



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



March 20, 2006 Reporter: Dick Mansfield Editor: Lyle Connell

It rained cats and dogs and little fishes, and we even had a thunderclap or two. Why, it was enough to dampen attendance! We settled for 80 for lunch, a little better than we used to do at Rickey's but not quite up to our average of about 85 at Ming's.

DAVID NEGRIN led the pledge, and then President IRIS KOROL asked us to observe a moment of silence for AL KENRICK, a past president and everyone's friend, who took a little sunshine out of all our lives when he passed away a week ago).

VISITORS AND GUESTS

JACK HENDRICKS guided the introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests of club Rotarians. In the first category we welcomed JOAN ROSSELLE from Los Altos, TODD FLESNER from Milpitas, KEVIN CURRY, a longtime Edina, Minnesota Rotarian who has moved to this area, BOB DENEBEIM from East Palo Alto Bayshore (who coordinates the GSE program for District 5170), and a Rotarian from India who told us (amid friendly chuckles from his table) that his nickname is NASH but whose full name and club affiliation were lost in translation. In the guests-of-Rotarians category were JEFF BYRON (introduced by LYNDA STEELE), JACK WOODSON (STEVE PLAYER's guest), and PANCHO CHANG (introduced by LE LEVY).

OPENING REMARKS



TRISH BUBENIK gave opening remarks, expressing her sincere appreciation of volunteerism as so strikingly manifested after the hurricane disasters of the late summer and early fall. She said that in that episode she felt an "electricity" and a "humanitarian closeness" that brought her closer to an appreciation of Rotary's "Service Above Self"

motto than ever before: She "caught the feeling and buzz of actually "being a volunteer."

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



President IRIS inducted new member BRUCE SWENSON, a colleague of BETSY BECHTEL's on the Foot-hill-De Anza

Board of Trustees. Welcome BRUCE!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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.

April 3, 2006: Special Agent Mary Marsh, whose talk is entitled, "Economic Espionage."

Agent Marsh will focus her talk on trade secret and intellectual property theft.

April 10, 2006: Professor Sean Hanretta, whose talk is entitled, "The Origins and History of Islam."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President IRIS reported that the latest projection of a net from the fundraiser was in the order of \$70,000! Bring your checkbooks next week: Co-chair Extraordinaire SHERRI SAGER will bring a special late-arriving auction item to be Auctioned At The Meeting!

President IRIS sadly announced the Memorial Service for past Palo Alto Rotary President (1987-1988), AL KENRICK, will be held on Saturday, April 8th at 2 P.M. at Christian Science Church, 661 Bryant Street (Corner of Forest).

JOHN KIDD reminded us of the Baseball and JOHN BRACKEN Sunday social at Stanford's Sunken Diamond this Sunday. That's \$20 per ticket for a nice 90th birthday party for JOHN B. beginning at 12:15 p.m. in the Diamond Suite at Sunken Diamond. Your twenty will get you all the peanuts & crackerjack you can ingest and a nice piece of JOHN B.'s birthday cake to boot, and if you like baseball you can stay for the game too! But call JOHN KIDD right away for your tickets because they're going fast.

Being an adult means being required to make choices, and on April 29 you'll have at least two events between which to choose: Our annual Hands-On Service Project, this year in a joint venture with Kiwanis and Rebuilding Together to build and refurbish facilities at a child care center in Redwood City, and our annual District Conference in Santa Clara where we'll be building relationships, playing tennis, and attending meetings, dinners, and (rumor has it) a Talent Show! Details to come, from HERSH DAVIS for the hands-on project and from President-Elect ART STAUFFER for the conference.

DAN QUINN thanked all who participated in last week's Urban Ministry feed for the homeless. It's a worthy cause, and the opportunity comes up every five weeks! DAN also shilled his excellent photos from the fundraiser, which he offered for \$5 a print ("either because you want it or to get it out of circulation") with all proceeds to Rotary.

For the record, last week TRISH BUBENIK announced that in all of California and the Pacific Islands ~ 44 chapters ~ your local Red Cross had the highest rating of volunteer satisfaction. The award was given in Long Beach on March 4.

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NEARBY ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 12:15

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:15

East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

THURSDAY

Los Altos: The Garden House, Shoup Park 12:15

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

San Carlos: Piaceri's Restaurant, 727 Laurel St. (downtown San Carlos, in the second block South of San Carlos Ave., one block west of El Camino Real. 12:15

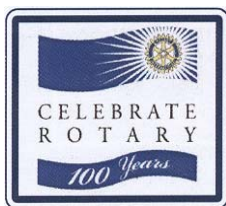
TODAY'S PROGRAM



DENNIS MCGINN introduced today's speaker, ANDREW HAMM, a reporter for the San Jose Business Journal, who spoke on "Electricity in Silicon Valley," sharing what he has learned after five years on the electricity beat for his newspaper.

Mr. HAMM left us with heightened sensitivity to concepts such as "Path 15," and "pure electricity," and "peaker plants," and voltage drop. The bottom line: The end of the energy crisis is not in sight, and 2008 will be a year of reckoning. There were several questions, but President IRIS nevertheless found a way to let us go a few minutes early to wade to our cars.

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