



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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IRIS welcomed everyone to the June 5th Rotary meeting. After the Pledge we sang "America the Beautiful" with SKIP HOYT at the piano.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

LIZ KNISS introduced the three guests and at the same time offered to give any political advice to anyone who asked. There were no Rotary member visitors. The guests were Bess Greenstone (Sy Greenstone), Kora Vakil, a vocational scholarship awardee (Joy Cusick) and Gilbert Ang, Cubmaster of the Cub Pack sponsored by this Club (Dick Mansfield).

OPENING REMARKS



JANET WELLS began by asking herself what "Service Above Self" really means to her and what difference it would make in her life. This brought to mind the word "Grace". Which suggested the attributes of charm, good taste, being of good report and generosity of spirit? And, in this regard, the Swan is a revered symbol of transformation. In Our

busy daily lives we can easily ignore grace. She pointed out that it is up to us to connect and be sensitive the feeling of others and put their happiness above that of our own and to help other people. Become more like a swan. However, it is suggested that the swan is not appropriate in a resume.

NEW BLUE BADGERS



IRIS was very pleased to welcome two new members who have gotten themselves really involved in the Rotary Club's activities. They are JANET WELLS AND SHERRI SAGER. Welcome JANET and SHERRI.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB



Tom Gracon would like to join the Presidents Club in honor of his second grandchild born this morning. It is an exciting time for the family.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

19 June: The speaker will be Daniel Sneider, whose talk will be entitled, "Immigration Policy in a Globalized World".

26 June: No Lunch Meeting; Evening gathering at the Palo Alto Women's Club at 6:00 pm for "Debunking Iris."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IRIS brought to our attention that everyone is invited to the Rotary Year End Social. The social will be held on Friday, June 23, 2006, 5:00-7:00 PM. It is a freebee and will be held at the Palo Alto Arts Center, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Included is an exhibit called "Thinking Out Loud" with docents to assist. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with Rotary members, their families and friends, with wine and appetizers. See you there!

TED LARSEN thanked everyone who came to the Feeding the Homeless on Wednesday, May 24th. There were 9 participants including WES GARDNER, RUTH SCHNEIDER, TOM GRACON, JANE BOOKER, SHERRI SAGER, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, and IRIS KOROL. The next Feeding the Homeless will be on June 28th. Be thinking about joining in on this worthwhile service to the community.

DICK FREEMAN announced that the date for the memorial service to be held in Big Basin is now significantly delayed due to many conflicts for the scheduled date in June. There is a possibility that it will be held in September.

IRIS pointed out that there is an Endowment Fund meeting tomorrow at 9:30 in the morning at Sam's place.

As you know, May was Endowment Fund Month. Rotary, being dark on last Monday, may have resulted in some members having missed making the pledge for the Endowment Fund. Pledges are still being accepted. A report on the results will be presented next week.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

DARYL SAVAGE introduced Police Chief Lynn Johnson who focused on recent crime trends in Palo Alto, but she will also provide a historical perspective on crime in our city.



Chief Lynne Johnson began her law enforcement career in 1975 as a police officer in Palo Alto. She was the seventh female officer hired by the Department. During her 31 years with the Department, she has served as a Field Training Officer, Research Analyst, and Watch Commander. She progressed through the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and was the

Department's first female captain and assistant chief, a position she held for twelve years. She was promoted to Police Chief on May 19, 2003.

Chief Johnson stated that she feels that Palo Alto is a safe place to live. However in recent time there has been a spike in major crimes and it is happening all over the city, not in any one area. This is a regional problem and other cities have experienced a similar increase in crime. 50% of the burglaries involved unlocked doors which in a surprise that doors are still left unlocked. The city is using crime suppression teams which seem to have reduced the rate of burglaries in recent weeks. The increase in Auto burglaries have been widely advertised primarily to advise people not to leave items such as laptops visible in rental cars Of concern is the number of armed robberies including those at Stanford. Considerable effort is being expended to make sure that children are safe. When the Chief Johnson asked for the reason for the increase in crime felt that a major contributing factor was the increase in illegal drug prices. An estimated 65% of those arrested are repeat offenders. Chief Johnson closed by again stating that in her opinion Palo Alto is a safe place to live

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OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:1515

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:00

East Palo Alto Bay shore: East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

THURSDAY

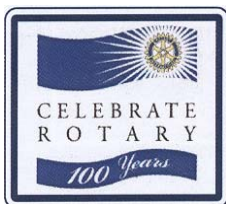
Los Altos: Garden House, Soup Park, Los Altos 12:15

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

San Carlos: Salvatore's Restaurant, San Carlos, 12:15

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