



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

September 26, 2005

Reporter: Brian Steen

Editor: Lyle Connell



CELEBRATE ROTARY

President Iris called the group to order at 12:15 PM and called upon Caleb Bowman to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Karen Brosi stepped to the podium to welcome our guests.

Visiting Rotarians included:

- Nick Leon from San Jose East Evergreen Club who introduced
- Madu Bishnu from New Bally, India. Madu works on Women's literacy programs around Calcutta. Her club has 21 women and 9 men!

Rotarians with guests:

- Martha Kanter introduced her guests, including
 - o Steve Solletti, De Anza College
 - o Benita Rochelle, De Anza College
 - o Gertrude Gregorio, Foothill College
- Mark Heyer introduced Bill Barranco, an automotive designer
- Jack Riddle introduced Susan Cully, his very special guest.
- Annette Glankopf intruded Charles Chang from Agilant Technologie

THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Opening Remarks were provided by Rachel Meyer who quoted Frank Oppenheimer, Founder of the SF Exploratorium and Rachel's self-acclaimed mentor: "If people feel they understand the world around them, or probably when they have the conviction that they could understand it if they want to, then and only

then they can they make difference through their decisions and activities.."

For more on F. Oppenheimer, see <http://www.exploratorium.edu/frank/index.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trish Bubenik announced that PA Rotary has sent \$7,450 in donations via the Red Cross supporting Katrina relief efforts.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

October 3: Omar Ahmad. Mr. Ahmad, National Chairman of the Council of American-Islamic Relations, will speak on "Islam & the Middle East: contemporary

Mr. Ahmad is the founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, better known by the acronym CAIR, a Washington DC-based grassroots civil rights and advocacy group which seeks to empower the North American Muslim community through political and social activism. As the Chairman of the Board of Directors since founding in 1994 until 2005, Mr. Ahmad has successfully led CAIR to becoming the largest Muslim civil rights organization with 29 regional offices and chapters.

October 10, 2005: Stephen Levy, the Director and Senior Economist of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy ("CCSCE"), will speak on "The California Economy and Budget."

October 17, 2001: Liz Kniss and Gloria Hom will provide background and some commentary on certain of the propositions that will be on California's ballot on November 8, 2005

Steve Player pitched the upcoming BIG GAME Exchange coming up on Nov. 16 with our club traveling to Berkeley to hear Charlie Johnson speak. Steve auctioned of some Stanford footballtix to Roger Smith who enthusiastically ran the price up for a good cause.

Iris announced that Oct. 20 is the date for Avenues of Service in Hayward starting at 4:30 PM. See Iris for details and click on <http://www.rotary5170.org/avenues/default.asp>

Dan Quinn recognized the most recent volunteers for Feeding the Homeless. A great job done by all!

OUR NEW MEMBER



New Member, Roger Smith was introduced by Sam Webster. Roger is a returning Rotarian, formerly the CEO of Silicon Valley Bank, Friends of Palo Alto Parks co-founder banker and recently was a candidate for PA City council.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

President's Club contributions were generously offered by:

- Tom Gracon—honoring his daughter's engagement
- Judith Steiner—announcing her new position as interim director of Committee for Green Foothills
- Nancy Peters—who's writing a new column on youth



PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Iris Korol. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Art Stauffer. **PAST-PRESIDENT:** Pam Brandin. **DIRECTORS:** Cyrille Betant, Trish Bubenik, Mike Couch, Marcie Cox, Hersh Davis, and Ellen Harrington. **TREASURER:** Dick Mansfield. **SECRETARIES:** Dick Freeman, Julie Jerome, Bob McCowan. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com. **WEB SITE:** www.rotarypaloalto.org/,

RFB & D, ACCESSABLE EDUCATION MATERIALS

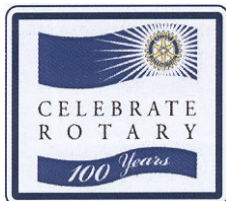


For our program, past President Pam Brandin introduced Pat Parseghian, a 15 year volunteer with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, one of our Club's gift recipients.

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. Today there are 30 professionally equipped studios located in 16 states and the District of Columbia. RFB&D has also expanded its membership to serve any person with a visual impairment, learning disability or physical handicap that limits the ability to handle a book. Its name change-adding "& Dyslexic" to "Recording for the Blind" in 1995-recognized the needs and importance of students with learning disabilities, who now constitute 70 percent of its service population. Recording For The Blind & Dyslexic Mission is: To create opportunities for individual success by providing, and promoting the effective use of, accessible educational materials.

For more on RFB&D, see <http://www.rfbd.org/> and for more on Pat, see <http://aboutpep.com/>

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/>