

OTARY CLUB of Rotary

ALO ALTO, CALIF. Pinion

MEETING OF: May 24, 2004

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OPENING

DAVE SMULLIN led us in the pledge, followed by a not-so-rousing sore throated JOHN KIDD, who led us in a rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful" accompanied by SKIP HOYT on the '88'. Feel better JOHN (try Scotch).

OPENING /CLOSING REMARKS



LEANNAH HUNT saved the day by offering comments on the recent book "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". She advised us to try to let go of problems, to distinguish between changes that you can effect and those you can't and most importantly, to know the difference. Also, and it's tough for our Club, try to accept imperfection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VICENTE, a member of Hyatt Rickey's and our wait staff for twenty-five years announced that he'll be leaving us. Our members gave him a standing ovation as a demonstration of our warm appreciation and also our disappointment.....



MARK DICKOW and AXEL MERK received their blue badges. AXEL came close to breaking the record - I guess he doesn't like red.....

ANDY MOSER was awarded a Paul Harris in absentia. Good going ANDY.....

SY GREENSTONE announced that Club members not only served over eighty (that's 80) dinners to the homeless, but cooked them as well! The cooks thinking of opening a new restaurant include CYRILLE BETANT, SKIP HOYT, PAUL LOSCH, RUTH SCHNEIDER and QIONGXIA YAN (wife of EJIAN).....

The Board of the Presidents' Club has kindly invited all of our members to attend its Garden Social to be held at the home of PREZ BILL and BARBARA BUSSE on Sunday, June 13 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Yo'all come!.....

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 31 - No Meeting - Holiday

June 7 - Bern Beecham, Mayor of Palo Alto and member of our club - State of the City. Bring your friends, colleagues, and questions for Mayor Beecham.

June 14 - Jack Hamilton - partner in Palo Alto-based company, Conflict Prevention & Resolution Services - How to Resolve Conflicts in Your Life. Invite anyone who could benefit in resolution = everyone.

MINI-PROGRAM



One-minute presentations were made by: DUANE KALAR, President of the Club's Endowment Fund who encouraged our members to add to the Fund's current value of approximately \$300,000. Proceeds from the fund supports our gift giving to non-profits in the community.



BERT ROSE reminded members that they're all partially credited for Paul Harris Fellowships by virtue of simply joining the Club. However, in order to be eligible for full participation, at least one-thousand dollars must be accumulated in their Fellowship account.



WALT HAYS described the many projects our Club members have participated in as part of World Community Service, over 26 international projects since the inception of this effort. The next one is coming up in January, '05; contact WALT if you're interested.

KAREN BROSI recruited three of our shy and retiring members into the President's Club, BOB MC COWAN who announced his retirement from dentistry, DAVE PRICE who's wife just recently gave birth their new family member and BILL LOVE, unabashedly in honor of MIKE TRAUGOTT. Good goin' KAREN.



MEMBERS TALKS



WALTHAYS introduced new member GUSTAVO HOLLOWAY, who won the tennis championship at the recent Rotary tournament. GUSTAVO is from Brazil where he received a degree in computer engineering and is now employed in a project management position for a prominent consulting firm. He's in our area

thanks to the efforts of his wife who's pursuing a doctorate in the bio-sciences at Stanford. Also, GUSTAVO is considering enrolling in the MBA program at Stanford, before returning to Brazil. It's good to have you, GUSTAVO.



AL KENRICK introduced mature-but-youngish looking DAVID NEGRIN who spoke of his upbringing in New York, playing street sports like stickball and kick-the-can, and of his Greek ancestry. At AL's prodding, he spoke briefly of his WW II experiences, his education as a EE under the GI BILL, his courtship of his first (and still) wife, SHIRLEY and his many years

with IBM. Rotary was a natural consequence of all of DAVID's good fortune in our unique society, including the success of his children. I guess Rotary's stuck with him.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question: What do you call a mushroom who buys drinks for all his buddies?

Answer: A fungi to be wit

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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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