

ROTARY CLUB of Rotary

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MEETING OF: May 17, 2004

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A DATE TO REMEMBER:

Fifty years ago this day the Supreme Court ordered school integration in the public schools in its unanimous *Brown vs. Board of Education* landmark decision that set aside the "separate but equal" doctrine handed down by an earlier Supreme Court in 1896.

OPENERS: Backed by SKIP HOYT at the piano, JOHN KIDD conducted the assemblage in a verse of the National Anthem in a proper "Rotary key" that only a tenor could fault.

OPENING REMARKS



In his opening remarks, AXEL MERK emphasized the importance of our participation in carrying out the wishes of our nation, from local community to the federal level. In our representative form of a democracy we need to let our leaders know where we stand on issues.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

—and there were plenty of the latter. MARY FRANCES CALLAN welcomed Rotarian Marilyn Orr (Banking, Burlingame club). Guests of members included: John Gilliland, Fund Raiser for Sempervirens Fund and Linda Yule, Program Director), guests of BRIAN STEEN; David Herbst and Clancy Swenson Stein, guests of TERRY LACHENBRUCH; Janet Greig, guest of MARY FRANCES CALLAN; Caleb Bowman, guest of DICK FREEMAN; Sharon Wagner, guest of WALT HAYS; Pilar Furlong, guest of TRISH BUBENIK; and Naveed Anwar, guest of the club and audio-visual assistant to our speaker of the day. A big Rotary welcome to our visitor and guests, and we hope you enjoyed the meeting!

VOCATIONAL VISIT

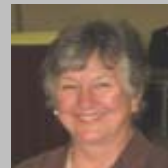
BILL JOHNSON hosted interested members at his Palo Alto Weekly shop on May 11. A capacity audience filled the seats of the editorial board room to hear Publisher BILL, Editor Jay Thorwaldson, and Senior Staff Writer Don Kazak describe the role of the newspaper in the community and speak to the problems it faces in carrying out that role. A scrumptious lunch added to the pleasure of the visit. Thanks, BILL!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 24th: New Members
May 31st: No meeting, Holiday
June 7th: Bern Beecham, State of the City

THINNING THE WALLETS

MIKE TRAUGOTT was in rare form as he supervised thinning the wallets of members who volunteered for membership in the Presidents Club. ROMAN KAGARLITSKY, MARK HEYER, JUDY STEINER, BILL LOVE, and DAVE SMULLIN were in this gracious group.



SAM WEBSTER was given a special PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

recognition



REPORT FROM THE BOARD

DICK FREEMAN, one of three Secretaries on the Board, reported on an aspect of Board action that is of the very essence of Rotary: distribution of funds to individuals and organizations as recommended by three committees: Ambassadorial Scholarships, Vocational Scholarships, and Gifts. The membership will be advised of specific distributions. Herewith a hint of the status of this undertaking. (1)



The club has recommended to the District committee three candidates for the Ambassadorial Scholarship. They, along with candidates from other clubs, will be interviewed June 26-28 and results forwarded to ANDY MOSER, club chairman, shortly thereafter; (2) The Vocational Scholarship Committee has decided to award 13 competing candidates this award. DON LANGENDORF chairs this committee; (3) A total of \$38,000 has been allocated for distribution to the Gift Committee. A dozen organizations made formal requests for grants; results will be forthcoming at an early date. SANDRA NIEMANN chairs.

SPEAKER OF THE DAY



was Carol S. Larson, President and CEO of The David and Lucile Packard Foundation. A gigantic organization with assets of \$6 billion, the Foundation is marking its 40th year of philanthropic giving. The speaker emphasized that there have been many changes during this period, and the Foundation has made changes to match the times. Of its total

grantmaking in 2003, for example, \$45 million of a total of \$214 million has been international (emphasis on Mexico, British Columbia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Pakistan, India, China, Philippines, and the Western Pacific). That is twice the magnitude of grants in the local four-county area...An attractive series of slides highlighted the efforts of the Foundation to carry out its mission, including attention to its committed values, of which "Respect for All People" and "Capacity to Think Big" are but two. (Total Grantmaking Budget for 2004, \$200 million – pretty "Big Thinking!") In her talk the CEO noted the substantive areas for which grants have been allotted. They include, but are not limited to, programs of conservation and science; population concerns; programs involving children, families, and communities; and the many dimensions of education. In looking ahead, efforts of the Foundation might well be summarized by its commitment to work "efficiently as good stewards of each philanthropic dollar." A superb program described effectively by Carol Larson.

"RED BADGE"

President BILL reported favorably on last week's education/orientation meeting at his home. Thirteen "Red Badge" members attended, thus eliminating one of the hurdles for attainment of the permanent badge. Several veteran members were in attendance and spoke on different topics bearing on successful participation in a full life in Rotary...

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

LA Sunset: The Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, :15pm.

M V: Adobe House, Moffett & Central, 12:15pm.

WEDNESDAY

East Palo Alto Bayshore: Boys & Girls Club, 2031 Pulgas (at O'Connor), 12:15pm

MP: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Noon

Woodside/Portola: Wdsde Vlge Church, 7:30am.

THURSDAY

LA: Garden House, Shoup Park, Los Altos, 2:15pm.

FRIDAY

PA University: Sheraton, El Camino, PA, 7:30am.

San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15pm.



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