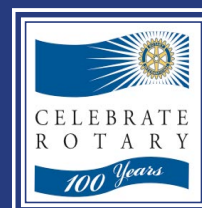


Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION



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Let the Games Begin!!



ALL AROUND CHAMPION



Swimmer ANNE CRIBBS, who won 1st place on the Women's 400 Meter Relay Team in Rome in 1960, was our All Around Champion. Read on for her childhood

ambitions, Olympic achievements and general accolades.



ANNE was preceded by a host of well known international athletes including:

PRESIDENT PAM "the Kimono Kid" BRANDIN, who recently won the hearts of 60,000 Rotarians and guests at the Rotary International Convention, presided with presidential aplomb. She bedazzled the assembled throng with her synchronized display of matching kimono and fan. A sparkling performance accompanied by a brilliant slide show. (Check it out on the web.)

OPENING CEREMONY

RALPH ADAMS prepared all the spectators for the main program with his theme, "Be a Loser...Be an Olympian."



The judges awarded him a score of 8.1 until he pulled it out with a perfect 10 by illustrating how champions of old gained Olympic stature by having the courage to lose and thereby gain wisdom. Many Rotarians in attendance affirmed the process in their own lives including the recently deposed past prez. Well done, Ralph, and may we all have the courage to dream and hope and risk so that we too may become losers who win!

POTENTIAL GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

August 23 Ron Sekkel...Rotary District Government Member Scotts Valley Rotary, Former President of San Lorenzo Valley Rotary, Former Community Service Chair - District 5170, Former Assistant District Governor - Area 7, actively involved with Project Share Life, which is the District's Bone Marrow Registry Project

August 30 Don Shalvey Ashoka...Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of Aspire Public Schools, a not-for-profit public school organization founded to reshape public school systems and enrich the lives of students by building 100 high performing charter public schools across California.

Sept. 6 No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday

MARC DICKOW introduced Rotary participants from foreign climes, to wit: Carrying the banner of his principality, Oakland No.3, was distance runner Fred Hornbruch...Los Altos Ginny Lear, a winner of many District 5170 awards, joined the opening parade, as did perennial participant George Paulsen from faraway Belmont.

TEAM EVENT WINNERS

LEANNAH HUNT with Jeannette Marquis
MARTHA KANTER with Sue Gatlin
KAREN B. FOLLETTE with Sue Covey
ARNE STOSCHEK with Christian Rees
SANDRA NIEMANN with Katherine Perring



Sue Gatlin



Christian Rees



Katherine Perring

SPECIAL EVENTS

Coach SY GREENSTONE announced the Homeless Feeding Challenge. Team members sign up for Wednesday, September 1st from 3:30 to 6 pm. Venue...Presbyterian Church.

ENTRY FEES...Otherwise known as Dues are \$300 if you missed the August 15th deadline.

INCOME PRODUCING EVENTS... Otherwise known as the President's Club. *New Members...* PAM BRANDIN for being president...NANCY PETERS for a successful hike in Yosemite and acknowledging DON DAVID NEGRIN on reaching the big eight oh...DAVID NEGRIN for doing the same...

HER LIFE IS GOLDEN



ABOUT OLYMPIC CHAMPION ANNE CRIBBS... Anne took up swimming at age 8 because her mother liked her clean and it was less sweaty than tennis...tennis was the "other Olympic sport" open to women's in those days...after winning gold Anne retired from swimming at age 16...that was pre Title IX and there were no college scholarships for any women's

sports...men and women were kept separated at the 1960 Olympics, although they were able to sneak out and meet some Russian Olympians..." *participation in sports teaches us how to win and lose, how to get along, how to be a leader and that there are no defeats in life.* "...**the best athletes have short memories and success is measured by how fast you get up.**"

"The Games gives us a glimpse of how we want the world to be. The teams march in by country but leave mixed together as individuals and as friends!"

STATISTICS... ANNE has nine offspring, or is it eleven? Five from her husband's first...two from her first and two together. This year there are 15,000 members of the press attending...1.5 billion dollars is being spent for security...and there are four billion TV watchers on 300 different channels...

CLOSING CEREMONY



CLOSING CEREMONY... Thanks to TERRY LAUCHENBRUCH for inviting Anne to share her considerable Olympic knowledge with us and for President Pam's warm tribute to Anne on behalf of the Club. **We now decree the Games of the August 16th 2004 Olympiad closed!**

OTHER VENUES



TUESDAY

Los Altos: Sunset: Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, 19:15

Mtn View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mtn View, 12:15

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, 12:00

East Palo Alto Bayshore: Boys & Girls Club, Pulgas & O'Connor, East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, 07:30

THURSDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Rd, Los Altos 12:15

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

San Carlos: Piacere Restotante, 727 Laurel, San Carlos 12:15

BROSI ON THE BEAM



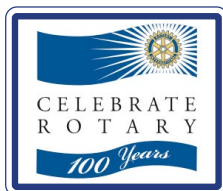
UPCOMING INCOME EVENT... World record holder KAREN BROSI will invite new members to join the President's Team next week. Who do you know, including yourself, who qualifies for this event? Think significant birthday... anniversary... trip... children and/or grandchildren... Or in honor of your favorite uncle, school, or sports team (Cal Qualifies) Be creative, but come prepared to pony up a century note for your special event(s).

SY-ANARA



SY GREENSTONE related a story that will put him in first place when Prez Club donations fall due.

"It seems three fellows wanted to get in the Olympics, but had no tickets. The first one approached the gate keeper with a long stick he had found and said he was a pole vaulter. In he went. The second found a manhole cover and was admitted as a discus thrower. The last approached the gate with some barbed wire. He pleaded his case and was admitted for fencing."
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