



# Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION



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## NOT TO CARE IS UNFORGIVABLE

Maestro **JOHN BRACKEN** and Master Pianist **SKIP HOYT** led the assembled in a lower key version of "The Star Spangled Banner".

### 'STING'ING REMARKS



**SHARON WAGNER** shared with us that she has joined her daughter in becoming a Sting fan. After explaining to many of our members that Sting is a rock and roll star, **SHARON** explained the entertainers well known philanthropy started before he became rich and famous. Did you know? Sting's real name is Gordon

Mathew Sumner and that he got his nickname while a member of The Phoenix Jazzmen. Sting came to a rehearsal in a striped soccer sweater and one of the band members said he looked like a bee. The nickname started as "Stinger" and eventually was shortened to "Sting". Philanthropy can help us span the generations.

**FRAGILE:** by Sting

If blood will flow when flesh and steel are one  
Drying in the colour of the evening sun  
Tomorrow's rain will wash the stains away  
But something in our minds will always stay

Perhaps this final act was meant  
To clinch a lifetime's argument  
That nothing comes from violence  
and nothing ever could  
For all those born beneath an angry star  
Lest we forget how fragile we are

On and on the rain will fall  
Like tears from a star  
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On and on the rain will say  
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### PLAN TO BE THERE

Oct. 11 New Member Talks

Oct. 18 Agapito Pereira, District 5170 Guest from Peru - Partners in Service Program **Agapito Pereira, Public Accountant, Merchant Accountant, and Mining Engineer, is a member of the Rotary Club of Independencia-Huaraz (Peru) since 1993, Director of International Service 2003/2004, and a Paul Harris Fellow.**

Oct. 25 Gloria Hom Summary of Ballot Propositions, What is on the Ballot besides Candidates - A candid analysis of the Propositions **Gloria Hom is a Rotarian, Economist Educator, mother of three daughters, and four (soon to be five) grandchildren. Our own Gloria Hom was the first woman to join Rotary in 1987 and the first woman President of our Palo Alto Club five years later.**

### WHO'S OUR GUESTS

**FRED HORNBRUCH**, former club member and current Oakland Rotary Club member was our sole visiting Rotarian. Guests included the new Hyatt Manager, **DANIA DUKE (DAVE CHARLESON)**, today's speaker - **KATHY RIGGINS (MIKE COUCH)**, **SUE COVEY (KAREN BRADLEY-FOLLETTE)** and **DENNIS MCGINN (TED LARSEN)**.

### THINGS OF INTEREST

\*Contact President **PAM BRANDIN** for information to attend the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*You are invited to the Charter Night Celebration of the Stanford/Palo Alto Rotaract Club to be hosted by Mid-Peninsula Bank, 420 Cowper, Palo Alto on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP at 650-614-5766 by October 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*Contact **SY GREENSTONE** to help feed the homeless at the First Presbyterian Church at 1140 Cowper on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 - 6:30 p.m.

\***STEVE PLAYER** announced that the "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" of The Big Game will be celebrated at our club with the annual Rotary Big Game Exchange with the Berkeley Club on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this opportunity for revisionist history.

## WHY NOT ?



**KATHY RIGGINS, President & CEO of the YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, was today's speaker. Kathy acknowledged the work of PAM BRANDIN, MIKE COUCH & STEVE PLAYER in establishing the YMCA in our area. Founded in London in 1844, the YMCA currently has 19 million members, 600 thousand volunteers and 2,400 locations in 122 countries. KATHY**

**shocked us with some overwhelming statistics about the health of our country including:**

- \*In 1969, 80% of youth participated in sports everyday. Today that number is 20%.**
- \*25% of adolescents get their vegetable nutrition from French fries.**
- \*70% of adolescents are overweight and 80% when one Parent is also overweight.**
- \*64% of adults are overweight.**
- \*Obesity has tripled since 1970.**
- \*One in three adults participate in no physical activity that creates health benefits.**

**The YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula has been chosen to manage a pilot program called Activate America with goals to encourage healthy lifestyle habits for children and youth, to reach a broader adult population and to serve racial and ethnic minority groups who are at greater risk of developing health problems. KATHY challenged us to answer the question of why not help with we must help!**

**Not to know is bad.  
Not to wonder is worse.  
Not to hope is unacceptable.  
Not to care in unforgivable.**

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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## NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

### TUESDAY

Los Altos: Sunset: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Rd, 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

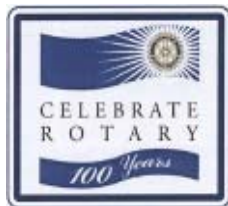
### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

### FRIDAY

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

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



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