encouraged us all to do the same thing as we face challenges in our own lives.

## OUR NEWST MEMBER



Lisa Akselrad introduced Joyce Cusick, our administrative assistant, as her friend of twenty years and as the newest member of Palo Alto Rotary. Bill Busse enthusiastically welcomed Joyce, mentioning that "Joyce put together the package she's about to receive." Thanks for *everything* you do, Joyce.



Lisa added that she's moving to Gilroy soon and will be joining Rotary there, but will be a frequent visitor at PA Rotary. Thanks for everything you've done with Rotary, Lisa. We'll miss you!

## CRAB CARNIVALE



Le Levy congratulated *all* the Crab volunteers for their great work and commitment that made the event such a success. Club members shared accolades and personal highlights of the event.

## CARVINALE & AUCTION SUCCESS



Le also presented certificates of honor from the Knights of the Ancient Order of Crabs with the first presentations going to the Crab Carnivale co-chairs Rachel Meyer, Cyrille Betant and Hersh

Davis. Then followed "knightings" of a parade of hard workers, estimated to be roughly half the total count of PA Rotary's membership!

Particular thanks and appreciated was given to the event's sponsors, who thanks to Dick Freeman's solicitations, provided the operating costs of the event, meaning that all revenue collected will go to Rotary programs, scholarship schools and community non profits. That's fundraising at its best, folks!

Therefore we proudly thank and recognize the following Crab Carnivale sponsors:

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### PRESIDENTS CLUB

In the continued spirit of generous support of PA Rotary, Pam Brandon graciously offered her President's contribution to celebrate her successful knee replacement (BOTH!). Welcome back, Pam!

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Bill Busse. PRESIDENT ELECT: Pam Brandin. PAST PRESIDENT: Le Levy. DIRECTORS: David Negrin, Marcie Cox, Steve Schaper, Mike Couch, 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](mailto:parotary@aol.com). CLUB RECORDS: Joyce Cusick, [parotaryrecords@aol.com](mailto:parotaryrecords@aol.com). WEB SITE: <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carl King announced a Vocational Visit will take place on Wednesday, March 3 at 12:00 noon at the Community Association for Rehabilitation (CAR) who will also be this year's recipient organization for our next "hands on and sleeves up" project. Stay tuned!

Ken Weigel announced the there will be visiting Amersterdam Rotarians here April 4-11 and that housing is needed. Please call Ken with your extra room.

Gloria Hom had been on hand to give us her recommendations on the upcoming Propositions. But as time had drawn short, she graciously agreed to do a short version for interested folks after the meeting.

And that's it till next Monday,



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