



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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OPENING REMARKS



LINDA STEELE remarked, opening, on “The Meaning of Giving.” As a youngster, she had to make her gifts, she wasn’t allowed to buy. Today, although tempted to turn to eBay, she feels a true gift isn’t one that just comes from the click of a mouse with an anonymously signed card

INDUCTIONS



Two new members were brought into the Club. Though short of red badges, PRESIDENT IRIS was long on cordial welcome to CHARLES CHENG (sponsored by Annette Glanckopf) and MIKE McMAHON (by Ches Douglas)

THE HOLIDAY PARTY

This year’s holiday party is at LIZ and Rick KNISS’s lovely home at 1985 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. Date is this Saturday, December 3rd from 6:00 -9:00 pm. A-M please bring an appetizer; N-Z a bottle of white wine. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, please call NINA MOORE our superb Social Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCIE COX obtained more volunteers to read to kids as part of our literacy program in East Palo Alto. And PRESIDENT IRIS reminded everyone that our next hands-on project will be to sign and wrap 785 books on Thursday, December 15th, one for each student at EPA’s Cesar Chavez Elementary School.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 5: Ben A. Rich, J. D., Ph.D. Dr. Rich’s talk is entitled: “Physician-Assisted Suicide: Law, Politics, and Bioethics.”

Dr. Rich will place physician-assisted suicide in the broader context of end-of-life decisions, consider the legal decisions and the conflicting ethical positions concerning the practice, and review the history and experience of the Oregon Death with Dignity Act. Ben is with the University of California at Davis, where he is an Associate Professor in two departments in the School of Medicine. He is also a Visiting Professor at the University of California at Davis School of Law.

December 12, 2005: Program to be announced.

December 19, 2005: Members of West Bay Opera, who will sing (and possibly ask us to help out) on some popular opera arias and favorite holiday songs.

SY GREENSTONE called for volunteers to feed the homeless at the 1st Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm this Wednesday. Next week’s meeting will be followed by a reprise of BILL BUSSE’s terrific Veteran’s Day video, a must-see

ROTARACT

Members of Stanford’s Rotaract Club were enthusiastically received to raise funds for their community projects. Creatively and remuneratively, they auc-



tioned several items purchased obtained from Stanford’s sports programs.

MEMBERSHIP TALKS

CYRILLE BETANT introduced three fabulous new members:



MONICA DeVINCENZI Raised in the Central Valley, a journalism major, Monica worked for a local newspaper, married the editor six years ago, had two children and doesn't mind that her husband, Rob, enjoys hunting. Monica is Community Relations director for the Palo Alto Sanitation Company



SALLY TOMLINSON: Born in Tuscaloosa, raised in Teheran because her father was assigned there by the State Department (her older sister got to dance with the Shah!). A neuro-biologist, she did her post-doc at the NIH in Bethesda while her husband, Tim, was posted to DC. After a neuro-biological stint at SRI she retired until the nest emptied, then became a volunteer for EV. Shortly she will assume the directorship of SSV. (Extra points for deciphering all the above TLA's [three letter acronyms]).



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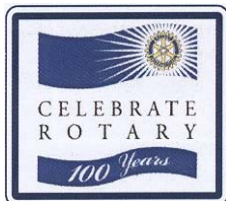
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CASH ALAEE: Born near the Caspian, raised in Cupertino, Cash attended Sierra Nevada College and University of the Pacific, majored in global economic relations and swam. Part-time employ with the City of Palo Alto led to full-time service as Director of the City's very excellent Aquatics program. (Special thanks to Cash for being the cashier for our Monday lunches. And, kudos to three great new members.)



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