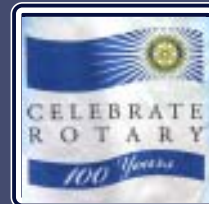




Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



December 13, 2004 Reeporner: Dick Mansfield Graphics: Lyle Connell

A NEW FORMAT

President PAM BRANDIN gave us conversation space at the beginning of today's meeting, holding off the pledge of allegiance until 12:40 p.m., and we put the time to good use!

INTRODUCTIONS

Promptly after the flag salute STEVE PLAYER, looking good and moving better all the time after his back surgery, introduced Visiting Rotarian CANDACE RONEY from San Jose and called on our own Rotarians to introduce guests BRIAN SCHAEFFER (by DIANA DIAMOND), BESS GREENSTONE (by spouse CY), LILY CHANG (by GLORIA HOM), and DONALD DOUGLAS (by spouse NINA MOORE).

HOLIDAY ZINGERS



CARL KING encouraged us to reduce holiday stress by counting our material blessings, engaging in random acts of kindness, getting outdoors, closely observing the three-day rule (applicable, as we all know, to fish and relatives) and remembering to laugh. To get us laughing and he did CARL offered several holiday zingers. You helped make the season bright, CARL!

DONATIONS



Unwilling to wait for the surprise party, your scribe paid \$70 (that's \$2 a year: do the math) for his own birthday.

ROMAN KAGARLITSKY will donate to honor the memory of his father who recently passed away.



BILL FOGARTY will donate to honor his son, a San Bruno police officer, who recently received a department distinguished medal for his valor in a confrontation with armed suspects.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Dec. 20 West Bay Opera Special Holiday Program

Come hear this special program to include a few opera favorites (the Toreador Song, Carmen's Seguidilla), traditional holiday selections ("I Hear Singing", "Chestnuts Roasting", "White Christmas"), and a short Christmas sing-along

December 27 Holiday Break.

A LITTLE THESE A LITTLE THOSE

We passed the holiday hat for our wonderful Rickey's waitstaff.

TRISH BUBENIK and LE LEVY beat the drum for Crab Carnivale 2005 tickets: Just \$55 a seat, and if you'd like a table of 10 you can have it for a special price of just \$550. Write those checks and support your annual fundraiser! Next Monday will be your last chance until 2005.

SKIP HOYT says there are plenty of helpers signed up to feed the homeless on Wednesday (December 15), but that if any helper experiences a change of plan he or she should call SKIP, SY GREENSTONE, or CYRILLE BETANT.

DICK FREEMAN took one more headcount for next Monday's holiday program by West Bay Opera. If you'll be bringing a lot of guests be sure to let DICK know at (650) 493-9024 after 10 a.m.

DAVID BLITZ reminded us of the need for chaperones at Youth Community Service's Annual Winter Service Day on Saturday (December 18). Call DAVID at (650) 537-0893.

SAM WEBSTER recalled our attention to the drive to raise \$5,000 for the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment in memory of MIKE TRAUOGOTT. The fund stands at \$4,740, and SAM would like to get over the top before next week's meeting.

JOYCE CUSICK and DICK FREEMAN distributing new telecommunications lists, these in a fetching shade of mauve. If you didn't pick yours up it will be waiting for you in your folder.

REALTY REALITIES IN '04-'05



Fresh from a fact-packed program on affordable housing, this week we heard about another aspect of real estate in the Bay Area from PHIL MAHONEY, a principal and executive vice president at Cornish & Carey's Corporate and Institutional Services Group, whose data-intensive PowerPoint presentation on local commercial

real estate markets was titled "The Recovery Begins - Silicon Valley Real Estate 2005." PHIL's thoroughly-documented message was congruent with what the "space available" signs in commercial areas indicate: At the moment it is more of a tenant's than an investor's market, and certainly this is true of any space older or smaller than what PHIL characterized as "class A space," but PHIL does see some signs of recovery in some aspects of the Silicon Valley economy in general and of the commercial real estate investors' markets in particular. It was an interesting presentation by a highly-qualified speaker.

THIS JUST IN

Dick Freeman WANTS YOU TO KNOW IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE IN 2004 TO BUY Entertainment Books that are as full of gifts as Santa's sack. And it helps the club! Contact DICK.

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NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos: Sunset: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Rd, Los Altos, 9:15

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

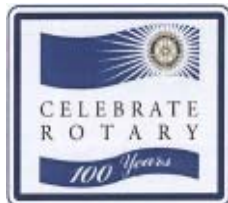
FRIDAY

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

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

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLER

What do ADAM ATITO, TRISH BUBENIK and ARNE STOSCHEK have in common (beyond their status as good Rotarians in a leading Rotary Club)? Answers in last week's Pinion.



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