



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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LET THE MEETING BEGIN

OFFICIAL GREETERS

Official greeters were **BILL BUSSE, PAM BRANDIN** and **DAVID WANG** (of Ming's)

OPENERS:

PREZ IRIS called on **LYLE CONNELL**, who defied the law by leading us all in a rousing rendition of the Pledge. Before and after the Pledge, members practically stood on line to greet **RABBI SID AKSELRAD** at long last. **WELCOME BACK RABBI SID!!**

THE TIME FOR BROTHERHOOD IS NOW



GEORGE FITZGERALD delivered a most heart warming and pertinent message in his sincere admonishment that members of all religious beliefs, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist and all others seek to unite in their common beliefs and try to unite to solve common problems. **GEORGE** recently attended a meeting of

the Islamic Society of North America and attested to the fact that the time for brotherhood is **NOW!** He also reminded us that this year, Ramadan and the Jewish High Holy Days coincide. Thanks **GEORGE**.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Introduced by **RALPH ADAMS**

Our visiting Rotarians (Club) were **CANDACE RONEY** (San Jose) and **ART ADAMS** (Los Gatos Morning). Other Guests (Hosts) were: **WALT CONNELL** (**LYLE CONNELL**), **PATRICIA BURBANK** and **SHANTI CLIFF** (**VICKI CHING**), **DANA TOM** (**TODD LEWIS**), **VICKI HOBEL SCHULTZ** (**DARYL SAVAGE**), **LEE CASWELL** (**CARL KING**), **ANDY COE** (**LEANNAH HUNT**), **BARBARA MITCHELL** (**WALT HAYS**) and **KAREN HOLMAN** (**AUDREY JACOB**).

There was a full house at today's meeting. A warm welcome was extended to all (including Club members).

COMING UP!

September 26, 2005: The program will be one or two presenters from one of the Club's gift recipients, **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**.

Anne T. Macdonald founded **Recording for the Blind** in 1948 to ensure that blinded World War II veterans were not deprived of the college education to which they were entitled under the GI Bill of Rights.

TAKE NOTICE

ROB LANCEFIELD and **SHERRI SAGER**, co-chairs of this year's fundraising event, disclosed their secret plans. All we'll say right now is - **RESERVE MARCH 11, 2006**. Our goal is to exceed \$50,000.

PREZ IRIS announced that the Club's **Katrina Fund** has now reached \$6,500. Keep it coming!

Mayor **JIM BURCH** has announced that the town of **Kenart, LA** has been adopted by Palo Alto.

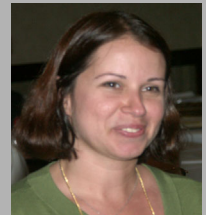
Last week's social event was a huge success according to **PREZ IRIS**, whose neighbors observed folks staggering out of her house at all hours.

This year's **District Avenues of Service** and social event is coming up soon. Check with **PREZ IRIS** for dates and times.

A Fact Sheet summarizing the outstanding relief efforts of the **American Red Cross** was distributed by **ANDY MOSER**. You're encouraged to contact him if you have specific questions.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

HAL MICKELSON, **Finemaster Extraordinaire**, allowed the following inductees into the **President's Club**: **DAVID NEGRIN** (**B'DAY - 3 to the 4th**), **STEVE PLAYER** (**Travels with Stanford**) and **MONICA DEVINCENZI** (**PC**). Also, returnee **ANDY COE** got a slight hit.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Paul Harris exemplary fellows PAM BRANDIN and MARCIE COX received recognition as did RABBI SID AKSELRAD for his outstanding community contributions as recorded in his recently published book titled "Lishma". It's now available at Bob-and-Bob's.



PALO ALTO ROTARY

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THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS

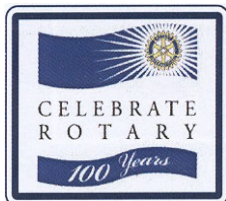


Our speaker, Superintendent of PAUSD MARY FRANCES CALLAN, who is well known to most of us, was introduced by JULIE JEROME. DR. CALLAN has been superintendent here for the past three and a half years and served previously in similar positions with the Milpitas and the Pleasanton unified school districts. She spoke on "The State of Our Schools".

Some interesting statistics: we have 10,700 students who speak 35 different native languages, and a very diverse population which includes only 55% Caucasian; the District has 1,200 staff members of whom only 5% occupy administrative positions; the budget allows \$11,500 per student which is about half of what other high income school districts in the East allow; test score results are high, ranking fourth in California.

DR CALLAN expressed the mission of the PAUSD - "Foster the genius in every child". There will be an opportunity early next year for citizens to help update the school district's strategic plan. DR CALLAN sincerely asked that all citizens participate.

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