



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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VISITORS & ROTARY GUESTS



SYLVIA BATALANA from Roteract introduced Chuck Osborn, Mountain View; George Newton, former member, Los Altos; Robert Bratman; Al Lowe, Pasedena; Dale Oats, Evanstan Ill. Also 9 members of the Palo Alto Roteract Club.

Guests included Bess Greenstone-Sy Greenstone; Monica Devincerai-Walt Hays; Ann Broderic-Lou Kavanau

GLOBAL WARMING



JERRY ELKIND felt prompted to followup on the Rotary program on global warming two weeks ago, particularly with regard to the views of the scientific community. As can be expected, there is a wide range of opinions on the subject. On one hand the New Yorker quoted the National Academy of Sciences report which concluded that the

present rate of warming will lead to disaster. On the other hand the conservative sector was of the opinion that the consequences are not so severe.

During the last century there has been a rise in the global temperature of one degree but it is predicted that in the next 20 years the rise in temperature will be 2.5 degrees and a rise in the ocean level of 2 feet. However, the consequences are very difficult to assess because the models used for prediction are not satisfactory. We just "don't know" what the consequences are. From a local point of view it is suggested that we as individuals should ask ourselves what we can do as individuals and what Rotarians could do to contribute.

THIS AND THAT

FEED THE HOMELESS

SY GREENSTONE, as he introduced his wife, reported on the May 4th very successful "Feed the Homeless". Everyone did a good job and the meal was excellent. Credit is due to **HERSH DAVIS, RACHEL MEYER, DAYRL SAVAGE, LOU KAVANAU, SKIPHOYT, STEVE EMSLIE, JANET WELLS, TOM GRACON, JAYNE BOOKER.**

REVERSE RAFFLE

CHUCK OSBORNE invited us all to attend a Reverse Raffle being held at the Garden House in Los Altos on May 24th.

COMING UP!



May 16—Linda Lenore. Feng Shui Master "**Secrets of the Rich and Famous**". What is Feng Shui? Is it a trend? How can this ancient philosophy be used by the western culture to enhance our lives?

May 23—Rotaract/Interact and Guatemala/Mexico Trips.
Presented by Mike Couch and Walt Hays

ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

DUANE KAYLAR reported that the goal of \$10,000 matching funds was reached in one week. He encouraged everyone to fill in the cards and turn them in to **HIG HIGGINS**, In case you don't have a card they are in the mail folders

ROTARY CREDIT CARD

You don't have enough credit cards! Well, here is another opportunity to contribute to the fund in a painless way with a Rotary Credit Card. With this card, 0.5% of the purchase price is contributed to Rotary. Additionally, these contributions are credited against your individual Paul Harris Fellowship amount. To sign-up call 1-800-421-2110.

IRIS KORAL ANNOUNCES



IRIS KOROL asked how many are going to attend the District Conference. It is being held on the weekend of May 20, 21, and 22nd. The location is at the Marriott at Great America. Some of the events are free. **BILL BUSSE** has organized a tennis team and there is a hospitality suite.

IRIS said she had prayed that **Rickey's** would not close during her tenure. The prayers went unheeded and the last meeting at **Rickey's** will be on June 13th. The following week will be dark. The week after that is the annual debunking event. The following Monday is the 4th of July and, consequently no meeting. Thus the first meeting of the new tenure will be on July 11th.

The Board has decided to try two meeting places and then decide which one which will best suit our purposes. The first four week trial begins on July 11th and will be held at the Bay Café on the Palo Alto Golf Course on Embarcadero Road. The second four Mondays, beginning on August 8th, will be at **Ming's**, also on Embarcadero Road. By September, Palo Alto Rotary should have a permanent place for meetings.

NEW MEMBERS TALKS



DAVE CARLSON wanted us to know about his family. He is from a stable Rhode Island neighborhood where from generation to generation the houses are still in the families. His grandmother said the latest move-in was in 1930. He remembers his Dad embarrassing him at the Museum of

Natural History. And his mother saying everything has a downside. But with humor things worked out. He went to college in Connecticut and Law School in New York. After a few years of law practice he went into investment banking. He has been in California since 1989. There are two children in his family, one 5 years old and one 7 years old. He has been involved in PTA at Hoover school and other community affairs.

DENNIS MCGINN is a son of a lifetime Rotarian. He grew up in Arizona with a memorable experience of going to a Jesuit High School. He was notable for being the president of the local ham radio club. In 1969, when graduated from college, he joined Hewlett Packard at the time HP was just getting into computers.



After some time in Atlanta and Southern California he returned to Palo Alto in 1985. After 21 years with HP he decided to leave HP and try something else. After a couple of years with ASK he went to Octel which is a voicemail company. However, in 2002 he started his own company with a wireless product for the auto industry. This has been a very difficult product development but also very stimulating to experience every piece of the business. He wanted to share with us the experience of being involved with Dads and Daughters and how much it has meant to him. Likewise he has enjoyed activities with his son going fly fishing. His grown children are now helping him in his business

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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

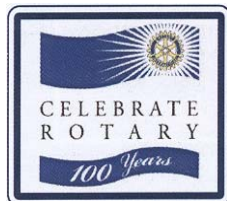
East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15

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



DAN QUINN was the son of an FBI agent and moved around a lot but ended up in San Jose and so considers himself a Californian. He was an undergraduate at Harvard and came to Stanford for graduate work in physics. After several years in physics he joined SRI and was involved in the field of decision analysis which he considered a wonderful experience. He is now involved with a startup company. He is a Hidden Villa volunteer and enjoys photography, nature and travel. He is involved in other volunteer activities including the founding of a new middle school.

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