



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



May 8, 2006

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## THE PLEDGE

President Iris opened the proceedings by inviting everyone to recite the Pledge.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

Sharon Wagner introduced visiting Rotarians including: Harry Springer (Sunnyvale), John Hummel (Williamsburg, VA), Fred Cove (Salt Lake City, UT), and John Moss (Los Altos). Guests included: Ben Dubin (Ralph Adams), Sara Grace Johnson (Hal Mickelson), Reda Fakhar (Natasha French), Sigrid Eley (Joy Cusick), David Lin (Rick Tipton) and John Swensson, Pitch Johnson (Martha Kanter).



Pitch Johnson



Sigrid Eley

## OPENING REMARKS



includes founder Bob Smithwick.

Ralph Adams spoke about the important influence the Foothill DeAnza Community College system has had on the area and specifically on his family. 60,000 students per year participate in classes including 60% from ethnic minorities and 10% over the age of 60. The College contributes over \$1 billion to the area economy. The involvement of many Rotarians throughout the school's history in-

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rob Lancefield encouraged all Rotarians to contribute to our foundation which is now \$450,000 strong and allows us to contribute

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D



Congratulations to Mike Couch who was presented with his ruby level Paul Harris award.



Happy Birthday to Darryl Savage.

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 23rd for a Palo Alto Arts Center event.

Support the Los Altos Rotary Club at their "fine Art in the park" fundraiser in downtown Los Alto on May 20th & 21st

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**May 15: Speakers: Irene Sampson and Diana Steeples**, who will present "for" and "against" arguments to passage of Santa Clara County Measures A and C. Each speaker is a local member of the League of Women Voters who is prepared to comprehensively present the arguments regarding these two important measures.

**May 22: New Member Talks by Drew Corradini, Dana Tom, and Yoriko Kishimoto.**

## THE MERCENARY ARMY



Stanford History Professor and Pulitzer Prize winner, David Kennedy, shared his research and perspective on the evolution of the “mercenary army” in the US. Professor Kennedy presented a compelling case comparing the personal commitment required by Americans during World War II

compared to the technological approach to current war methods. The composition of the US military has changed from a cross section of American society to become dominated by ethnic minorities and those with limited access to higher education. While it is preferable to place fewer Americans at direct risk during war, it is debatable whether it has become too easy to wage war due to our technological supremacy and limited personal sacrifice.

## 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

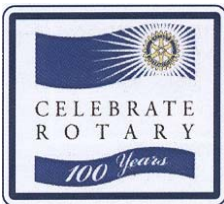
### THURSDAY

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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