



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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Official greeters were DAVID of Ming's and BOD member JULIE JEROME. An expectant membership was in attendance to hear about the pros and cons of county ballot measures.

THE PLEDGE

PREZ IRIS called on KAREN SINGER to lead us all in the Pledge.

OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were delivered by MARCIE COX who paid tribute to all our great moms. Just one short quote is an attempt to capture MARCIE'S emotional reading - ".....A mother's love for her children, even her inability to let them be, is because she is under a painful law that the life that passed through her must be brought to fruition." A Happy post-Mother's Day to all you moms.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by JANET WELLS. Our visiting Rotarians (clubs) were PAT MILLAR (Los Altos), WALT DARDENNE (Almaden Valley) and BOB DENERBEIM (East Palo Alto).

Guests (Hosts) were STEVE HEIBEL and AMANDA WEST (MIKE COUCH hosted both guests).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Feed-the-Homeless; TED LARSEN needs volunteers for next Wednesday, May 24 event, 3:30 to 6:30. Call TED if you can make it.

RACHEL MEYER joined the President's Club, at 100 Euros, in recognition of the school building upgrade in Reggio, Italy in which she participated.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D



PAUL LOSCH also joined the President's Club in recognition of his son's completion of his first year of college.

The postponed Big Basin memorial event has been rescheduled. Stay tuned or call DICK FREEMAN.



BOB SMITHWICK received a well deserved recognition at Avenides for his leadership of our local community college system. Thanks BOB!

Exit interviewers, for eighth grade students, are needed at JLS Middle School on June 1&2, with a choice of shifts on both days: 7:30 - 11:10 AM or 11:00 AM - 2:45 PM. An

important event - E-mail your availability to <moemcnally@sbcglobal.net>.

PAT BROWN has contributed to the Endowment Fund in memory of JOHN BRACKEN. Thanks PAT!

The club's Board meeting has been rescheduled - 7:30 AM, Thursday, May 25 at the Cardinal Hotel. Red badgers attend if you must.

Finally, JULIE JEROME introduced the club members who are contributing to the Endowment Fund, either in bequests, life memberships of the President's Club or just plain old bucks. Join the list - make it endless and boring.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 22 - New member talks featuring CHARLES CHENG, DANA TOWNSEND and YORIKO KISHIMOTO.

May 29 - DARK (Memorial Day)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (and good advice!):

"If you can't make it, don't fake it. Let someone else take it."

Moms Mabley

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Today's program was introduced by DIANA DIAMOND who in turn introduced our two speakers, both members of the League of Women Voters. IRENE SAMPSON described the pros and cons of Measure A, a quarter percent increase in the sales tax for a 30-year period which is intended to support a number of

projects mainly in the transportation area. While highly important, IRENE also mentioned the fact that the measure is non-specific and as a sales tax, it is regressive.

DIANA STEEPLES described the Foothill / De Anza Community College bond measure for \$490M which supplements a similar measure passed in 1999 for \$248M. Additional capital improvements and upgrades to meet new building standards are the primary emphasis of the m e a s u r e . Both speakers were there only to provide information and stressed their lack of preference for either measure and their efforts to be unbiased, which is also the hallmark of the LWV. Additional information on these measures and other election issues can be obtained at <www.smartvoter.org>. Thanks IRENE and DIANA for a most informative program.



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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

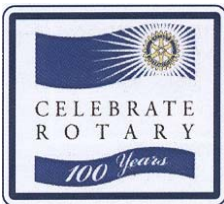
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

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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