



Rotary Club of Palo Alto PINION



MEETING of January 9, 2006

EDITOR: Bill Busse

It Started with a Bang!



President Elect ART STAUFFER opened the meeting with a "bang." Our Rotary bell is now a cracked miniature version of the bell in Independence Hall. Other than minor damage to the equipment, ART ably filled in for Prez IRIS who is in India with our Rotary expeditionary force. New member CHARLES CHEN was invited to the podium to lead the assemblage in the Pledge while SKIP HOYT lurked in the wings preparing the upright for a spirited rendition of "America the Beautiful." (Man, this is bad prose.) Anyway...

VISITOR & GUEST



MARC DICKOW melodiously introduced Zhigang Chen our visiting Rotarian from the D.C. Club, while TODD LEWIS introduced new School Bd. Member, Dana Tom.

2006 by Steve Emslie



STEVE EMSLIE regaled us...with some times humorous "New Year Quotations" including...gems from such well know writers as Ben Franklin, T.S. Eliot, Jay Leno and our long time favorite, Author Unknown...who, incidentally, reminded us that "A New Year's Resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the Other. Well done, Stevo!

THANKS TO:

Greeter Past Pres. PAM...Cashier SALLY TOMLINSON, ably instructed by DREW CORRADINI...and Pinion producers LYLE CONNELL, JOYCE CUSICK and BILL BUSSE

PRESIDENT-TO-BE ART STAUFFER

paid tribute to Past President ERIC HUTCHISON (1970-1971) who died recently at age 84. ERIC taught chemistry at Stanford for many years and counted among his sleepest Saturday morning students one ARTHUR STAUFFER. ERIC was a student of British heraldry and designed the many school and department banners carried at graduation exercises. One of his last official duties at Stanford was Academic Secretary. An amazing talent and an exceptional Rotarian. ERIC, thanks for gracing our lives!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 16, 2006: □ Dark Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

23, 2006: □ Martin Turner, BBC's America Bureau Chief, Washington, DC, whose talk is entitled "*The End of the News As We Know It.*"

January 30, 2006: □ Peter Magowan, President and Managing General Partner, San Francisco Giants, whose talk will be "*Giants 2006 Preview.*"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SUCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 17th is a COCKTAIL PARTY at the newly unveiled Four Seasons Hotel. This is a "free to Rotarians" event and as such should be well attended. Stay tuned for the exact time.

March 11th will be our COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET to be held at the Sharon Heights Country Club. According to Co-Chairs SHERI SAGER and ROB LANCEFIELD this post Rick-eyes soiree will be a grand sit down dinner including wine and all the trimmings. Approximately half of the tariff of \$125 per will enhance the Club's annual contributions to our scholarship and community grants programs. So, save your grocery money...this is important to the lives of many in the community who cannot even imagine a \$125 dinner. Our Auction Chair, CASH ALAEE, will be in touch to solicit your auction contributions. With everyone's participation this will begin an important new phase of our Club's commitment to Community Service. Here..here!!

NOT TO MENTION

That the Advanced Gifts Committee (ROB, SHERRI and NATASHA FRENCH) have already raised 16k towards our goal of 20k. Also, not mentionable is the fact (drum role) DICK and ELLIE MANSFIELD along with ELLEN HARRINGTON have designed foolproof forms for tracking all manner of auction items. A first perhaps. Tickets on sale February 1st. Tables of 8 or 10 will be available.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11th is the date for the Stevenson House PAINTING PARTY. Limber up and be prepared to sign up when this announcement next comes around on the guitar. HERSH DAVIS is our "hands-on" main man.



NEW & NOT-SO-NEW MEMBER TALKS



Board Member **CYRILLE BETANT** introduced our “all star cast” starting with

JANET WELLS

JANET was once a shy young tomboy who began changing the world while in school in Wisconsin and hasn't stopped yet. She began her self-acclaimed “rabble rousing” as a high school member of the NAACP and continued both while becoming a professional student at UW. Finally left the security of academia to work first in the criminal justice field, then as a political campaign worker, staff member at Stanford's Boy's Town Center, school teacher, life insurance planner. And now full circle back to president of the local chapter of the NAACP and “currently involved with many adventures in community service.” Welcome to Rotary, JANET! You're a perfect fit!



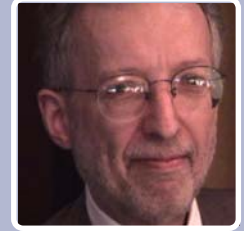
HOWARD “SKIP” HOYT

Somehow The Skipper doesn't seem to fit the standard picture of an “older member.” However, when you consider that he was with IBM for 36 years, has been a Rotarian in seven different Rotary Clubs for a total of 50 years, has together with Suzy raised seven children and shared responsibility for seven grandchildren, he seems to begin to fit. A Pasadena depression kid, SKIP mowed lawns, delivered papers, unloaded lumber, was a hod carrier, a gardener and later a high school football hero. Such herodom did not translate well as a Stanford player where, as he quoted Vince Lombardi, “He may not have the size, but he's slow!” A final thought... “The world has changed dramatically with advances in technology. What hasn't changed is on the management side. What is still required is respect and a willingness to listen.” Skip, thanks for sharing your life!

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GEORGE NEWTON

Born in Chicago, but traveled around the world with Army family...places like Viet Nam, Germany and Hawaii. “Studied Surfing at Chaminade University but wasn't very good. Kept falling off the board.” George has been in the retail business most of his life. From Sears to Liberty House to Patrick James to Neiman's to Hastings to Weideman's to Dick Brunn's and back to Patrick James. Whew! Wife Debbie is also in retail sales when not looking after their three cats. Was a member of the Saratoga Rotary Club prior to Palo Alto. GEORGE'S story about the cab driver who helped an elderly lady, on her way to the hospice, relive fond memories was very moving. “As with Rotary, it's all about how you make people feel. In that regard, we are all cab drivers.” Well done!



CONTRIBUTORS AROUND



TED LARSON reported that 12 volunteers showed up to feed the homeless in December including most of JOHN O'KEEFE'S extended family.



The **MARK HEYERS** recently returned from an excursion to Europe with stops in England, Portugal and Southern Spain



where they were treated to a “wonderful reunion” with wife MARITNE'S first boyfriend! **WHAT?**

SHERRI SAGER, a paid-in-full Prez Club member, coughed up a few extra bucks due to her good fortune. *And what was that you ask?*...At a recent Silicon Valley fund raiser she sat next to none other than the great “FONZ”...a “very nice person.”



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