



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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Sunny weather! Did it make us want to go out and dance about the Maypole on this lovely May Day? Not, but it was a pleasant change.

Unfazed by a choice of two American flags to salute, one at each end of the room, past president/new member JACK WOODSON led us in the pledge of allegiance.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

Then great Rotarian SAM WEBSTER brought a soupcon of je ne sais quoi to the introduction of visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests. Here's a translation (offered without warranty): Our only visiting Rotarian today was CARROLL JENKINS, who is president-elect of the Los Altos Sunset club and, in her other hat, executive director of Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc., in Mountain View. CARROLL introduced a guest of her own, AMY DAILY. DICK PLACONE was the guest of DICK FREEMAN, and ANITA MOSER was hosted by husband ANDY..

## OPENING REMARKS



ADAM ATITO, whose native country is Egypt and whose adopted country is the United States, made a compelling case for better communication between the people of the two countries as a way to better understanding, mutual respect and peace. Good opening remarks, ADAM!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services for another great Rotarian, JOHN BRACKEN, will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the First Congregational Church, corner of Louis and Embarcadero



President IRIS KOROL gave well-deserved kudos to cashier-in-chief DREW CORRADINI, who pulled the duty himself and balanced the books, and to genial greeter PAM BRANDIN

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

President IRIS had good marks for last weekend's District 5170 Conference at that traditional District gathering place, the Santa Clara Marriott. Attending from our club, in addition to President IRIS, were president-elect ART STAUFFER, MIKE COUCH, GEORGE FITZGERALD, WALT HAYS and SHARON WAGNER. The Conference enjoyed its largest attendance ever.

At the same time, in Redwood City, our club joint-ventured with Kiwanis, under the leadership of HERSH DAVIS and CHARLES CHENG and the auspices of Rebuilding Together, to perform our annual spring hands-on service project. President IRIS, WALT HAYS, ART STAUFFER and SHARON WAGNER managed to attend both the hands-on project and the District Conference; others seen in Redwood City included CYRILLE BETANT, DAVID NEGRIN, BILL BUSSE, STEVE EMSLIE, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, MIKE McMAHON, and long-absent member GAIL HILSTROM. Welcome back GAIL!



Prompted by a little discreet electioneering by an interested member, President IRIS reminded us that our May 15 program, featuring, among others, the League of Women Voters, will provide information on the Measure C and sales tax issues on the June ballot.



It's Rotary Endowment month! Representing the Endowment at this kickoff meeting was treasurer TODD LEWIS, who explained the benefits of the professionally-managed Endowment and asked members to sign pledge cards (available on the tables, or call TODD) for donations which will be payable by June 30, 2007

## STEM CELL RESEARCH



Adding another fine program to the many we have enjoyed this year, Stanford law professor and biomedical ethicist HANK GREELEY gave a succinct and exceptionally lucid overview of embryonic stem cell research and the immensely difficult moral and ethical issues surrounding it. While his own preference for advancing the research, in California as soon as pending litigation over Proposition 71 can be resolved or elsewhere, was clear, his presentation and his response to many good questions was scrupulously fair and invariably informative. You had to have been there, so next time be there! PAUL JENE introduced the excellent program

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**8 May: David M. Kennedy, the McLachlan Professor of History at Stanford University, whose talk is entitled "Civil and Military Relations since the Vietnam Era".**

**15 May: Supervisor LIZ KNISS, who will present affirmative arguments for passage of the proposed Santa Clara County sales tax measure on the June 2006 ballot, with prepared counter questioning by LIZ KNISS and DIANADIAMOND**

**22 May: New Member Talks by Charles Cheng, Dana Tom, and Yoriko Kishimoto**

## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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## OTHER ROTARY 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

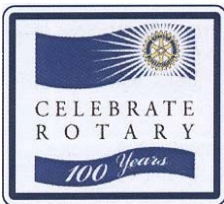
### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 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.

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