



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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OFFICIAL GREETERS

Official greeters were DAVID of Ming's and Ex-Prez PAM BRANDIN; a large, voluble (raucous) attendance was present at today's meeting.

OPENERS

PREZ IRIS called on ANDY MOSER to lead us all in a rousing rendition of the Pledge

OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were delivered by LEANNAH HUNT who reminded us to be particularly sensitive this time of the year to those who need a special phone call or a knock on their door, especially those who might be housebound or otherwise isolated. We should

also remind ourselves of the activities of organizations who could not perform their good deeds without our help (\$'s, pesos, bucks, etc.).

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by Ex-Prez LE LEVY.

Visiting Rotarians were WALT MC CULLOUGH and ANDY JACOBI who's from Sweden.

Guests (Hosts) were LISA HENDRICKSON RACHEL MEYER), LEIF ERICKSON (DAVID BLITZ), LAURA CASAS FRIAR (BETSY BECHTEL), ANDY COE (STEVE EMSLIE), BUD RICH, our speaker (DAVE SMULLIN), RICK FULTON (ANDY JACOBI) and others.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 12, 2005: Palo Alto Police Department, K-9 Team

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DICK FREEMAN announced candidates for next year's BOD, CYRILLE BETANT, TRISH BUBENIK, MIKE COUCH, HERSH DAVIS, ELLEN HARRINGTON, ROB LANCEFIELD (President Elect-Elect), RUTH SCHNEIDER (new), ART STAUFFER (President Elect), WAYNE THOMAS (new) and WRITE INS (new). Ballots were distributed, will be counted and winners announced by DICK at our next meeting.



PREZ IRIS thanked NINA MOORE for her hard work in organizing our social of December 3. It was great! NINA in turn, thanked the host of volunteers (first names only): CARL, WALT, DICK, CASH, ART, VICKIE, DAVID N., DAVID S., NANCY, RUTH, RALPH, BILLY, JANET, SKIP, SALLY, JAYNE, MARY FRANCES and of course hosts LISA and RICK (try

to figure out who was who). Thanks again NINA!! -Only nine (9) entertainment books are still available. You pay \$25 and the club gets \$5 back. It's a good-good deal. See DICK FREEMAN to cash in.

There was a very significant turn out for last Wednesday's (November 30) Feed-the-Homeless event, both volunteers and recipients of their generous help, again first names only, WES, TOM, SY, NATASHA, SHERRI, LAURIE and JOANNA, DENNIS, SKIP, DARRYL, (plus four KIDS), CYRILLE, IRIS, DAVID N., BOB and organizer DENNIS MC GINN. Thanks folks, especially DENNIS.

-DICK also received thanks from SID AKSELRAD for the positive response he received to his recently published book and for the welcome and good wishes extended to him at his last meeting attendance.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Our distinguished speaker, BEN RICH, J.D., Ph.D. was introduced



by DAVE SMULLIN.

Dr. RICH is an Associate Professor at the U.C. Davis School of Medicine and a Visiting Professor at their School of Law. He spoke on the subject, "Physician-Assisted Suicide: Law, Politics, and Bioethics", an intriguing subject that engaged his audience with its complexity. DR. RICH concentrated on the voluntary aspect of the Oregon law which requires that the person seeking this alternative, first of all to be over the age of 18, be considered to be near the end of life and to make at least two requests for the option. separated by a time interval. Also, he/she must be confirmed to be mentally competent by a psychiatrist. The Oregon law, which had been challenged by Attorney General ASHCROFT and later by Attorney General GONZALEZ, was upheld by the Supreme Court on both occasions; it ruled that state law must prevail since the Constitution made no mention of the essence of the practice pro or con. DR. RICH also emphasized that the means must be self applied, not by another person physician or otherwise. It also appeared based on statistical information he offered that the Oregon law has not been excessively exercised. A very timely and relevant subject

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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

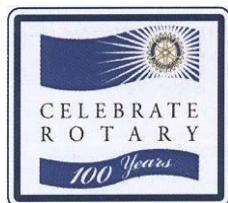
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

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

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