



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



April 4, 2005

Reporter: Lyle Connell

Graphics: Lyle Connell

VISITORS & GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

CYRILLE BETANT ably introduced the three VISITING ROTARIANS: George Newton, Saratoga; Albert Lowe, Pasadena; Dale Oats, Evanston Illinois.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS: included: John Hester-George Fitzgerald, Cash Alae- Rob Lansfield, Monica Devincerai-Gloria Hom, Claire McDonald- Le Levy, Anne Gullett- Dick Freeman, Vikram Fielding-Singh.

OPENING NEWS!

TAKE NOTICE

NINA MOORE announced that there will be a New Member Social on Sunday Afternoon, April 17, 2005 -4:00-6:00 PM. This great event will be hosted by Pam Brandon at her lovely home@668 Salvatierra Street, Stanford. Kindly VOLUNTEER to WELCOME New Members. See you There.

CRAB CARNIVALE CONTINUED

STEVE PLAYER in his own inimitable fashion auctioned off the last remaining item for the Crab Carnivale. This event is a premium five course dinner for eight people prepared by six great chefs from Rotary Palo Alto. This should be a fabulous meal and a good time for all.

BALLROOM DANCING

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF reported on what a great time everyone had at the dance studio. Plans are afoot for another dancing event



WHAT IS LIFE, WHEN DOES IT END?



Reflecting on the swirl of events during the past week regarding life and death situations, GEORGE FITZGERALD provided a perspective based on experience at the Stanford Hospital. He cited a case of a 33 year old woman who had severe brain damage and was not expected to recover. The family struggled on what to do. Finally, they decided on organ donation.. The result was impressive. A 23 year old woman received a new kidney transplant. A 35 year old woman a new liver and a pancreas. A 11 month old girl and a 40 year old each received a liver segment and a 52 year old woman has a new heart. Conclusion, prepare a Advance Health directive. Although there has been a run on Health Directives at Stanford George does have some copies if you need them.

WHAT'S NEXT!

April 11: David Arkin, AIA

Former President of Architects, Designers, and Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) Founding Member of California Straw Building Association (CASBA) "Maximum Kick With Minimum Impact"

April 18

Julie Weiss

Environmental Specialist for the City of Palo Alto's Pollution Prevention Program at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant "Walking In the Watershed"

April 25

Sally Tomlinson

Former Board Chair of Environmental Volunteers "Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, and Solutions"

THIS AND THAT

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

Bob McCowan was recognized for his significant contribution to the PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP FUND.



PRESIDENTS CLUB

SY GREENSTONE offered to join the PRESIDENTS CLUB in honor of his wife who is recovering nicely from a small stroke.

ROTARY HISTORICAL



PAM BRANDEN continued with another historical segment. Rotary had developed a commitment to community service early on, however. International service began to be more serious when in 1914 eight Rotary Clubs from Ireland were involved in hosting refugees from Belgium. International assistance was also provided when a tidal wave struck in 1918. In 1923, Rotary in Japan raised a considerable amount of funds for earthquake relief. Two years later in 1925 Japan Rotary provided money to assist US tornado survivors. At the 1921 Rotary Convention, a resolution was adopted which fostered exchange visits and a platform which later became the 4th Avenue of Service.

PEDIATRIC CARE IN POOR COUNTRIES



WALT HAYS introduced our speaker for today. PAUL WISE. described his extensive involvement in providing medical service to children in Guatemala and Peru. His interest in this field began when first went to Guatemala because he didn't have enough money to go to Africa. He was appalled at the medical problems that were prevalent with children in Guatemala.

Paul got our attention with a statistic that approx 9,662,000 child deaths occur worldwide and many could have been prevented. As perspective, compassion and empathy without action is not sufficient. He has been a leader in expanding medical capacities for children in Guatemala, Peru and other countries. The success that has been achieved is to a large extent due to the use of community involvement for providing the therapy, preventive health promotion, home visits and coming in close contact with the children themselves. For example, the HIV epidemic, which has left many children at risk, achieved cure results as good as in the US. Another example is a clinic in a Guatemalan community having treated children with debilitating conditions not often seen in the US, Some of these conditions were not curable but were treatable for a better quality of life. The problem is more acute in the outlying regions of poor dirt farmers.

Part of the project is the treatment for medical conditions. However, there is a great deal of emphasis on prevention. For example, many children had poor dental health. Among other things, a toothbrush was given to children, most of whom had never had used a toothbrush,



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. WEB SITE: www.rotarypaloalto.org/.

OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos:, China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15
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

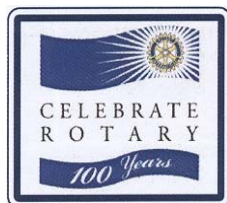
THURSDAY

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: Piaceri's Restaurant, 727 Laurel St. (downtown San Carlos, in the second block South of San Carlos Ave., one block west of El Camino Real. 12:15.

PRINTED BY JUNGLE DIGITAL



Rotary Club of Palo Alto

P.O. Box 592

Palo Alto, CA 94302

PARotaryRecords@aol.com

Website <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>