



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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ROGER SMITH led the pledge with style and class...followed by PREZ IRIS and staff managing the mike problem with unusual aplomb. (That's what it says here!) CARL "my Bears will return" KING introduced our many visitors...Rotarians and others.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

ROTARIANS: Art Adams from the Los Gatos Morning Club, Larry Southwick from Amherst South NY

GUESTS of ROTARIANS: Sue Hoyt/Skip Hoyt, Anita Moser/Andy Moser, Sid Espinoza/Walt Hays. Fred Hodges/Bobbie Bulmore. Mike McMahan/Chet Douglas, Hal Korol/Iris Korol. Bruce Swensen/Betsy Bechtel. Charles Cheng/Missed it

OPENING REMARKS



AXEL MERK shared his thoughts on crisis preparation. He noted that the Swiss have a military preparedness system that includes every current or ex-service man stashing a rifle in the home-
stead for use in crisis situations. Whoa! Axel noted that whatever the crisis the first line of response is local.

In Axel's mind Rotary can assist by helping people empower themselves. (An outstanding opening in spite of this less than outstanding attempt at recording same.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The BOARD of DIRECTORS meet this Thursday at 7:30 am at the Cardinal Hotel. According to HRM IRIS the meetings will now include an "Orientation to Rotary" for new members and selected Board Members.

TICKETS FOR THE MIKADO go on sale next week. This is an Area Event (PA, MV & LA clubs) and will include dinner afterwards. Show Tix: \$16.50...\$12 for seniors...\$10 for children. More info next week.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS this month will be Wednesday the 26th. Let SKIP or DENNIS MCGINN know if you can lend a helping hand!

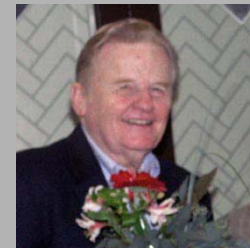
YCS needs some volunteers for the Bridge Caring Carnival Sunday Oct. 23 1:00-5:00 at the inner quad at Palo Alto High School. Could we put an announcement in the Pinion to ask any interested members to call YCS at 617-8961? Thanks from DAVID BLITZ!

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

October 24, 2005: Michael Picchetti will present the District 5170 International Program: "Partners in Rotary Service."

With the Partners in Rotary Service Program, District 5170 hopes to educate the Rotarians about the International Service Programs and permit them to see the good that the Rotary International Foundation does through Rotarian gifts through the Annual Giving Program. This program will permit those of us who cannot go to other countries to hear about the many good things that Rotary has been able to accomplish through the Rotary Foundation and the gifts from Rotarians.

October 31, 2005: Tracy Gordon, Research Fellow at Public Policy Institute of California, will speak on "A Fourth Branch of Government?: California's Experience with the State and Local Initiative."



Hands on leader HERSH DAVIS was presented flowers by Prez Iris as was DICK "Service above Self is my middle name" FREEMAN. Participants in the William's Garden makeover at the Museum of American Heritage included: DICK FREEMAN IRIS KOROL CYRILLE BETANT DICK MANSFIELD ELLEN HARRINGTON DAVE CHARLESON KAREN & JOHN SINGER TOM GRACON JOYCE CUSICK SKIP & SUE HOYT GEORGE FITZGERALD SHIRLEY & CHET DOUGLAS and 10 MEMBERS OF THE GUNN INTERACT CLUB. "It was a great event and we had a great time!" "The first of many" says our esteemed leader

STANFORD FOOTBALL TIX were auctioned by our ordinary type auctioneer, STEVE PLAYER. ASU to HAL and (How can this be?) Stanford vs. Notre Dame to LE "You gotta love those bares" LEVY. STEVE made an early call for our annual Big Game luncheon with the Berkeley Rotary Club. Put it down...November 16th... across the Bay.

THE GLORIA AND LIZ SHOW



Was a
smash
hit!

We were presented with at least two views of each of four propositions. That makes eight or more views if my math is correct. Perhaps there was a slight political bias, but it was a great way to learn about the issues we will vote on during this year's special election.

Proposition 74, if passed, will increase teachers' tenure from 2 yrs. to 5. Two views.

Proposition 75, if passed, will limit where public employees union dues can go. Two views.

Proposition 76, if passed, will restrict budget maneuvering or give unlimited power to the Gov. Two views.

Proposition 77, if passed, will put redistricting in the hands of three retired judges. One and one half views.

GOOD QUESTIONS from BETSY, HAL, JUDY AND JOHNNY "O"

"You know you're getting old if you sit down in your rocking chair and can't make it go!"

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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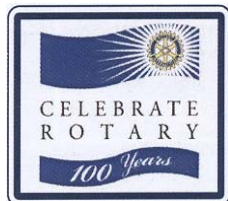
PRESIDENTS CLUB MEMBERS



TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE PREZ'S CLUB. 1.) MARTHA KANTER for 20 years of marriage to Carl...and her Community College District being selected No.1 in CA plus an A+ in fiscal management. 2.) DON LANGENDORF for hitting the big 40 times two. (Sorry Don. I couldn't bring myself to say the big 80.)



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