



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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## A GREAT MEETING!!!

PREZ IRIS began by paying homage to the Great U.S. of A. with our National Pledge, led by the venerable HIGH HIGGINS. Not to overlook our undying commitment to "States' Rights" the illustrious LE LEVY led the assemblage in a rousing rendition of "California, Here I Come!" But our onetime loyal Berkeleyite suggested that, by all rights, it should be "Stanford, Here I Come!" Here! Here!

PREZ IRIS thanked the members for sending her to the 100th Rotary Convention in Chicago in spite of the fact her predecessor, IPPAM, went all the way to Japan and her immediate successor, ART STAUFFER, will be going to Sweden.

## VISITORS

Introducing Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians was DAN "Don't forget to sign up for feeding the homeless" QUINN\*.

Among the visitors were:

Barb Larson...IRIS KOROL

Sally Tomlinson...WALT HAYS

Woody Woodward...BOBSMITHWICK

## OPENING REMARKS



OPENING REMARKS were presented by AUDREY JACOB. Audrey shared e-mail messages from Bagdad sent to her by Evan, a Foreign Service Officer and former Palo Altoan.

Evan related the "Palo Alto Process," (used for traffic calming in North Palo Alto) to the "Baghdad Process." Similar, but with more serious consequences. Evan commented that many military personnel in Iraq are working in 120 degree heat. This combined with wind blown orange/brown dust particles produces a real blast furnace effect. He stated that a lot of dedicated people are doing their best to make a difference in Bagdad. Audrey concluded by noting that, through our Grants Program, we are making an important difference in our community.

## WE CARE COMMITTEE



WE CARE COMMITTEE is all about caring for our fellow Rotarians...Co-chair SHERRI SAGER (with BOB SMITHWICK) outlined an expanded We Care Program. Contact Sherri or Bob if you would like to participate.

## COMING UP!

July 25<sup>TH</sup> DR. RICK VAN RHEENEN.  
"Deception and Self-Deception: What Doctors Tell Their Patients and What They Really Mean."

## NEW PRESIDENT CLUB MEMBERS

WALT HAYS contributed to the cause in recognition of the organization, Trees, Water and People, receiving the Ashton Award. This award was made possible by Rotary's support for their sustainable energy and reforestation projects. Walt's generosity was also in recognition of Rotarian Nathan Auerbach who is walking from Tijuana to Vancouver hoping to raise \$1,000,000 from over 100 clubs for Polio Plus.



TRISH BUBENIK ponied up a "C" note for the privilege of announcing the Fine Wine and Food Festival to be held at MacArthur Park on August 13th from 12:30 to 4 pm. All proceeds go to Trish's favorite charity, the American Red Cross.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

IRIS announced that Board of Director's meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month...therefore starting this month on July 21st. The gatherings will be from 7:30 am to 9 am (sharp) at the Cardinal Hotel. Thanks to the Cardinals!

LE LEVY is heading up the "semi-hands on" trip to Bombay in January 2006. If you missed the group's meeting today and are interested, contact LE. In addition to visiting the Bombay Club and our water harvesting projects, the group will visit other locales, including the Taj Mahal. Go for it!

\*Feeding the Homeless on July 13th were: CYRILLE BETANT, SY GREENSTONE, WES GARDINER BILL BUSSE, TOM GRACON, DAN QUINN and ELLEN HARRINGTON

PREZ IRIS reminded each of us to sign up for the Charitable Gifts Committee, or another committee of your choice, if you have not already done so. She also noted that our Club focus this year will be on literacy programs in East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Stanford.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Committee Chairman, **BILL JOHNSON**, began by recognizing his fellow Charitable Gifts Committee Members, **DAVID NEGRIN, TERRY LACHENBRUCH, MARTHA KANTER, IRIS KOROL** and **NICK NICHOLS**.

Our six grantees gave brief descriptions of their programs and how our contributions would be used to enhance their work. The grantees who shared in our \$30,000 gift were:

1. **CHALLENGE LEARNING CENTER**, Executive Director **Emily Johnson**
2. **EUMENICAL HUNGER PROJECT**, Executive Director **Nevida Butler**
3. **EAST PALO ALTO TENNIS and TUTORING**, Development Director **Mary Liz Malethis**
4. **MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**, **Robyn Dodd**, Board of Directors
5. **STEVENSON HOUSE**, Co-president of the Board **Linda Archibald**
6. **YOUTH & FAMILY ENRICHMENT SERVICES**, Director of Development **Christine Poremski**.

All the recipients described the specific projects for which the money will be spent. Needless to say, this may well be one of the most satisfying and inspiring programs we have each year. To know that the results of our fund raising efforts go to make a real difference in the lives of real people is a most satisfying feeling. And next year we will contribute \$40,000

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## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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EAST PALO ALTO TENNIS



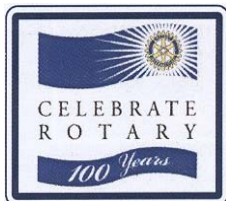
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