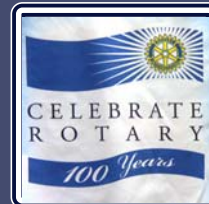




# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

Opening: On a day more reminiscent of springtime than Punxsutawney Phil's frequent prediction of more winter weather, SKIP HOYT directed and accompanied a singing of MLK Jr.'s favorite patriotic song: "America."

## ROTARY VISITORS



Visiting Rotarians & Guests: DIANADIAMOND introduced visiting Rotarians Tibor Gregor (Toronto & past trustee of the Rotary Foundation); R.

Narasimhan (Alwarpet, India); and Penny Stevens (Fairfield, CT).

Guests of the latter were E.B. Read of Mystic, CT, Penny's mother, and Russell Stevens, Santa Clara, her son.



## OPENING REMARKS



Opening Remarks: DAVE CHARLESON shared the podium with 7-year-old son Vannevar and regaled the audience with words of collected wisdom gleaned from a bunch of guys - musicians and fishin' buddies - that he sees frequently. One pearl that this reporter recalls is "There is a fine line between a hobby and golfers and fishermen attention!"

mental illness." Not exactly Plato, but not bad for a daytime Rotary meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brownie, brownie, whoos gotta brownie? TERRY LACHENBRUCH has - and then some. KAREN BROSI stepped to the mike and auctioned off a couple dozen of the delicacies. TERRY's bid of fifty dollars guaranteed her some tasty munching for some time to come. Nice going, TERRY and in a good cause of the Crab Carnivale. And congratulations to KAREN, who is getting over her innate shyness.

## COMING UP

Feb. 7 Pete Slosberg "On the Topic of CHOCOLATE!" Pete Slosberg discusses his newest venture - Cocoa Pete's - and his mission to make world-class chocolate accessible to the mass market and elevate people's expectations as to what constitutes the really good stuff!

February 14 ~ Mark J. Gordon, Writer/Director/Producer As writer, director and producer of "Her Majesty," Mark Gordon will talk about the process of making a film. This delightful movie set in New Zealand opens locally at Century 16 on February 18.

February 21 ~ President's Day No meeting

February 28 ~ Sue McCloud Mayor, Carmel-By-The-Sea "Cloaks And Daggers Are Unisex" ~ Sue shares her experience in the CIA. She is currently serving her second term as Mayor of Carmel-By-The-Sea.

More on the Crab Carnivale With the Crab Carnivale less than a month distant, TRISH BUBENIK and LE LEVY remind all club members of what they can do to guarantee its expected huge success, to wit: Purchase tickets! Singles are now \$65.00 per person. Invite guests! Donate personal items! Contact others to make contributions! TRISH distributed to each table copies of the lush items that will be on the block - many more to be expected. For tickets contact LE LEVY at 321-1984.

BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS JOHN O'KEEFE has renewed an old wrinkle in revenue enhancement. Plying up \$20.00 for the privilege of being born in the month of January were some 15 members, whose names will remain unlisted here. This reporter recalls when this ploy was a common venture for the club, with the tab being a mere \$2.00. Time and progress marches on!

MEMBER PARTICIPATION REQUESTED STEVE PLAYER announced the need for a work party at Gamble Gardens (Waverley at Embarcadero) for further improvement of the area. Interested persons should report on Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. for the hands-on experience. The heavy work of the project has been accomplished, according to STEVE. But this is not a black tie affair. Come equipped to commune with nature. And in an unrelated area, WALT HAYS requested signatures to a sheet indicating members' support of the sewer drainage issue that is occupying the minds of citizens of Palo Alto.

PLANNING TO INTRODUCE A PERSON TO ROTARY? This message is for you: We welcome applications for membership but we need to reiterate Rotary protocol. When introducing a guest, please DO NOT mention that he or she is applying for membership. There is a process for membership which begins with an application (see DICK FREEMAN or JOY CUSICK for the form). Several steps are involved, and this caution is in the best of interest of both the club and guest

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

The half-hour allotted to the day's program was a continuation of the planning session held with Maridel Moulton in November, at which it was affirmed that we do not want to make any sweeping changes in who we are and what we do. The areas in which we do want to change are:

1. Increase the diversity of our membership
2. Increase participation of members in terms of meeting attendance and committee involvement
3. Increase our impact in the local community and internationally by tapping into our wealth of members' skills and experience, as well as having more funds for appropriate use

Members at the separate tables were the nucleus of the discussion, which began with consideration of a "Vision Statement" that received general approval in its draft form. This was followed by a review of the draft goals for the several services (Club, Community, Vocational, and International) with considerable attention to the rising importance of Youth Service. Specific goals included but were not limited to such specifics as "developing criteria for international projects," "orientation of prospective members before induction," "greater integration with Interact and Rotaract," "fewer projects, more publicity," "more international talks," etc. Spokespersons for each table made brief reports to the assemblage and turned their notes over to President PAM for further action. PAM rang the bell for conclusion of a stimulating meeting.

### PALO ALTO ROTARY

**PRESIDENT:** Pam Brandin. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Iris Korol. **PAST-PRESIDENT:** Bill Busse. **DIRECTORS:** Mike Couch, Marcie Cox, Judy Kleinberg, David Negrin, Art Stauffer, Cyrille Betant. **TREASURER:** Dick Mansfield. **SECRETARIES:** Dick Freeman, Julie Jerome, Bob McCowan. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joyce Cusick, [parotaryrecords@aol.com](mailto:parotaryrecords@aol.com). **WEBSITE:** [www.rotarypaloalto.org/](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/).

### NEARBY ROTARY MEETING PLACES

Note: There is occasionally a delay in being notified of changes in meeting places, so please check with the establishment involved before attending one of the meetings listed below. Also, this is only a partial list; a more complete list is maintained at our Web Site under Links/Information.

#### TUESDAY

Los Altos: Sunset: Echo Restaurant, Los Altos, 9:15

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

#### WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:00  
East Palo Alto Bayshore: Boys & Girls Club, Pulgas & O'Connor East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

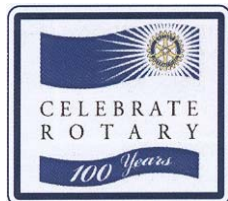
#### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

#### FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15  
San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15

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