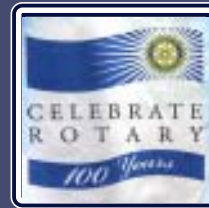




# Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION



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## A SPIRIT OF CAMARADERIE PREVAILED.

A contingent of fellow Berkeley Rotarians met at the Stanford Room with our club in the traditional pre-Big Game exchange

### MUSIC FILLED THE AIR



After the Pledge, your reporter called upon two prominent members to lead the throng in appropriate vocalizing. LE LEVY, setting aside his tendency to shyness, conducted a



spirited version of "Our Sturdy Golden Bear" with the help of several "Old Blues" from the Palo Alto club. JOHN KIDD did likewise with the homers' "Come Join the Band." SKIP HOYT provided the accompaniment on the Yamaha.

### WE LOVE YOU TOO BILL!



In his Opening Remarks BILL BUSSE recounted a tender moment with the late MIKE TRAUOGOTT in which each said to the other: "I Love You!" To spread the message BILL orchestrated a mass declaration of our feeling toward our Berkeley colleagues. "When you go home tonight," he added for the benefit of all in the room,

"make this statement to your spouse."

## ANOTHER "BIG GAME" – THIS ONE YOU CAN PLAY!

From Monday, Nov. 15, through Saturday, Nov. 20, Cal and Stanford alumni and fans are encouraged to roll up their sleeves (literally) at blood centers throughout the Bay Area and at mobile blood drives. Fans can "dedicate" their blood donation to their favorite team. Winner to be announced on Nov. 24.. ARC and Stanford have joined together in this effort. To make an appointment or find drive locations, contact: **Stanford Blood Center; 1-999-723-7831 or ARC 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.**

## UP NEXT

**Nov. 22 Dave Sandretto Second Harvest Food Bank** Dave Sandretto, the Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo County, will be joining us on November 22 to talk about the role of the food bank in the community as well as the challenges and impact of the nation's largest Holiday Food Drive.

**Nov. 29 Trent Jones Stanford Basketball Coach** Welcome to the community, Trent Jones! Come hear from Trent about the 2004-2005 Men's Basketball Team at Stanford.

**Dec. 6 Linda Mandolini Eden Housing** Linda will discuss the imminent challenge of high cost communities in Silicon Valley to provide affordable housing. To that end, the solutions presented have now become a model to be emulated throughout the state and country.

**Dec. 13 Phil Mahoney Cornish & Carey, Corporate and Institutional Services Group** Phil's vast experience in real estate gives us insight as he discusses the recap of the 2004 real estate market and a forecast for 2005 with a special emphasis on Silicon Valley

## VISITING ROTATIANS

Dick Erickson, longtime friend of Palo Alto Rotary and outstanding Cal quarterback, introduced a strong group from his Berkeley club. Making the trip to enemy territory were: Ed Church, consultant and current president; Alan Fraser, investment securities Bud Loftesness, Senior active and past president; Terry Regan, travel agent; Toni Sweet, education; Pate Thomson, medicine and president elect.. Other visiting Rotarians included Charles Connors, (Los Gatos Morning, contractor); Chuck Devine (Cupertino, career counseling); Hans Halbheer (Switzerland, banking)) Candace Roney (San Jose, hospital administration); and Jim Criolo (Cupertino, senior active). Welcome all! and come back soon! Guests of members included Don Niederhaus, with BOB McCOWAN; Bran Schaeffer (DIANA DIAMOND); Sandy Shin (CYRILLE BETANT); Carmen Valverde (PAM BRANDIN, introduced by TODD LEWIS.); Jim Triolo & Jim Ransohoff (guests of the club).

## TOP DRAWER PROGRAM



MIKE COUCH emceed the program. Following an exchange of “gifts” with Ed Church, Berkeley club president, he gave back-

ground information about the Big Game and the Palo Alto/Berkeley meeting exchanges prior to that annual event.

He then introduced Dick Erickson, who in presented and gave the hall-of-fame background of the two speakers. Craig Morton, Cal quarterback and 2-sport (including baseball) athlete who starred for the Denver Broncos after a close brush with a Major League career.



Craig volunteered strong “yees” to the possibility of keeping the current coach and constructing the new stadium; a modest “hope so” regarding the return of the present quarterback and a “not sure” as to the probability of landing this season’s Rose Bowl assignment. He pointed out that Cal had not been to that bowl since 1959, and that it would be great to be a choice for that great game.



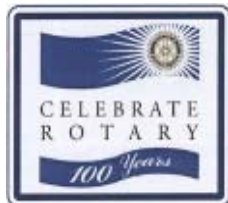
John Ralston, who has superb credentials which tie him closely to both Cal and Stanford, made no bones about his choice in the upcoming Saturday battle. His presentation, spoken with the authority of one who “has seen it all,” gave a hint of his power of motivating players – and coaches (he has been head coach with some of

the greatest on his staff) – of the great game of football... We missed you, STEVE PLAYER, and wish you the best in your medical adventure. This was a program we all treasured. With persons like Ralston and Morton in our mutual history, Cal and Stanford are both winners, no matter what the outcome on Saturday.

## GIVE – EM THE AXE, THE AXE, THE AXE...

Former Cal cheerleaders Jim Criolo and Jim Ransohoff, ages a sprightly 90 and 87 respectively, led the assemblage in the OSKI YELL and capped their performance with the historic AXE chant. The rafters rang the second time around, and we can just imagine the fear that will be generated Saturday when the thousands at Memorial Stadium utter these chilling threats.

Thanks, guys, for bringing those yells to us!



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