



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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

## THE PLEDGE

PREZ IRIS called on PAUL JENE to lead us all in the Pledge. In his dash to the podium, he almost got wounded, doing his duty. Thanks PAUL.

## CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS



Opening remarks were delivered by BOB SMITHWICK who described his recent visit to a remote region of Zambia. It has an AIDS incidence of about 20% of the population, including numerous refugees, in an area of about 3,500 to 4,000 square miles which is served by a single hospital. Communication advances have been made and have the

potential of improving the response to this critical human rights tragedy.

## VISITORS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by BRIAN STEEN. Our visiting Rotarians were DOTTIE CONGLETON (PA University) and DICK TRAINER (EPA).

Guests (Hosts) were ANITA MOSER (Husband ANDY), JOHN BRENTERN (SKIP HOYT), CHARLIE ANDERSON (JACK DORGAN), FRED ROMO (MONICA DEVINCENZI) and KAORU IGARISHI (KEN WEIGEL). We had a full house.



Also BOB DENEBEIN (EPA) and JOAN PERRY (Los Gatos Morning) both representing the District GSE committee to present the visiting Japanese GSE team



Banners were exchanged as we wished our visitors a hearty Konichi Wa!

Visiting GSE team led by KENJI OGAWA (Exporter) and including TAMAKI OHI (Recycling), NOBUYUKI TANAKA (Newspaper Writer), NOSHIRO TERATA (Computer Engi-



neer) and MASAYOSHI NAGAMATSU (Civil Engineer).

## TAKE NOTICE

We were saddened to hear of JOHN BRACKEN's passing away last Thursday, April 13. Many of us who attended his 90th birthday celebration will remember it well. Son JOHN, JR. spoke briefly and told us that two of his father's most treasured memories were his induction as a Rotary Honorary Member and his birthday celebration of several weeks ago. JOHN will be missed.



**PLEASE NOTE** The visit to our Memorial Grove at Big Basin State Park scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 22 has been postponed. STAY TUNED for the new date.

**PREZ IRIS** announced that club members will have the opportunity to feed the homeless on Wednesday, April 19 starting at 3:30 at the Presbyterian Church on Cowper St., Palo Alto.

Join the next Hands-on project to be held on April 29 at the Children's Education Center in Redwood City. Choose from several projects, all dedicated to kids. You also get a choice of shifts. Contact HERSH DAVIS or DICK FREEMAN to sign up.

Tuesday, April 18 marks our Club's birthday - 84 years and we don't look all that old.

PREZ IRIS's Pruis is beginning to fill up for the trip to the district conference. SIGN UP; we'll be able to get an SUV if needed.

"New" members were introduced by STEVE PLAYER, a man of only three words, They were old (former) members KEVIN CURRY and JACK WOODSON. Welcome guys,



it's good to have you both back in the fold

### SRI AND INNOVATION



Our guest speaker DON NELSON was introduced by ARNE STOSCHEK. DON, a former longtime employee of SRI, described the many innovative projects conducted at SRI which vastly contributed to the information technology explosion

that occurred in the last 30-40 years. Advances were made in banking, personal computing, hypertext, intranet transmission of information, robotic surgery and photocoagulation (?). He also described the entrepreneurial atmosphere that was characteristic of the company - if you developed a potential product, you also improved upon it and promoted it.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**24 April: Kevin Useldinger, President of the Fitness Motivation Institute of California, whose talk is entitled "Achieving Peak Performance."**

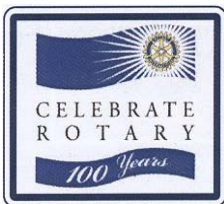


The central theme of Mr. Useldinger's program is health, wellness and fitness. Poor health, lack of productivity and injuries cost individuals and industry millions of dollars each year. Because of his diversified experience with groups and individuals, he understands the problems that result from poor health, wellness, and fitness, and he will reveal realistic solutions to make a beneficial difference -

**1 May: Henry T. "Hank" Greely, the Johnson Professor of Law at Stanford University, whose talk is entitled "The Future of Stem Cell Research in California".**

Professor Henry T. "Hank" Greely will speak to us on the ethical issues surrounding cell stem research and in particular, the outlook for the program in California.

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