

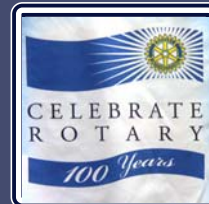


Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

February 7, 2005

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INAUGURATING THE PROCEEDINGS

"This Pinion is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get."

Forrest Levy

PRESIDENT PAM BRANDIN bravely inaugurated the proceedings.

WHO'S VISITING

WAYNE THOMAS introduced visiting Rotarians including GINNY LEAR, and JULIE ROSE from Los Altos, BILL MAYHOOD, Los Altos Sunset, and GEORGE PAULSEN, Belmont.

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF'S guest was Property Manager and Developer Jim Baer. TRISH BUBENIK'S was Melinda Mann. GLORIA HOM'S were her daughter's in-laws Mabel & Ken Lai. CHET DOUGLAS'S was Mike McMahon, JUDITH STEINER'S was Janet Weus.

THE WORD CHOCOLATE



BOB WHITEHAIR'S opening remarks stemmed from his googling the word "chocolate" and getting 28 million responses. (I think one was *"Man can't live by chocolate alone...but woman can."*)

TAKE NOTICE



Congratulations were in order for TONY CARRASCO for his upcoming Tall Tree award. TONY graciously responded by joining the President's Club as did AUDREY JACOBS.



WHAT'S NEXT

February 14 ~ Mark J. Gordon, Writer/Director/Producer ~ As writer, director and producer of "Her Majesty," Mark Gordon will talk about the long, hard process of making this film and successfully bucking the odds. This 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 experiences in the CIA.

STEVE PLAYER thanked the plethora of volunteers who worked on our Centennial Project at the Gamble Garden Center over the week-end. I missed many names but managed to catch HARRINGTON, STAUFFER, KAVENAUGH, SINGER, HAYS and BOOKER. LEANNAH HUNT announced more of the same next Saturday and Sunday at 9am to include both landscaping and painting

TRISH BUBENIK reminded all that at the incredible Crab Carnivale, February 27th at 5:00pm at Rickey's, she will raffle off a year's worth of Rotary Lunches for a mere \$20 per ticket. She also mentioned that some fabulous Wines, a Wine-tasting, a Piano Concert, and a Fire Station Barbecue for 20 would be among the terrific items to be silently or audibly auctioned at our annual Fundraiser. Tickets are \$65, but tables of ten are still only \$550. Over three hundred tickets accounted for so far.

Visitor BILL MAYHOOD reminded all of the special, local celebratory dinner honoring Rotary's 100th Anniversary here at Rickey's on February 23rd. The wonderful West Bay Opera and the Jazz ConneXion will perform. Price: Only \$35.

WALT HAYS, just back from Guatemala and Nicaragua spoke of what Rotary International is doing in those countries.

SY GREENSTONE reminded us we will be feeding the homeless on February 23rd.

GEORGE FITZGERALD announced plans to sponsor an annual dinner dance with live band, something that should especially appeal to ballroom dancers, The proposed date is Saturday, July 8th. Interested? Call George.

COCOA PETE



MIKE COUCH, salivating expectantly, introduced “Cocoa PETE” SLOSBERG founder of Pete’s Wicked Ale and, more recently, Cocoa Pete’s Chocolate. Pete described his entry into a chocolate market dominated by Hershey, Mars and Nestle as similar to his earlier success in a beer market also dominated by three large but

“bland” national brands.

Pete’s philosophy: **1. Have a world class product. 2. Get in on the ground floor before the market gets crowded. 3. Treat the product with reverence but everything else with irreverence. His goal: Make great chocolate for general consumption. How? By utilizing a higher percent of pure chocolate and “conching” it for a much longer time. A 2.5 oz. bar retails for \$2.49. Outlets include Andronico, Whole Foods and Safeway.**

Samples of Cocoa Pete’s four flavors, were available for grateful Rotarians, Maltimus Maximus, Nuts So Serious, Berry Berry Dangerous, and Caramel Knowledge.

His talk was well received and left a good taste in many mouths.

IT’S CRAB CARNIVALE TIME

Crab Carnivale tickets will be sold at each of the upcoming meetings. Price is \$65, Tables for ten are still only \$550.

‘Twill make old women young and fresh,

Create new motions of the flesh.

Cause them to long for you know what,

If they but taste of chocolate.

James Wadsworth (1768-1844)

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. **WEBSITE:** 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, 19:15

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

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, MP, 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

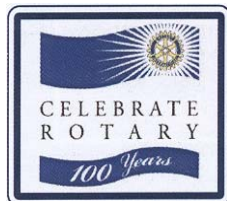
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

FRIDAY

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

San Carlos: Salvatore’s Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS: We welcome applications for membership but we need to reiterate Rotary protocol. When introducing a guest, please **DO NOT** mention that they are 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 interest of the Club and guest.



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