



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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IRIS started the meeting and asked LYLE CONNELL to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

TODAY'S GUESTS

RACHEL MEYER welcomed our guests with: MARTHA KANTER introducing Hal Plotkin, a Trustee at Foothill College; JOHN O'KEEFE introducing his grandson Zaid Stulla; STEVE PLAYER introducing Kevin Curry, former President of Edina MN Rotary. and Jack Woodson, former President of PS Rotary, now a Realtor with Alain Pinel.

OPENING REMARKS



SHERRI SAGER read timely quotes about giving from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran:

"It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

"It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding."

"Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors."

"They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iris enthusiastically thanked DICK and ELLIE MANSFIELD, MARC DICKOW for their great work on preparing the program for our March 11 fundraiser.

JOHN BRACKEN is doing better, although he's now about to have cataract surgery. Hope to SEE you soon, John!

DAN QUINN thanked those who have volunteered for the Homeless feeding . The next event is March 15 with volunteers particularly needed for the late shift 5:30 to 7PM.

Una Sera Italiana! STEVE PLAYER reminded (in passable Italian) everyone about our March 11 fundraiser dinner at Sharon Heights country Club starting at 6:00PM. Dress is jacket and tie, which apparently implies what ladies should wear as well.

Steve played the Auctioneer; successfully starting a bidding match between ROGER SMITH and BILL ALHOUSE for two passes to next year's Stanford Women's basketball. Bill won them with his generous \$300 bid.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 13, 2006: New Member Talks by Drew Corradini, Mike McMahon and Charles Cheng.



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

March 27, 2006: Kurt Opsahl, a staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation ("EFF"), whose talk is entitled "The NSA Warrantless Wiretap Controversy."

NEW MEMBER

YORIKO KISHIMOTO, Palo Alto City Council Member, was graciously welcomed by Iris to our 150 member club.



PRESIDENT'S CLUB



BOB BULLMORE is celebrating 44 years in Rotary and 5 years in marriage for a total of 100 years of dedication!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

New Member MONICA DEVINCENZI introduced Pam Maples. 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. She is a 1994 Pulitzer Prize Winner.

She gave a spirited and detailed talk about the changing landscape of investigative journalism in the wake of 9/11, citing many examples including recent high profile subpoenas of reporters and controversies over unnamed sources. She described an alarming erosion of free speech rights, particularly with the Freedom of Information Act.

RALPH KELLER asked, "How does Bob Woodward get his info?" Answer: "Woodward has access and reputation. Bob is Bob."

DAVE SMULLIN asked: "What are trends in media internally?" Answer: "More driven by Wall Street. Brings up ethics problems, particularly with smaller papers."

TRISH BUBENIK asked: "What does the public need to know?" Answer: "The public doesn't need to know everything. Current administration's direction is to provide less information"

JOHN O'KEEFE asked the last: "In the end, what purpose is served by investigative reporting?" Answer: "The press needs to publish and to put a light on issues. People should be able to make their own decisions and to have a healthy debate."

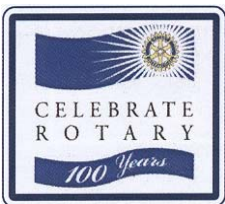
Another GREAT program for PA Rotary! Iris thanked Ms. Maples, indicating a dictionary would be placed in her honor at Cesar Chavez Academy.



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