



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



March 13, 2006

Reporter: David Negrin

Editor: Lyle Connell

Official greeters were DAVID of Ming's and Ex-Prez PAM BRANDIN. An energetic and vibrant attendance was in force at today's meeting.

PREZ IRIS called on ANNETTE GLANCKOPF to lead us all in the Pledge

VISITORS AND GUESTS



Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by SY GREENSTONE. Our visiting Rotarians were PHIL ROSE of the Los Altos Club, and SHEILA HODGKINSON of the Mountain View Club.

Guests (Hosts) were TODD PHOENIX and CLAIRE CONTRERAS (WALT HAYS), JACK WOODSON (STEVE

PLAYER) and BILL SWARTZMAN (ADAMATITO).

OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were delivered by HAL MICKELSON, who observed that selling tickets for the Saturday Fundraiser was easier than selling peanuts as a kid. Members really shelled out with the least amount of arm twisting. We had a record attendance of almost 200 folks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual fund raiser was a huge success. We exceeded our expectations but final numbers are still being compiled; we're closing in on the +\$60-65K range for revenue. At the event, BILL JOHNSON (Community Awards Committee Chair) introduced the five recipients of this year's grants, Eastside College Prep., Foundation for a College Education, Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education, InnVision and Mayview Community Health Center. All expressed their appreciation for our club's generosity. See you all the next chance you get.

PREZ IRIS thanked the 2006 Fundraiser Committee, chaired by ROB LANCEFIELD and SHERRI SAGER for all their hard work. Members of the committee included "CASH" ALAEE, MARC DICKOW NATASHA FRENCH, ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, ELLEN HARRINGTON, DICK (and wife ELLIE) MANSFIELD, RACHEL MEYER, HAL MICKELSON, STEVE PLAYER (Auctioneer Extraordinaire) and VANESSA ROACH. Each received a special little gift from SHERRI and ROB. Be sure to thank them person

FUTURE PROGRAMS



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

Mr. Hamm will talk about the importance of electricity to Silicon Valley. This includes the concept of electricity "quality," reliability, price, and how it is produced.

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

Mr. Opsahl will speak about the legal issues surrounding the NSA's warrantless wiretapping program and the EFF's lawsuit against AT&T for the telecommunications giant's collaboration with the program.

It's Feed-the-Homeless this Wednesday at 3:30-6:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church. Show up if you can; extra help is always appreciated.

JOHN BRACKEN's 90th B'Day party is scheduled for later this month. Tickets are still available and will be sold at next Monday's meeting.

STEVE PLAYER auctioned off a Giant's baseball signed by MIKE METHENY for \$200 and a Noah's Lunch Certificate for \$70. He can't resist selling stuff.

Remember, the District 5170 Conference will be held in our backyard, at the Santa Clara Marriott on April 28-30. Join the group that's planning to attend.



TRISH BUBENIK made a contribution to the endowment fund in honor of International Red Cross's recognition.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today's program featured new-member talks by two of our most traveled Club members, MIKE MCMAHON and PAUL JENE. They were introduced by CYRILLE BETANT. How they happened to join the Palo Alto club as opposed to Dubai, Marakesh, Nairobi or Bhutan is a mystery. Perhaps Rotary just isn't there yet.

MIKE spoke first and described a fascinating life history in which he traveled from country to country only for the purpose of learning to say "Good morning" or "Thanks". (It's Ohio-Guys-Must in Japanese and Crazy-Us in Spanish.) Mike was born, and raised for the first round, in San Diego and was a member of the Olympics rowing team as a high school student, served in the US Navy on submarine duty and finally saw the light, attending Stanford where he met his wife-to-be, settling finally in Palo Alto. Lucky for us. MIKE is a great asset who we'll all enjoy working with, I'm certain.

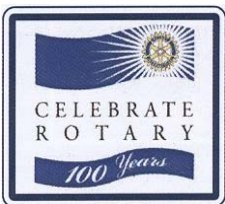
PAUL, a PhD in Bio Something-or-Other and also widely traveled, described some of the ideas that guided his development, ideas that we can all emulate like being healthy, being humble, being creative, being committed and to seeking excellence. A dedication to family, tranquility and being patient, an attribute all of us would treasure. PAUL also thanked the Club for the addition of the Rotary creed to his objectives, and he appears to be well on the way to having achieved most of them. We're all works in progress but PAUL outlined some meaningful goals we can aspire to. Thanks to the Membership Committee for enhancing our ranks with the addition of MIKE MCMAHON and PAUL JENE



PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Iris Korol. PRESIDENT-ELECT: Art Stauffer. PAST-PRESIDENT: Pam Brandin. DIRECTORS: Cyrille Betant, Trish Bubenik, Mike Couch, Marcie Cox, Hersh Davis, and Ellen Harrington. TREASURER: Dick Mansfield. SECRETARIES: Dick Freeman, Julie Jerome, Bob McCowan. CLUB RECORDS: Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com. WEB SITE: www.rotarypaloalto.org/,

PRINTED BY JUNGLE DIGITAL



Rotary Club of Palo Alto

P.O. Box 592

Palo Alto, CA 94302

PARotaryRecords@aol.com

Website <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>