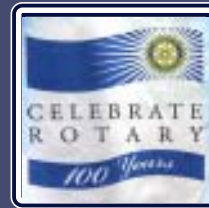




# Palo Alto Rotary Club PINION



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## A ROUSING OPENING

Prez Pam led us all in a rousing Pledge; also, she reminded us to be sure to sign Steve Player's get well card. He recently had back surgery and reportedly is doing well.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Skip Hoyt gave us a post-election lift by recalling how we always get back together after a tough election, even the one in 1796 (remember?). With Thanksgiving coming up we're celebrating an event with an equally long history, first in 1621 by early settlers and then proclaimed a national holiday by George Washington at Valley Forge.

Skip reminded us to realize how privileged we are, as we recall this great and meaningful tradition. Have a happy Thanksgiving, but save some of your appetite for the next

## VISITORS AND GUESTS



Introductions were made by Jorge Sperling. Welcome back George, it's good to see you. George is visiting from Munich and served today as an official Greeter, badge and all, and we're threatening to not let him return.

Visiting Rotarian (Club) was: Dave Sandretto (San Jose), our guest speaker. Other guests (Hosts) were Don Quinn (Bob McCowan); Carmen Valverde (Prez Pam); Bess Greenstone (wife of Sy); Dennis McGinn (Ted Larsen); Kim Bowen (Marc Dickow); Matt Meyers (John Richers) and Deji Olukotun, our Ambassadorial Scholar who's heading for South Africa shortly (Axel Merk). Welcome to you all!!

## BLUE BADGES



-Prez Pam inducted ex-guests Don Quinn (sponsored by Bob McCowan) and Dennis McGinn (sponsored by Ted Larsen) as the newest



members of the Club.

## UP NEXT

**Nov. 29 Trent Johnson 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sy Greenstone announced the next Feed the Homeless event on December 15. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two meetings.

-Dick Freeman, filling in for Bill Busse, reminded us all to make their contributions to the Rotary Foundation, including the purchase of raffle tickets, no later than November 29, our next meeting.

-Dick also announced a new holiday this year, Christmas and Hanukkah in November, HO! HO! HO!. What a wonderful Holiday gift an Entertainment Book will make. It's got hundreds of gifts in one...trips, hotels, meals, theater tickets, even ice cream, etc., etc. You pay 20 bucks and Rotary keeps 4 bucks. Look at the sample books at the sign up table next week and then contact Dick; he'll be behind the stack.

-Sam Webster informed us that the Mike Traugott Memorial Fund, which is part of the P.A. Rotary Foundation, has already raised \$3,000 and is targeted to total \$5,000. So let's be sure to pay tribute to our great friend Mike. As you all know, the proceeds of the Foundation's funds, not the principal, support our Club's charitable activities.

-Le Levy announced that tickets for the February 27 Crab Carnival are now available at last year's same cost -\$65/person. Sign up before January 17 and get in for \$55/person. Tables-of-ten reservations also can be made on that date.

-This year's Holiday Party will be held on December 5 at the home of Vicky Ching. Be sure to sign up next week or call Nina Moore to find out what's needed...volunteers, hors d'ouvres, wine, etc.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

-Ted Larsen joined the President's Club in honor of his new grandson. You're in for it now, Ted.



## HARVEST FOOD BANK

Prez Pam introduced fellow Rotarian Dave Sandretto, Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank a non profit that distributes food to needy recipients throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. It started operating in Santa Clara County about thirty years ago and extended its services to San Mateo County in 1988, and as such is one of the largest in the area. It provides nutritious food to over 10% of the 2.7 million qualified residents in the region, and to various agencies, including our Club's Feed the Homeless Program. Dave informed us of his frequent endorsement of the Food Stamps Program. When measured against the value of the agencies service, only about 5% of their budget supports operations. Support for this very worthy organization can be provided by contacting David Sandretto at (408) 694-0010 or by visiting Second Harvest's Web site



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### NOTE:

Not a word at today's meeting about the Big Game...and I'm not touching it!!

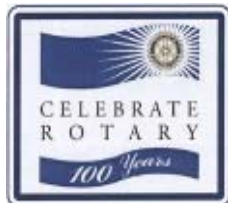
## CRAB CARNAVAL UNDERWRITING

People and Organizations to Underwrite the Crab Carnival of February 27, 2005! Each year, the Palo Alto Rotary Club has a major gala to fund the charitable work of the Club. This is an activity of the Palo Alto Rotary Club Annual Charities, Inc., the Club's tax-exempt subsidiary. The greater the amount of underwriting of the event, the greater the amount of funds available for our charitable work. Last year, these funds allowed us to provide scholarships to worthy high school and community college students, a grant to the Lytton Gardens Senior Care Facility, support to local Boys & Girls Clubs as well as projects we co-sponsored outside of the U.S. Also, we were able to continue support of the the Boy Scouts, Camp RYLA and other worthy causes. Can you give us a hand? Please contact Dick Freeman of the Crab Feed's Underwriting Committee.



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