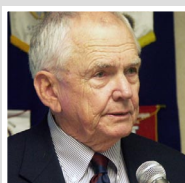




Mike, You left us way too soon!



Incoming President IRIS KOROL opened the meeting by informing the stunned audience that MIKE TRAUGOTT died last Saturday.

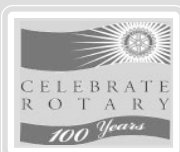


"Mike, You left us way too soon and, for the first time, without a smile on our faces. Your good friend, and tablemate, JOHN O'KEEFE read for us a few sentences from your Rotary Bio. *'Is Rotary my life? Close.* I look forward to the weekly camaraderie and hope to be in and serve Rotary for many years to come. Together we can make a difference, I think.'* "

*An earlier paragraph puts this in context. "Family is numero uno, and though mine is small, it is my strength."

"Well Mike, you did make a difference, a big difference in all of our lives. And we acknowledged that by doing what you did when your father, HANK, passed on some years ago. We gave you a standing ovation! Mike, your death hurts, and we'll shed a lot of tears, but the memory of your year as president, your subsequent President's Club fund raising and event M.C.'ing will leave us smiling for a long time to come. Cheers, Mike, we loved you mightily!"

The service celebrating Mike's life will be Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Palo Alto Unity Community Church, 3391 Middlefield, between Loma Verde and East Meadow.

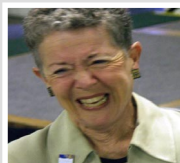


Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION

November 1st, 2004

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IRIS did a superb job in presiding. We'll certainly be in good hands during 2005-2006.

HERSH DAVIS did the intros, but had an easy job of it. We had nary a visiting Rotarian. (Perhaps this is a first.) However, we were honored by numerous guests of Rotarians, to wit: Frank

Biehl(PAUL LOSCH)...Norm Baldwin (BILLY ALHOUSE "We've been friends for 90 years")...Joan McCowan (Husband BOB McCOWAN) ...Brian Schaefer, who also attended last week, and Skip Justman (DIANA DIAMOND)...and last but not least, Suzanne Culley (Hubby JACK RIDDLE)

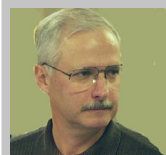
UPCOMING

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 your 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,"



Frank Biehl



Norm Baldwin



Suzanne Culley

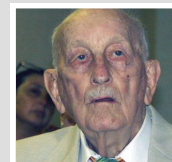
SY "Opening Remarks" GREENSTONE came through once again. He presented the assembled throng with a series of quotes on "Democracy"...most of them irreverent. I.E., "It's not in the voting. It's in the counting!" Thanx for the timely humor, SY. And thanx for reminding us of the Homeless Feeding event this Wednesday.



IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB. (Someone suggested that President PAM should have birthdays in North Carolina more than once a year.)

PAUL LOSCH joined for four reasons...the key was buying a new business. Congratulations and good luck with those microbabies!

JOHN BRACKEN, a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan going back to age 9, says, "Next year it's in the Cards!"...Cheers to his school teaching daughter for preparing to run a marathon to raise funds for LeukemiaLymphoma.





INGE ANGILETTA joined to celebrate having completed a Leukemia/Lymphoma marathon.

AUDREY JACOBS is the proud mother of the #1 draft pick in the youth basketball league. Coach TODD LEWIS added that he selected Audrey's son, Tim, *because "he is the best leader and sets the right example!"* High praise, Mom!



BILL BUSSE reported that a number of the many Rotarians who had signed up for the Stanford/Oregon State tailgate had bailed after last week's debacle. This necessitated cancellation of this year's event. STEVE EMSLIE was seen shedding a few tears, but was consoled when our IPP added that we would have two tailgates next year!

DICK FREEMAN has Entertainment Books for sale again this year! Great bargains such as savings at restaurants, hotels, ice cream parlors, Stanford Sports, etc. Of the \$20 cost per book \$4 goes to the Club's coffers. It's a deal! See Dick!

FLY CALIFORNIA WITHOUT EVER LEAVING THE GROUND!



TODAY'S SPEAKER was introduced by our venerable Past President, WALT HAYS. Rod Diridon is a self proclaimed recovering politician having spent 20 years on the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County. Rod, a San Jose Rotarian of 31 years, is currently a member of the CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY Board of Directors. If you were like today's scribe, you were amazed to hear the following:

"The High Speed Rail System, which will connect Sacramento, the Bay Area, the LA Area and the Inland Empire, will be the largest construction project in our Nation's history!"

"The AUTHORITY has "real authority" including Eminent Domain. A few feet off some of the Atherton and Menlo Park properties will be in the 'offing'!"

"The Environmental Impact Statement will be the largest in the World!" (Even STEVE EMSLIE was shocked!)

"The electric trains will zip along at over 200 miles per hour. At that speed, folks, you will be in LA in less than 2 hours and will wind up in the Downtown Area yet!"

"There will be 50 miles of tunnels and a thousand bridges and overpasses."

A most illuminating and informative program. Congratulations to the Program Committee for coming through once again!



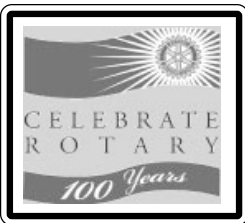
SAM WEBSTER announced that the "Webster Table" would contribute \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund in MIKE TRAUGGOT'S memory. DAVE CHARLESON joined the Prez's Club in honor of his "old friend",...after just a few months in Rotary...our beloved Mike T.



DAVID NEGRIN joined twice...once for having celebrated his grandson's Bar Mitzva last weekend, and once for the fact his son has been appointed a full professor at Stanford! All that in addition to volunteering his services as Official Greeter today! Way to go David!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SUCH

NINA MOORE announced that the HOLIDAY PARTY will be at Vicky Ching's home on Sunday, December 5th. Please contact our social swami, NINA, and volunteer to lend a hand.



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