

# ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: March 15 2004

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## MY WILD IRISH ROSE



JOHN KIDD (welcome back, JOHN) led a full house in a rousing Pledge of Allegiance. JOHN BRACKEN not to be outdone and in recognition of St. Patrick's Day this coming Wednesday, led us in two stanzas of "My Wild Irish Rose". It took the most out of us so PREZ BILL gave us a reprieve; we'll sing "God Bless America" next week (twice).

## EXPERIENCING IRAQ



JOHN O'KEEFE provided some insight, through the experiences of his son-in-law, on conditions and progress being made in Iraq. His experience in rebuilding the electric power system, distributing food and in many ways responding to the needs of the highly skilled and intelligent Iraqi people, gave us a vivid picture of the sacrifices being made by those working under trying conditions, to restore the country.

Introduced by BILL BETHKE, visiting Rotarians were GEORGE PAULSEN, CPA (Belmont). HEINZ SELIG, Chef (Eugene, OR) and CANDACE RONEY, Hospital Administration (San Jose).

## VISITORS- GUESTS

Rotarians with guests (hosts) were DAVE CHARLSON (JUDY KLEINBERG), MIRIAM PEDRONI (LIZ KNISS), ARTIMIGLANI and JUDY STEINER (GEORGE FITZGERALD), JOHN RUDOLPH (MIKE COUCH) and HENRIETTA BURROUGHS (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF). (Ed.: Sorry if I missed some.)



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## WHAT'S COMING UP

- Mar 22nd -- New Members Presentations
- Mar 29th -- Chris Bishoff, East Side Prep
- Apr 5th -- Michael Kirst, Can Better State Policy Better California Schools?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-PEGGY WILEY announced that the Feed-the-Homeless event last Wednesday had a good turnout of Club volunteers who served tasty food to a group of about 60.



-PAUL LOSCH introduced some of the Club members who signed up for our hands-on, sleeves-up project at CAR to be held on April 17. They all looked like supervisors, no workers? Be sure to get on the list next meeting.



-MIKE COUCH introduced the three INTER-ACT members who finished at the top of the pack in the Rotary sponsored speech contest. 1st place, VALERIE WANG, 2nd place, JIRUI GARNET AND 3rd place TOVE HECK.

-In the interest of time during this hectic meeting, MIKE TRAUGOTT agreed to forego our Special Announcements w/ Accompanying Fees event and instead fined PREZ BILL twenty bucks (did he pay?).

-STEVE SCHAPER reminded us all to attend the District Conference to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose, April 15-18. There are many super events including workshops, speakers, entertainment and sporting encounters, like golf and tennis

## BLUE BADGES



-Blue badges were awarded, finally, to **KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE, JANE BOOKER, HAL MICKELSON, DARRYL SAVAGE and LEANNAH HUNT** (it's about time, you guys!).

## VENTURE CAPITAL UPDATE



**MIKE COUCH** introduced guest speaker **LAURA BODEN**, now President and CEO of Silicon Valley Association of Startup Entrepreneurs (SVASE), which operates in our area. **MS. BODEN** has had a distinguished record as an officer of several companies and also teaches corporate finance at San Jose State University. The number of organizations that belong to

SVASE has been growing steadily over the last several years. She described trends since the industrywide "bubble" around 2000; some recovery is occurring with major investment interest in the health care industry. Sixty-three percent of investments handled by SVASE are directed towards US companies that are for the most part in their "expansion stage". While investment amounts are significantly lower than in 2000, their levels are higher than in the eighties and appear to be growing. A good trend appears to be occurring.

## 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.**

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

To be kept in mind during March Madness:  
"Remember, ninety percent of the game is half strategy."

-YOGI



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