



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL TOPIC

The confluence of the local political season and an important program topic brought 100 members and guests to lunch today, and exactly half of them (including six of the eight seated at the Good Old Boys' table, but let the record reflect that BILL LOVE ate the fruit plate) ordered Ming's specialty, Chinese chicken s a l a d .

It was also good to see honored honorary member SID AKSELRAD at lunch for the second time in recent weeks. And we had several more minutes of the Thoits, Love, Hershberger & McLean promotional piece from the PowerPoint projector, which then took the rest of the afternoon off.

DAVE CHARLESON led the pledge of allegiance, encouraging us to slow down and savor the text. President IRIS KOROL acknowledged the contributions of Greeters PAM BRANDIN and DAVID NEGRIN and also DREW CORRADINI's strong performance as cashier.

WHO'S VISITING

MARCIE COX guided the introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests. Among the former were PAUL MICHAEL from the Los Gatos Morning club, GINNY LEAR and DICK HENNING from Los Altos, KARYN SINUNU (a candidate for district attorney) from San Jose, WALT McCULLOUGH from San Mateo, S. GOWRI SANKAR from India, and PAUL CLARK from Los Gatos. Guests (with their hosts): BARB MITCHELL, a candidate for school board (WALT HAYS), DOHA HAMZA from Egypt and TAQWA SURAPATI from Indonesia (GEORGE FITZGERALD), HARVEY SCHLOSS and MARVIN SIEGEL (LE LEVY), YORIKO KUSHIMOTO, an incumbent running again for city council, and CHARLES CHENG (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF), WOODY WOODWARD (BOB SMITHWICK), MIKE McMAHON (CHESLEY DOUGLAS), JANE ISAAC (DARYL SAVAGE), and SALLY HENDRICKS (her husband JACK HENDRICKS).

WHICH WILL WIN?



JUDY KLEINBERG, on crutches following recent foot surgery, got to the podium and gave thought-provoking opening remarks the sum of which was that love, friendship, wise counsel and a helping hand will be more memorable, particularly to the beneficiaries, than wealth and fame. She shared the Cherokee wisdom that there

are two wolves who battle within each of us: The evil wolf of anger, greed, spite and selfishness and the good wolf of joy, peace, love and hope. Which will win? The one we feed. A good message, JUDY!

OCTOBER PROGRAMS



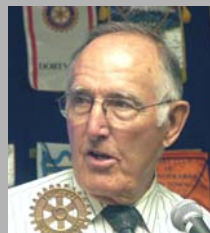
October 10, 2005: Stephen Levy, the Director and Senior Economist of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy ("CCSCE"), will speak on "The California Economy and Budget."

CCSCE is a private research organization founded in 1969 to provide an independent assessment of economic and demographic trends in California. CCSCE works with public institutions and private companies that require an explanation and analysis of the growth process as well as detailed projections.

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

PAUL HARRIS AWARD

BILL BUSSE received a Paul Harris pin with two sapphires in recognition of his generosity to The Rotary Foundation, and responded by announcing that, for Armed Forces Day (that's May 21 on your calendar), he proposes to design a PowerPoint presentation, for display on the club's website, of pictures and brief service histories of all members who have served in the armed forces. Watch for BILL's questionnaire.



TAKE NOTICE

HERSH DAVIS beat the drum for our October 15 hands-on service date to do garden work at the Museum of the American Heritage. HERSH has plenty of volunteers for the morning shift, and has secured the help of the Gunn Interact Club we sponsor, but needs more people for that Saturday afternoon.

Past President PAM BRANDIN is ex officio chair (her word was "cheerleader") of our club's October drive to raise \$15,000 for The Rotary Foundation. Watch for PAM's further announcements.

COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY



Today's speaker, introduced by GEORGE FITZGERALD, was OMAR AHMAD, founder and for many years chairman of the board of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, who shared many thought-provoking perspectives on Islam and Muslims and their relationships with America in the Middle East and throughout the world. Mr. AHMAD, working without the help of his PowerPoint presentation, minced no words in stating his view that there are serious breakdowns in perception and trust between America and Islam, that from the Islamic perspective many of these breakdowns are attributable to American policies and their implementation since 9-11 as well as to media misrepresentations of positions and beliefs of Muslims, and that the cure is to find a way for people to communicate directly, people to people. Responsible spokespersons of divergent views held Mr. AHMAD in debate for quite a while after the meeting. \



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PRESIDENTS CLUB



ADAM ATITO acknowledged the expansion of his family to include new baby SARA, and joined the President's Club in her honor.

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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, 12:15

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

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

THURSDAY

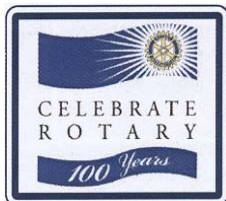
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

San Carlos: Piaceri's Restaurant, 727 Laurel St. (downtown San Carlos, in the

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