



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS....for all of us with a long history of "Mondays at Rickeys" we recognize that life has been very good at this esteemed meeting place. Long timers BULMORE, LOVE AND O'KEEFE hung around after the meeting talking about an appropriate "Goodbye." Some time will be allotted at our final meeting on June 13th to reminisce and shed a tear...and to thank and remember old members like JOHN RICKEY, GEORGE KNOLES, ANDY SPEARS, RIX SNYDER, ALF BRANDIN, BOB MURPHY, ED LAKIN, BILL MILLER, HANK & MIKE TRAU GOTT and hundreds more for showering their grace on our esteemed meeting place. A warm and affectionate thanks to you all.

THE YOUNGER SET



We were all delighted by the brief presentation by Gunn Interact Club members JaYung Kim, Avery Knorr and Danielle Negrin. (DAVID "I can't be that old" NEGRIN'S granddaughter.) What an experience they had! Going to Tiajuana to help Esperanza build homes, including working alongside the future occupants and their neighbors, and getting a feeling for their culture. Danielle expected to be glad to be back home, but felt a longing for the warm community spirit they experienced.

VISITORS & GUESTS

MIKE COUCH welcomed past Club member Dave Fraser, who is currently residing in Norway, but soon will be venturing back... possibly to our area. Other visiting Rotarians were WALT D'ardenne, WALT McCullough, Bob Burnett, (Incoming President of the University Club probably looking for good presidential ideas.), and George Newton of Saratoga soon to be moving to PA and a potential member of our Club.

The third WALT in this lineup was none other than our own WALT who introduced his guest, Valeri Tomlinson, a recent speaker and an environmental volunteer. Have I missed anyone? I guess not.

COMING UP!

May 30 ~ Memorial Day Holiday ~ No Meeting

June 6: MARY FRANCES CALLEN, Ph.D. "The Superintendent's Comments About the State of the schools."

June 13: ABE SOFAER, J.D. "The Current State of the Mideast Peace Process."

June 26: PRESIDENT PAMS "Farewell Gala", Garden Court Hotel, Palo Alto 6 to 9 p.m.



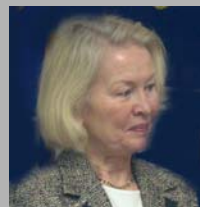
NANCY PETERS introduced our Ambassadorial Scholarship applicant, Danielle McMillian. Danielle is a senior at Stanford majoring in Social & Cultural Anthropology. She has applied to RI for a six month scholarship to go to Tanzania. Long term it's law school and working in Africa on Public Policy. Our best wishes, Danielle!

FOOD....FOOD....FOOD



NANCY PETERS opened the Official Proceedings by sharing some of her favorite eating out "places of the past." She noted that even though things change with time, we will always be attached to certain eating establishments and will always grumble about them. (Please no grumbling at our final two meetings!) Some favorites: watching pizza being made at Ramona's... meeting friends at Café Verona... and encountering the grouchy waitresses at the old Peninsula Creamery. And as we leave Rickeys, and go into the unknown, once more we will be attached and grouchy. Well done, Nancy!

PAM'S PEARLS



Watch for the Club's Strategic Plan via e-mail, if you failed to pick up a copy at the meeting. The Strategic Plan approval vote comes up next week... PAM shared another chapter in the Rotary Centennial Book...this on the beginnings in 1921 of the concept of International Service. In 1928 International Service was adopted as the Fourth Avenue of Service and as a direct result, WALT and his World Community Service Committee have been gainfully employed.



JAMES YOUNG and ROMAN KAGARLITSKI received Paul Harris pins from PAM for their considerable contributions to the



Rotary Foundation



JULIE JEROME reported that the Club Endowment drive went over the top. We are now rapidly approaching \$500,000 which, when we do, will provide \$25,000 a year for Club charities. Run that up to 1.5 mil and we can change our

fundraiser to a social party.

50 TEAS A ROTARIAN



SKIPHOYT joined the Richmond Club in 1955 and migrated to six other Rotary Clubs during his tenure with Big Blue. The largest?...Los Angeles with 650 members.

The best?...Palo Alto, of course! (As certified by

the Four Way Test.) As a direct result **JOHN KIDD** joined the President's Club in hopes that he will be a 50 year member when he grows up!



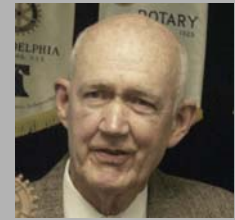
HOMELESS FEEDING ala SY. Call Sy to sign up for Wednesday June 8th.

GOT STORAGE SPACE? Rotary wine glasses and wine. Call **NINA MOORE**. How about we distribute the glasses filled with wine at our Farewell to Rickeys Party and solve the problem creatively...or not?

NICARAGUA & GUATEMALA



MIKE COUCH (Accompanied by Jean) and **WALT HAYS** reported on their January trip which included attending the Central America Rotary Project Faire, visiting our various

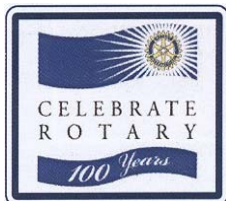


projects: fuel efficient stoves, reforestation, save the turtles, and meeting with Rotarians in Nicaragua and Guatemala. All of this accompanied by a Power Point presentation showing the goings on in living color. **WALT** explained the magic of our financial contributions being doubled by Rotary District 5170 and then increased by the Rotary International Foundation. This was a vivid demonstration of Rotary at work. And when you consider that over 30,000 clubs around the world contribute to improving the conditions of others, you get a sense of the impact of our organization. Way to go, Rotary!

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