



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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Geoff Ziman led off with the Pledge of Allegiance mentioning his appreciation for the pledge comes from not being a US citizen by birth.

Le Levy, accompanied by Skip Hoyt, played and sang "Take me out to the Ball Game" with the second verse being some of the better creative lyrics we've heard from Le lately.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

Ruth Schneider introduced a record number of visiting Rotarians and guests including:

Mike Yerly, Ellie Mansfield, Eric Butlor, Tita McCall, Felipe Ospina, Kevin Stonelake, Richelle Nordyan, Jacob Savage, Nathan Steen, Tom North, Michael Reynolds, John Hendricks, Gary Davis, Curtis Church, Sue Ramar, Todd Gregory, Doug Knoblauch, Harvey Hinman, Jean Goity, Ginny Lear, Chuck Hess, Don MacKenzie, George Paulsen, Bob Barrett, Andy Coe, Jim Kurpral, Blair Stewart, Jerry Torrance, Sumil Reno, Robert Jacll

## OPENING REMARKS



Rob Lancefield provided some inspiration by recalling his Russian friend Tanya who "liked to see the optimism in Americans' Christmas letters and that they were not about money" contrary to American stereotypes of consumption and making money.

"You are ready to help and enjoy life around you." Rob closed by saying; "This is true for Rotarians around the world."

## WHAT'S GOING ON

Sherry Sager promoted our March 11 fundraising event at the Sharon Heights Country club. Hal Mickelson has tickets. Natasha French gave an update on event sponsors saying we've raised over \$26K, exceeding the goal of \$20K. Great work and thanks to those who solicited such generous sponsors!



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 6, 2006: Patricia "Savitri" Burbank and Michael Kilgroe, co-founders of One World Children's Fund, whose talk is "One World Children's' Fund: How it Started and What it Does."

February 13, 2006: Professor Joel Beinin, whose talk is entitled "Israel, Palestine, and Prospects for Palestinian-Israeli Peace after Sharon."

February 20, 2006: Dark (Presidents' Day)

February 27, 2006: Jean Aufmuth, whose talk is entitled "Let's Talk Movies: Provocative Insight into the Current Film Scene"



Marc Dickow was thanked for his generous contributions of tickets and other print jobs.

President Iris Korol announced our Grants Committee has just approve awarding \$40K to community non-profits. Iris also reminded everyone to sign up for Urban Ministry/Feeding the Homeless.

## PRESIDENT CLUB HONORS



Bruce Liedstrand joined in honor of Stanford's hoops victory last night



Sam Webster joined in celebration of being free from his crutches. Way to go, Sam!



Dave Smullin donated to honor Billy Alhouse for his 60 years of coaching Stanford Baseball.

Bill Alhouse joined in honor of our speaker Peter McGowan



Dave Charleson wrapped up the donations to honor the Stanford Hockey Club. THANKS to ALL these great donors!

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



President Iris proudly introduced our speaker, Peter McGowan, President and CEO of the SF Giants. As a Stanford graduate, Peter spent 37 years with Safeway and 14 years ago bought the Giants franchise just before we nearly lost the team to Tampa Bay Florida!

Peter fondly recalled growing up in New York City in the early 1950's with the Yankees, Dodgers and Giants competing in the world's biggest and richest city. In 1957 both the Giants and Dodgers moved to California to start new traditions.

Since buying the Giants, Peter has led the organization by successfully adhering to the following objectives:

1. To win (Giants have the 3rd most wins over the last 14 years)
2. To create a ballpark experience to surpass the expectations of fans
3. To provide the best possible communications with fans
4. To provide meaningful community service. Peter started the practice of asking players to work for the charity of their choice.
5. To build community fields in low-income areas. Nine have been constructed.
6. To provide the best and most entertaining broadcasts.
7. To encourage family participation and emphasize traditions
8. To increase the value of the franchise, not by making money, but not losing money.

He concluded by saying the biggest issue in front of baseball is about competitive balance and for the Giants in 2006, to beat the Dodgers.

In a quick Q/A Peter provided these answers:

1. The Designated Hitter is here to stay
2. Barry Bonds future depends on getting the HR title or winning the World Series.
3. He favors tough drug testing and enforcement. Feels amphetamines will be a big issue.

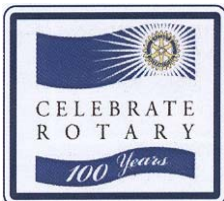


Iris thanked Peter for his great presentation and added he will be contributing Giants memorabilia for our auction. A GREAT program and meeting

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