



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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OFFICIAL GREETERS:

Official greeters at today's meeting were DAVID of MING's, DAVID of NEGRIN and ED of SHAFFER

OPENERS:

PREZ IRIS called on TODD LEWIS to lead us all in a rousing rendition of the Pledge.

OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were delivered by DAVE VAN ATTA who gave us a fascinating, yet brief history of Halloween including its Irish origin and how it's been practiced through time. In view of all the recent disasters, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc., DAVE raised the question of who's in charge, but left it at that. Most important -

when the kids show up tonight, look them in the eye, give treats and wish them a Happy Halloween!

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Guests of the Club were introduced by MIKE COUCH. Our visiting Rotarians (Club) were THANE FRENCH (Central Lakes, MN) and MAX DRAGONI (Milan, Italy) who exchanged banners with our club and presented his guest PAUL JENE. Other Guests (Hosts) were: CHARLES CHENG (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF), ALEX GORELIK (NATASHA FRENCH), DANA TOM (TODD LEWIS) and JENNIFER SMITH GRUBB (SALLY TOMLINSON).

A warm welcome was extended to all.

HALLOWEEN FUN

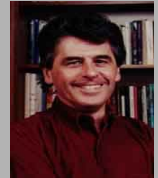
SHERRISAGER and MARC DICKOW were awarded prizes for the best Halloween costumes at today's meeting (Ed.-SHERRI should have been fined for wearing an A's uniform in public).



DICK FREEMAN wants to remind all that entertainment books are available for the San Francisco, San Mateo and San Jose areas each for \$25 a pop. You can use it for anything from a Baskin-Robbins cone to a gourmet meal and everything in between. And the club gets to keep \$5. What a deal!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 7: Keith Devlin, Ph.D. Keith, dubbed "The Math Guy," will speak on "The Math Instinct: The amazing mathematical abilities of animals, birds, insects, and babies."



November 14. Larry Gerston, Ph.D. Election Follow-up. Professor Gerston will speak on what the results of the special election mean (to Californians in general and to the proponents and opponents of the propositions).

November 21: Ted Leland, the Jaquish & Kenninger Director of Athletics at Stanford University. Dr. Leland will speak on Reelections on my life as Athletic Director at Stanford, and some looks forward, including plans for the new Stanford Stadium.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

HAL MICKELSON, Finemaster Extraordinaire, extracted fines from SY GREENSTONE (\$5 for rooting for UCLA, uncontested), KEN WEIGEL (\$20 for chasing a cat),



and got DAVE SMULLIN (new granddaughter), BILL FOGARTY (Hole-in-One), ART STAUFFER (daughter in college) and



KAREN BROSI to join the President's Club.

GARY FAZZINO was sighted and to express his delight at finally being at a club meeting, made a contribution of \$500 to the Foundation.



PREZ IRIS announced that thanks to BOB SMITHWICK and CARL KING, the club now has its own projection system.

WALT HAYS described the many positive aspects of contributing to the Rotary International Foundation and asked members again to dig deep

TED LARSEN thanked those who attended the last Feed-the-Homeless event: BOB TOPOC, RUTH SCHNEIDER, SKIP HOYT, SALLY TOMLINSON, DENNIS MC GINN, TOM GRACON, DARYL SAVAGE with kids JACOB and RUSSELL, JOHN RICHERS and WES GARDNER. A great turnout!

STEVE PLAYER announced the upcoming Big Game, this year to be played across the Bay. Be sure to call STEVE for particulars regarding the pre-game events, carpooling, etc.

PREZ IRIS reminded us of the outstanding Joint Rotary Clubs Social event which she's organizing and which will be held on Sunday, November 20.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Our speaker TRACY GORDON, was introduced by DREW CORRADINI. DR. GORDON, a research fellow at the Public Policy Institute, spoke about the initiative process, its precedents Rome, in the cantons of Switzerland and its early history in New England. She explained how it has evolved in California and how it's been used by citizens at the state, county and local community levels. Only 15% of all initiatives qualify for the ballot and of those about 40% are approved. The most prominent issues concern land use and governance. In response to numerous questions from attendees, the overall impression was that initiatives are a positive influence on our democratic society. A wonderfully detailed and informative talk by DR. GORDON, who encouraged us to seek more information at <www.smartvoter.org>.

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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
Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 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

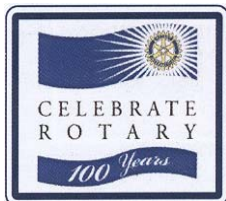
THURSDAY

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 second block South of San Carlos Ave., one block west of El Camino Real. 12:15

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