

ROTARY CLUB of **Rotary** PALO ALTO, CALIF. **Piniön**

MEETING OF: June 14, 2004

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A GOOD DAY FOR SINGING A SONG

And that's what we did to open the meeting. Following the pledge, JOHN KIDD and SKIP HOYT led the assemblage in an enthusiastic rendition of a Peggy Lee standard and also a favorite of President BILL BUSSE, who commanded the rostrum for the penultimate meeting of his year at the helm of the club

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Of the former there were none – an unusual happening at our club. On hand as guests were Judy Huey with her LE LEVY; Cressida Kern, guest of TERRY LACHENBRUCH; and Caleb Bowman, guest of WALT HAYS. Welcome to these few, who attended an outstanding meeting. Thanks, IRIS KOROL,; for doing the honors of introduction!

OPENING REMARKS



ANGELICA BLENDSTRUP focused on the sharing of American and Silicon Valley values (friendship, family, creativity, knowledge, etc.) with those of persons she has worked with as a business communications consultant. There is a remarkable similarity of agreement when the two are compared. The thesis of ANGELICA (M.A., Berkeley; Ph.D., Stanford) could well be the subject of a longer presentation than these puny words can convey. **Note: Program Committee take heed.**

GUNN INTERACT CLUB

Valerie Wang, president of Gunn Interact Club and U. of Michigan-bound in the fall, gave a spirited account of the club's activity during the past year. It was a significant contributor to the combined Interact Clubs of District 5170, which raised \$47,000 for worthy causes. Among the outstanding activities of the club was the Prom Fashion Show in March, which netted \$2,000;. There also was a successful visit of five young visitors from Japan. Valerie, who served two years as head of Interact at Gunn High School, will be one of a group leaving on June 25 for Guatemala, where the young people will help in the delivery of wheelchairs to those in need in Guatemala City, Antigua, and Tikal...



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The June 21st meeting will be a presentation of the Charitable Gift Recipientst

There will be no luncheon meeting on June 28. Instead there will be the Debunking Dinner,

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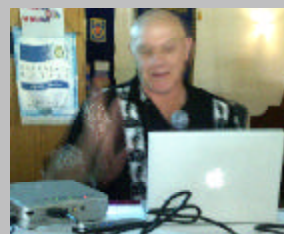
DICK FREEMAN requests that reservations (and checks in the amount of \$50/person) for the debunking dinner be directed to him no later than June 26. And whoever it was that gave DICK \$100 in cash for two tickets: Please call him. Attention all members! No noon meeting on Monday June 28 – we'll see you that evening at the debunking!

IMPORTANT STUFF

President BILL had the pleasant duty of presenting Blue Badges to CYRILLE BETANT, JOY CUSICK (she did it in record time), and TOM GRACON. Qualifying for the permanent badge, but not present to receive it at this meeting, were ED SHAFFER, KAREN SINGER, and DAVID PRICE. Congratulations all!...



STATE OF THE ART



MARK HEYER made a presentation of the web site for the Rotary Club of Palo Alto. His illustrated (slide show!) brief talk showed the many ramifications of the new concept of the site as a geodesic dome, compared to the standard old-fashioned structure with its limitations. When it eventually is put into full operation, members will be able

to add to the data base; and this addition to our club will plant our feet securely in the 21st Century in the field of fast communications. Watch for developments, and see MARK for further information.

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION



WALT HAYS introduced friend and neighbor **Jack Hamilton, Ph.D.**, whose specialty in his "Conflict Prevention & Resolution Services" is conflict mediation. In his opening remarks he demonstrated by a requested show of hands that the great majority of his hearers could benefit personally from his presentation. Dr. Hamilton presented his thesis in terms of a "ladder of assumptions" that result in behavioral outcomes as a result of these assumptions, which might well be false. At the base of this ladder are (1) Facts. We tend to think that what we see is "everything," whereas we can take only a sub-set of fact. With the possibility of serious conflict, there comes (2) Interpretation of these imperfect facts based on our own experience with such facts. Next rung of the ladder is that of attribution of (3) Intention of the other person, which might well also be false (for example, the wild driver who speeds past you on Rte. 101 and dangerously changes lanes may be driving his very pregnant wife to the hospital for immediate attention). A final assumption that could be inaccurate is that of (4) Generalizations based on stereotypes of, for example, gender or religious groupings. The speaker spoke forcefully, using examples as he described the potential danger lurking in the "ladder of assumptions." It is likely that a number of his hearers can make use of his wise presentation of the problem as they face a potential conflict situation. Good show, Jack!



HAL MICKELSON joined the Presidents Club in honor of the graduation from Stanford the last week-end of Chris Ayer, son of Don and Anne Ayer, and grandson of Bill & Mary Ayer and Bob and Mary Norton

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THANKS TO THE BUSSES, BILL AND BARBARA!

NINA MOORE reported on the garden social on Sunday, June 13 at the gracious home of Barbara and our soon-to-be-deposed leader. She had special words of thanks for them, and for those who helped make it such a success: **STEVE EMSLIE**, who has served notably as Director of Potables during the year; **ELLEN HARRINGTON** and **DICK FREEMAN**, among others. Save some of the kudos for yourself, NINA. You have set high standards in your role as coordinator of social events for Rotary Year 2003-2004. We all thank you for the time and talent you have given to an important dimension of Rotary.



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