



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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Rotary counts years from July 1 to June 30, and so today's was the last lunch meeting of the 2005-2006 year! Remember: Next Monday, June 26, we'll skip the luncheon and go directly to President IRIS KOROL's gala debunking at The Woman's Club, 475 Homer Avenue in Palo Alto, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. It's \$45 per, and if you haven't signed up you should get in touch with Mike McMahon.

President IRIS called on JACK DORGAN to lead the pledge of allegiance, and then called on all of us to give a standing O for the newly-revived club website, with special thanks to BILL BUSSE, JOYCE CUSICK, ELLEN HARRINGTON, MARK HEYER, BOB McCOWAN, and ART STAUFFER. Watch for periodic password communiqués from BOB! Go to www.rotarypaloalto.org. Looks way professional from here!



VISITORS AND GUESTS

Today's Visiting Rotarians, introduced by STEVE PLAYER: DEAN HOLMAN from Menlo Park, Assistant District Governor DON MacKENZIE from Palo Alto University, and HARRY SPRINGER from Sunnyvale. Rotarians with guests were DARYL SAVAGE (her son JACOB), PAUL LOSCH (his son NATHAN and daughter ADRIENNE), DANA TOM (his wife NANCY KAWAKITA) and ANDY MOSER (his wife ANITA).

OPENING REMARKS



MARTHA KANTER, our chair for Opening Remarks this year, took her own turn at the podium with thoughts on transitions: The inspirational story of Samuel Akau, one of the 3,800 "lost boys" from the Sudan who resettled in America in 2001 and 2002, and who last weekend graduated from Stanford; the retirement of Foothill College president Bernadine

Fong after more than three decades on the job; and our own transition from the year of President IRIS to the upcoming year of President-to-be ART STAUFFER. And President IRIS gave MARTHA her Blue Badge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAL MICKELSON expressed the hope we'd all come to President IRIS's debunking Monday evening. Among the expected guests will be District Governor ARLENE GREENBERG, who has been a frequent visitor this year. Heads up: Social chair NINA MOORE needs three bartenders for the event: Call NINA.

It will be a social weekend: Warming up for the debunking next Monday evening, we'll gather on Friday evening, June 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, hosted by President IRIS.

Rotary Endowment treasurer TODD LEWIS presented the Endowment's annual distribution to Palo Alto Rotary Charities. The amount, based on the Endowment's principal in fiscal 2004-2005, was \$20,500 this year

DAN QUINN called on us to help feed the homeless, under the auspices of Urban Ministry, at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. (or a little later, to help with cleanup, if you can manage it).

President IRIS announced two pending awards to our club: A District 5170 Literacy Award (for our projects in East Palo Alto schools, NOT for our own improved reading skills) and a Rotary International President's Citation for our good works. And we have been nominated for a national philanthropy award to be announced on November 17. If you have been placing Service AboveSelf, takebow!

President IRIS also announced a roast for District Governor ARLENE, on Thursday, July 6, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Saratoga Springs Resort. See the District 5170 website for details.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

A last-minute rush of President's Club donors carried us over Palo Alto Rotary Charities' President's Club budget forecast for the first time in several years.



MARCIE COX donated \$50 to complete her membership for this year, \$100 to be the first donor in President-to-be ART's year, and \$300 to the Rotary Endowment, all in honor of members of her family.



BILL KIRK honored his grandson's graduation.



NANCY PETERS honored a new granddaughter.



BILL BETHKE honored his golden wedding anniversary on June 16 and his recent trip to Australia (his seventh continent!) and New Zealand.



RALPH ADAMS joined "because time is running out, and this is an impressive group!"



And President's Club collector LOU KAVANAU saluted the return of his grandson from Barcelona.

PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Iris Korol. PRESIDENT-ELECT: Art Stauffer. PAST-PRESIDENT: Pam Brandin. DIRECTORS: Cyrille Betant, Trish Bubenik, Mike Couch, Marcie Cox, Hersh Davis, and Ellen Harrington. TREASURER: Dick Mansfield. SECRETARIES: Dick Freeman, Julie Jerome, Bob McCowan. CLUB RECORDS: Joyce Cusick, parotaryrecords@aol.com. WEB SITE: www.rotarypaloalto.org/,

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Capping a year of excellent programs, journalist DANIEL SCHNEIDER gave a thought-provoking talk which he titled "Immigration Policy in a Globalized World." His primary message was that although American immigration policy is a front-burner topic in this country right now, we would do well to recognize that this is in fact a global

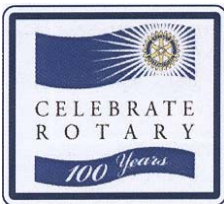
issue, and that the various plans being mooted in this country have been done or tried elsewhere: We could, in short, benefit by studying experiences elsewhere in the global community. He briefly described and critiqued the legislative proposals now pending in Congress. DARYL SAVAGE introduced the speaker.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

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