



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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END OF AN ERA

Our guest speaker today was Stanford's Athletic Director, TED LELAND. Ted directed the University to 11 consecutive NCAA Director's Cups emblematic of the best overall intercollegiate sports program in the nation. But, in my enthusiasm I have race ahead to the end. So, back to the beginning...

DAVID BLITZ led the pledge from the back of the room...Followed by a rendition...of sorts...of Happy Birthday to Bess Greenstone who hit the Big 80...in honor of which hubby SY joined the Prexy's Club...Led by BRIAN STEEN, with SKIP HOYT tickling the ivories, we attempted "Come Ye Thankful People Come" to usher in the thankful season.



VISITORS AND GUESTS

VISITORS & GUESTS were intro-ed by Past Prez GLORIA HOM ROTARIANS all the way from EPA Bayshore to Stockholm, Sweden were Alan, Kevin, Patrick, Lois and Anders.

GUEST OF ROTARIANS

Suzanne Culley (Jack Riddle), Janden Rossi (Sally Tomlinson), Mike McMahon (Chet Douglas), Teller Weinmann (Bill Kirk) John Swennson (Ralph Adams). Nancy Player, Ray Purpur, Chris Hutchins & Marie Vasquez (Steve Player)

A THANSGIVING OPENING



Past Prez (Boy, we have a lot of these!) BERT "we can do better" ROSE who has handled the administrative side of our ROTARY FOUNDATION contributions since the early 1900s made a pitch for last minute participation. To date 50 members have given a lot of money, "but we can do better." In conclusion Bert read a piece from the book, "I'm Too

Young to Be Seventy and Other Delusions." Instead of thinking old we should... "consider drinking wine, making love, laughing hard and caring hard and learn a new trick or two..." Some of us can probably master four of the five!

THISA & THATA

Pres IRIS expressed our thanks to JANET WELLS for handling the reservations and money for the Area 10 Sunday "Mikado and Supper extravaganza." CARL KING, pinch-hitting for NINA MOORE, made an impassioned plea for volunteers to assist with the Christmas Party.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

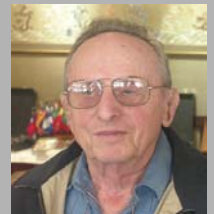
November 28: New Member Talks by these three new members: Monica Devincenzi, George Newton, Sally Tomlinson

This gala shindig will take place Saturday, December 3rd and will be hosted by our non-past president, but everything else, LIZ KNISS at her abode...1985 Cowper Street. Put it down!!! BOB WHITEHAIR joined the "century note" Club in honor of his son who passed the New York State Bar on the first pass.



MORE THISA & THATA

Prez IRIS announced a return engagement of last week's Armed Forces Day presentation. Stay tuned...it will be scheduled to follow one of our next regular meetings. ANDY MOSER joined "The Club" on behalf of himself and wife, Anita. Why you ask... in acknowledgment of their being selected as Palo Alto Red Cross Volunteers of the Year. Way to go A & A!...TED LARSON announced "Feeding the Homeless" on Wednesday This is the time of the year that many homeless can use a helping hand. Call Ted to sign up. DICK FREEMAN has \$25 Entertainment books available for \$25...however, \$5 goes to the Club. Great savings on travel, dining, hotels, theaters etc. See Dick!



HANDSON

785 books for our elementary school students at Ceasar Chavez School in East Palo Alto will arrive on Thursday, December 15th. Hands-on will include unpacking, affixing bookplates designed by JULIE JEROME, and affixing bows. More later!

STEVE "It should be a piece of cake" PLAYER announced the "upset of the century" and auctioned four Family Plan tickets to Stanford's football game this Saturday with No. 6 ranked Notre Dame. High bidder was DARYL SAVAGE. Way to go, Daryl!

BULLDOZERS ARE COMING

Ray Purpur, Stanford's Associate Director of Athletics, commented that the bull dozers will be on the move as soon as the game is finished and that it would take every day to finish the new stadium within nine months.



BACK TO THE END OF AN ERA



Steve introduced Athletic Director **TED LELAND** by noting all that had been accomplished on Ted's watch. Most impressive. Ted will move on to UOP in Stockton the first of the year as a vice president with a long title.

One of Ted's first comments was to announce that the Stanford Women's Cross Country team had won the NCAA championship. Way to go Cardinal! Other items of note:

"Visit the Red Barn to see the restoration of this last standing 'farm' building".

"Visit the recently dedicated Arrillaga Recreation Building and Koret Plaza."

"I'm impressed with Rotary but could do without the singing."

"One of our outreach programs is bussing East Palo Alto children to Stanford for tennis lessons and studying. These students go on to college at a rate four times that of their peers."

"The biggest challenge for our student athletes is balancing academics with athletics."

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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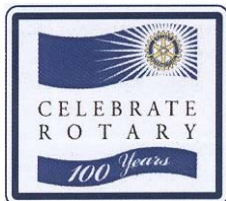
"23 alums have funded the 85 million dollar plus stadium renovation. The artificial turf will save four million gallons of water annually, besides the players prefer the new surface."

"The Positive Coaching Alliance which teaches coaches of youth teams how to build esteem in children is great!"

It was an outstanding program! We hope that Ted's replacement will also be a Steve Player look alike who will bless us with an annual visit. Thanks Steve and our best wishes to Dr. Ted in his new position at UOP.

In honor of Stanford sports here are a few final scores: 27 to 35...87 to 84...and 7 to 4!

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