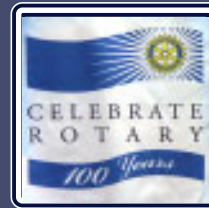




Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION



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GETTING STARTED

Forgoing a history lesson, your scribe directed a vigorous singing by the awesome number of attendees of "America the Beautiful." SKIP HOYT was at, and played, the pianoforte.

ALSO PRESENT

Visiting Rotarians in attendance were: Paul Clark, Human Resources (Los Gatos Rotary) and CANDACE RONEY, Hospital Administration (San Jose Rotary). Guests included Sue Hoyt (SKIP), Dennis McGinn (TED LARSEN), Ellie Mansfield (DICK), Dan Quinn (BOB McCOWAN), and Vanessa ROACH (President PAM, her mother).

OPENERS



Consistent with the political atmosphere typical of this week before elections, LE LEVY recalled the history of an important power the people of the state have, that of recall of public officials. LE included in his presentation ways in which recall might be improved, including extending the period

of the pre-election race and requirement of more names of citizens necessary to request the recall.

A HELPING HAND

Treasurer DICK MANSFIELD received a letter from Rick Russell, P.D.G. 6930 and member of the Rotary Club of Delray Beach, FL thanking our club for its donation of \$250.00 to help ameliorate the tragic consequences of recent hurricanes and storms. The letter said in part: "...to be on the **receiving end of my family of Rotary is wondrous. Thank you for reaching out to us. Many of our communities are devastated; lines for food stamps are miles long. Our Rotarians are on the front lines and we are a little weary. Your gesture of acknowledging our plight and helping us is so appreciated.....Rick**"

KUDOS FOR A GREAT START

President PAM congratulated TERRY LACHENBRUCH for her skillful hosting of the Palo Alto Rotaract Club Charter Night Celebration at her Mid-Peninsula Bank last Tuesday. Speeches were short, and wine bottles were long. Attending were D.G. RON SEKKEL, outgoing Rotaract president Silvia Console-Batilana & her successor Kevin Leong, and more than two dozen P.A. Rotarians and members of the new Rotaract Club. A great start for an organization with fine potential

UP NEXT

Nov. 1 Rod Diridon, Sr. Transportation and Global Warming **Rod Diridon, the Chair Emeritus and Governor's appointee to the California High Speed Rail Authority Board, will describe the State's planned 700 mile, 220 mile-per-hour, high-speed rail system.**

Nov. 8 Maridel Moulton All-club Planning Session **Maridel is an independent organizational development consultant and meeting facilitator, who will help us organize a brainstorming session that will envision the future plans/goals of Palo Alto Rotary. Bring you ideas that could shape our future.**

Nov. 15 Steve Player Big Game Lunch **This meeting is about the "Big Game" rivalry between Stanford and Cal, and between Palo Alto Rotary and the Berkeley Rotary Club. Don't miss this good-natured college football fun! See who gets "The Axe," and who gets bragging rights for this year.**

ALSO IN THE MIX



October being Rotary Foundation Month, **BILL BUSSE called on AXEL MERK to give us the word on Ambassadorial scholarships. This program is the world's largest private scholarship program. Outstanding scholars from the U.S. attend foreign universities; and In turn foreign students come to our country for their further education. Stay tuned for our club's efforts in this outstanding part of R.I.'s goal to promote peace among nations...**



President PAM recognized **RICK TIPTON's** contribution of \$2,000.00 as an extension of his Paul Harris contribution. Nice going, **RICK!...**

Congrats to **ELLEN HARRINGTON** and

TED LARSEN on their receipt today of permanent badges!...

SY GREENSTONE made an eloquent pitch for recruits for the program of feeding the homeless. You'll like ourself better for the experience and enjoy the participation.



BIG GAME ALREADY YET?

STEVE PLAYER called attention to the special program scheduled for our November 15 meeting. Berkeley Rotarians will join us for this annual meeting that precedes the 50th Big Game. John Ralston (and if you don't know who he is, you're from another planet) will speak. And, says **STEVE**, there will be a "surprise." Put this one on your calendar as a "don't miss."

HOMEWORK FOR NOVEMBER 2ND



Or should we call it **HOM**work? Whatever. Speaker of the day was **GLORIA HOM**, our own legislative analyst, who held her audience in rapt attention as she put the California propositions in perspective. She spoke of the huge, confusing ballot which asks voters to accomplish what government either cannot or will not do, often prevented from doing so because of well-heeled special interests. Pointing out that, with 16 measures to be discussed, she would go overtime in devoting only two minutes per proposition. Her success in getting through the total list, with helpful and often pungent comments on each proposition, was a highlight of her presentation. Without trying to discuss here any specific items, it may be of interest to note the following: (1) Financial stakes for special interests, the state and taxpayers are cosmic: Indian gaming could be worth billions; and the health care related initiative could cost \$14.5 billions over 10 years. (2) There are conflicting measures, with the measure getting the most votes taking effect (see Prop. 60 & 62 on primary elections; Prop. 68 & 70 on Indian gaming; Prop. 1A & 65 on local government financing). (3) Beyond that, voters are asked to relieve the Legislature of the responsibility for portions of the state budget: for stem cell research, emergency rooms, children's hospital and mental health programs, and the sale of surplus state property...**GLORIA** has done her part – now it's up to us. See you at the polls!

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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

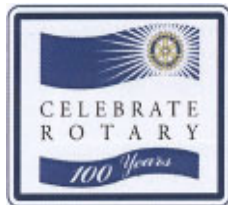
FRIDAY

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

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

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So says **DICK FREEMAN**, who has for sale the well-known **Entertainment Books**. Using the book you get a raft of free meals (buy one and get one free). Also available through the book are many hotels and recreational activities. Plus – the club gets \$4.00 for each book sold. Cost per book: \$20.00. A no-brainer.



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