

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: APRIL 12, 2004

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“OPENING DAY”

Following an energetic Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by KEN WEIGEL, your reporter led the club in a vigorous honoring of the day’s significance to baseball fans of the fortunes of the San Francisco Giants: “Opening Day” with the local heroes facing the Milwaukee Brewers at SBC Park. The assemblage did not let faze them the sport coat worn by their leader, a garment that would charm the likes of golf and links style leaders Doug Sanders and Jimmy Demaret. They sang a hearty chorus of “Take Me out to the Ball Game,” with SKIP HOYT facing middle C of the piano.

VISITTING ROTARIANS

ART STAUFFER introduced two visiting Rotarians: Dick Lubman, current president of East Palo Alto Bayshore Rotary Club (dentist); and Lee Lippert, Menlo Park Rotary (architect with the City of Palo Alto Department of Planning and Community Environment.) Dick announced an upcoming performance of Patience, by the Stanford Savoyards, at 8:00 p.m. on April 23, 24, 30 and May 1, with a matinee on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Keith Smith, Director of Labor Relations at Stanford and a member of the Bayshore Club, is in the cast. For further information call: (650) 969-2619)

GUESTS



A number of guests were in attendance at a meeting that showed in many ways that Rotary is more than a “munch lunch bunch.” GEORGE FITZGERALD hosted Jonathan Staples; KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE, Sue Covey; JACK RIDDLE,



good friend Suzanne La-Follette Culley, woman of many accomplishments, including experience as a crop-dusting pilot; SKIP HOYT, introducer of Steven Yang, CEO of Mathtime. Jim Jackson was a guest of



MARTHA KANTER.

WHAT’S COMING UP

April 19th -- Carol Guardino, The Valley’s Newest Center for Arts and Music Education

April 26th -- Angela Mc Connell, The Valley’s Newest Center for Arts and Music Education

May 3rd -- Jay Boyarsky -- Word Poker Tournament

OPENING REMARKS AND NEW MEMBER TALK

MARTHA KANTER was a major part of the meeting, combining two contributions to the cause.



In her Opening Remarks she made an effective statement of the community college role in education and hence to the community and, in a fact-filled seven minutes, outlined her development as a leading educator. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she was influenced toward education by the

model of her parents. An all-around standout in high school, she participated in contact sports which she credits with helping her to be unafraid of the balls that might be hurled at her in the education arena. An important part of her formal education was at Columbia University, an ivy league institution. Eventually moving professionally to California, she was an administrator at San Jose City College, where she initiated the first program for special education at the junior (as it was termed in those days) college level. Working a stint as a bureaucrat at the Sacramento level, she appreciated the need for that part of the establishment but preferred work on the campus. She returned to the Bay Area in the early 90’s and started her upward movement as the top administrator in a system that educates 45,000 students, the majority of those in the 18-24 age bracket. In the autumn of 2003 she was installed as fifth Chancellor of Foothill-DeAnza Community College District. She is a former member of Cupertino Rotary Club. She has given service at the state and national levels, especially on the task of securing more opportunities for women. MARTHA KANTER is a splendid addition the Rotary Club of Palo Alto.

HANDS ON, SLEEVES UP 2004

ART STAUFFER, head honcho, reminded members of the upcoming volunteer effort at the C.A.R. on Saturday, April 24. He gave thanks for the many who have offered to help in this worthwhile activity and named the Team Leaders for the project. But he said that there are openings for others who have not indicated their desire to participate. Call ART if you are one of those.

ROTARACT CHARTER

PAM BRANDIN described the development of Rotaract, an organization sponsored by Rotary for young men and women at the college level (including young people at work in significant employment), pointing out that Rotaract has two major goals: professional development and community service. Present to receive the charter presented by PAM and President BILL was Silvia Console Battilana, president of the local club. She was accompanied by members Jesse Czelusta, Vivek Carrasco, and Sonal Josan. Congratulations to Rotaract, which takes over where Interact leaves off.



ROTARY – AND OTHERS – AT WORK

Silvia Battilana gave a spirited illustrated talk about the “harvesting of water” in villages of India, a project that has the capability of making more fertile a land that has heavy rains half the year and a desert-like lack of rain the other half. In addition to the obvious crop advantage of this program, Silvia pointed out such additional benefits as freeing women for other work (reducing the toil of carrying water on their heads), encouraging villagers to plant trees, and even bringing the castes together in worthwhile activities. Cost of the “harvesting” program is in the \$3,500-\$7,000 range per village; whereas, the benefit per village is \$41,000. GEOFF ZIMAN suggests that those who want more information on this project go to www.rotary.org, then click on caption “Rotarians pioneer rainwater harvesting in Indian villages.”

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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TOO IMPORTANT FOR THE ROUND FILE

Ken Krieger, president of Western Region Robotics Forum, Inc., (WRRF) was present to thank our club for participation in the Rotary Miles Program, which gives air miles to WRRF to carry out its mission, which includes sponsoring of robotics competition. Also present were Stanford Fitch, WRRF board member, and Erica McCay, Gunn student and robotics team member...TRISH BUBENIK calls attention to an Emergency Preparedness Faire scheduled for April 17, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Cubberley Auditorium, 4000 Middlefield Road...And on that same day Youth Community Service (YCS) has scheduled a Family Service Day (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Our club is one of the sponsors of that event, which takes place at the Interpretive Center, City of Palo Alto Baylands.



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