



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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“Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.” Bill Love, Opening Remarks.

“I like violent movies.” Jeanne Aufmuth, Speaker.

## STARS IN THE AFTERNOON



President IRIS gaveled the meeting to order announcing that a galaxy of Rotary stars would be unveiled. First, JOHN BRACKEN. John joins SID AKSELRAD HARRY BROWNE, JOHN CHILDRESS, ART GLEIM, and the late JOE JEDD in being designated an honorary Palo Alto Rotarian. DICK (“I can

be short”) FREEMAN reviewed John’s notable career as World War II airman, educator, baseball fan, and community leader. SKIP HOYT and BRIAN STEEN capped things off by leading, “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.”

“Strive for high ideals. Everywhere life is full of heroism.”

## THIS WEEK’S GUESTS

JOHN KIDD indicated that while there were no visiting Rotarians, there were a number of notable guests including JOHN BRACKEN’s son John, ROGER SMITH’s long-time friend Tex Houston of Friends of Foothill Park, and ISRAEL ZEHAVI’s guest, Bala Aryan of Amalco Wines.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



BILL BUSSE announced our baseball outing on March 26th when Stanford plays WSU at Sunken Diamond at 1:00 PM. Cost is a bargain \$20.



And, new member CHARLES CHENG announced that this year’s hands-on project would be April 29th. HERSH DAVIS is chairing the event. We will be partnering with Kiwanis and others to work on fixing up a pre-school in Redwood City.

President IRIS thanked our cashier, MIKE and our greeter, Past-President PAM. She announced, with great pride, that BOB SMITHWICK would be another in the line of illustrious Rotarians honored with an Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award, March 15th.



”Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Take kindly the counsel of the years.”

President IRIS then passed out chocolate and flowers to honor more “stars” for their work on the upcoming, Fund Raiser, March 11th at the Menlo Country Club:

PAM BRANDIN, MARC DICKOW, NATASHA FRENCH, ROB LANCEFIELD, DICK MANSFIELD, ELLIE MANSFIELD, RACHEL MEYER, HAL MICKELSON, STEVE PLAYER and SHERRI SAGER. JOHN KIDD described the fabulous items to be auctioned and reminded everyone that the \$125 tab included wine and a significant tax deduction.



## CELLULOID (Celluloid??) STARS



ROGER SMITH introduced Jeanne Aufmuth, Film Critic of the Palo Alto Weekly and President of the SF Film Critics Circle. Cutting right to the chase, Jeanne simply opened the floor to questions. Her favorites for the Oscars: Movie: Brokeback Mountain, and Crash. Actor: Heath Ledger (Brokeback), and Philip Seymour Hoffman (Capote). Actress: Reece

Witherspoon (Walk the Line), and Felicity Huffman (Transamerica). The movies she likes? “A movie has to entertain.” A terrific prog r a m .

“Speak your truth quietly and clearly; even to the dull and the ignorant.”

## FUTURE PROGRAMS



**March 6, 2006: Pam Maples, a Knight Fellow at the Stanford School of Journalism. Her talk is entitled: "The Fragmentation of the News Media."**

Ms. Maples is the Assistant Managing Editor/Projects and Investigations, for the Dallas Morning News. She is a United States Fellow in the John S. Knight Fellowship program at Stanford during the 2005-2006 school term. Her

area of study during her fellowship is the fragmentation of news media, and the implications for its watchdog role. Ms Maples was born in Springfield, Missouri and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She first worked as a reporter at the Springfield (Missouri) Daily News in 1979, covering county, state and federal government. She moved to the Albuquerque (New Mexico) Tribune a few years later, where she was a reporter covering city hall and politics, and was an assistant city editor. She then worked in similar positions at the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado. She joined the Dallas Morning News in 1990 as deputy national editor and was promoted to national editor in 1995. In her most recent position as assistant managing editor for projects and investigations, she has overseen such award-winning projects as "Runaway Priests: Hiding in Plain Sight," a series about priests accused of sexually abusing children who are reassigned to work in other unsuspecting communities. The series won a 2004 Livingston Award for National Reporting. She was a member of the reporting team on "Violence Against Women: A Question of Human Rights," a project that won a number of awards including a 1994 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.

**March 13, 2006: New/Older Member Talks MIKE MCMAHON, PAUL JENE AND JOHN KIDD**

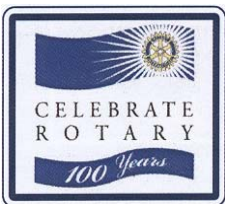
**March 20, 2006: Andrew Hamm, whose talk is entitled "Electricity in the Silicon Valley."**

*"And whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful*

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