



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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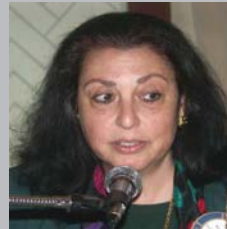
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IRIS welcomed a large crowd to the May 22nd Rotary meeting and New Member Talks. A special happy birthday greeting was extended in word and song to WARREN THOITS on his 84th birthday.



OPENING REMARKS

NINA MOORE said what an honor it is to be a Rotarian, what an honor it is to be among those who have chosen to embrace the truth, what is fair, beneficial and promotes good will and friendship. And in doing so, have touched the lives of others, be it across the room or across the world.



The one who finds the red dot under the tea-cup gets to take home the bamboo plant on your table. It is said that if you place it in the heart of your home, it will promote good health and good fortune.

On the other tables instead you get to take home a copy of "Friends & Enemies" by Tammy Lee McClure. It is a story of world politics, power, intrigue, compassion, forgiveness & an amazing optimistic outlook.

VISITORS AND GUESTS



NANCY PETERS introduced Maria Murcia who is an Ambassador Scholar soon to graduate from Stanford.

SALLY TOMLINSON introduced three Rotary Vocational Scholars; Amir Espiritu from Guam, Kyle Kemerer, potential fireman; and Yann Spalanzani from France.



BOB MCCOWAN introduced Rotaract members: Kaeche Liburd, Kelly Cheng, Pradeep Rajendran, and Nathan Segal. Rotary members from other clubs were Dick Henning (Los Altos), Karyn Sinuru (San Jose).

Guests included Abraham Farag (Adam Atito), George Sperling and Allen Goodman (Iris Korol), Bess Greenstone (Sy Greenstone), Norman Raymond, Florence Davidson, and Dr Kishimoto, (Yoriko Kishimoto), Sandy McClure and Nick Leon (Walt Hays).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TED LARSEN announced that the next feeding the homeless is this Wednesday, May 24th at the Presbyterian Church on Cowper in Palo Alto. Three more participants are needed.

DICK FREEMAN announced that the date for the memorial service to be held in Big Basin is now June 17th, a Saturday. The activity will start at Ming's at 9:30 AM and everyone should be back by 4:00 PM. Lunch is included. Let Dick Freeman know if you will attend.

DAVE CHARLESON has asked that we be reminded that 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 <moe mcnally@sbcglobal.net>.

PAM BRANDIN is asking that we reserve on our calendars the date of Monday, June 26th for the "debunking of Iris Korol." There will be no Rotary Lunch Meeting that day. You are all invited for what promises to be a fun event. The event will be held at the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM. The fee is \$45 per person.

IRIS indicated that the East Bayshore Rotary Club is sponsoring a speaker from Bead of Life. We are all invited to attend. It will be held on Wednesday May 24th. There will be Pizza at 6:30 and the speaker will be at 7:00 PM. Along the same lines, the District is hosting an awards event at the Doubletree in San Jose on May 31st. The program stars at 6:30 PM and the cost is \$25 per person.

Nick Leon from Los Altos brought us up to date on their sponsorship of a literacy program in India. Ten different sites are to taught daily reading and writing. The grant has been approved and the Palo Alto Rotary Club is a partner to this project because of the club's contribution of over \$1000. The India club has presented us a symbolic owl, which represents wisdom and a vote of thanks.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

29 May - DARK (Memorial Day)

5 June: Police Chief Lynne Johnson, whose talk is entitled "Crime in Palo Alto". Chief Johnson will focus on recent crime trends in Palo Alto, but she will also provide a historical perspective on crime in our city.

12 June: WALT HAYS and GEOFF ZIMAN, whose talk is entitled "Water Harvesting in India: A Rotary Visit to an Inspiring Project."



DREW CORRADINI

I am a Vice President and Private Banker with The Citigroup Private Bank in Palo Alto, CA. Originally from Miami, Florida, I joined the Palo Alto team in August of 2000 and have been providing tailored financial advice and managing financial needs for clients with respect to asset management, structured credit, trust and estate planning, exposure management, banking, and home financing ever since.

Prior to joining the Palo Alto team, I was an Operations Manager with The Citigroup Private Bank in New York, NY where I also successfully completed The Citigroup Private Bank's Management Associate Executive Training Program.

I am a graduate of The University of Pennsylvania where I earned All-Ivy-League distinction as a centerfielder on the varsity baseball team. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Community School of Music and Art in Mountain View, the Professional Advisory Council of the San Francisco Ballet and am actively involved in the local community. In my spare time I enjoy reading, surfing, playing the guitar and hiking with my wife Brooke.



YORIKO KISHIMOTO

My family's move to the United States is at least partly thanks to Rotary International. My grandfather was a proud Rotarian in Japan. My father who was completing a post-doctoral program was introduced to a sponsoring professor here. One thing led to the next, and my parents moved our family from Japan to the United States! As a first generation American, I am doubly proud to be elected to represent the people of Palo Alto on the City Council, this year as Vice Mayor. I began my schooling

in Michigan not speaking a word of English, and went on to college at Wesleyan University and MBA program at Stanford University.

My professional life includes 20 years of running my own US-Japan business consulting firm and co-authoring an internationally published book (The Third Century: America's Resurgence in the Asian Era). I have been married for more than 25 years to my wonderful husband, Lee Collins, who is at Apple Computer. Our two daughters are currently in high school and college. We love traveling, backpacking, and biking.



DANA TOM

I was born and raised in San Francisco, attending the public schools there. In 1979, I attended Stanford, studying for my B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering. Most of my career has been in software development, from engineering to leading teams. At Electronic Arts, I've created videogames. Working in

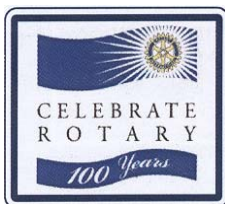
this industry makes it harder for me to tell my sons "You'll never amount to anything if you keep playing those darned v i d e o g a m e s ! "

I moved to Palo Alto in 1998 for its outstanding public schools. Since then I've become more and more involved with children and education. I served on our non-profit preschool's board. At the elementary school, I've been site council co-chair and PTA president. In 2005, I was elected to the school board. Carving out the time for increasing community service was deliberate. by ageement with my wife I work only part time. In my part-time capacity at Electronic Arts, I work in Organizational Development, creating and delivering training focused on improving our organizational effectiveness. My primary hobbies are coaching my sons in sports and playing take (Japanese drums) with a group at the San Mateo Buddhist Temple.



VIC CARRASCO noted that May is Endowment Fund Month. On each table are cards with which you can pledge the amount you are going to contribute to the endowment fund. The goal this year is \$500,000. We ask for 100% participation.

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