



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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Greeter: Pam Brandon, Cashier: Monica Devincenzi
Perspiration bespangling his brow (and other parts of his anatomy)
President ART, debonair in open-collared shirt without tie, called
his fellow Rotarians to order (or some semblance thereof) at 12:15.
Audrey Jacob lead the pledge of allegiance without benefit of
notes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RALPH ADAMS, KEVIN CURRY, GEORGE FITZGERALD,
ART GLEIM, HIG HIGGINS, SKIP HOYT, MIKE McMAHON,
JANET WELLS AND GEOFF ZIMAN, a notorious Rotarian
nonette, were recognized for celebrating birthdays during the
month. President ART, however, showed disappointing inatten-
tion to the rudiments of our club and failed to fine a one of ‘em.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

DENNIS McGINN introduced visiting Rotarians, foremost
among them Harry Springer from Sunnyvale. Guests included
GEOFF ZIMAN’S son Philip, Skip Hoyt’s friend Rob, and IS-
RAEL ZEHAVI’S friend Kirill Boulatov.

OPENING REMARKS



SY GREENSTONE’S opening re-
marks reflected on “Democracy.”
His provocative quotes included
the observation the democracy is
“more than two wolves and a sheep
voting on what to have for dinner.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAVE PRICE described “The
San Francisco Daily,” his attempt
to take his place along side Jack
Kerouac, Ambrose Bierce, Will-
iam Randolph Hearst and other
notorious chroniclers of what in a
different time was called,
“Baghdad by the Bay.”

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



July 31 - MAYOR JUDY
KLEINBERG on “The State of
the City”



GEORGE
FITZGERALD
a n d
ANNETTE
GLANCKOPF
informed the
terpsichorially
disposed to
reserve Octo-
ber 22nd for a

fabulous dinner-dance at Ming’s and to gather at 11am, prior
to next week’s meeting, for a short planning session.

MIKE COUCH announced plans for an international hands-
on project in Oaxaca, Mexico next June. Oaxaca is a long-
time Sister City of Palo Alto, and MIKE is planning a very
special trip with Palo Alto’s Neighbors Abroad organization.

PRESIDENT’S CLUB



SKIP joined the President’s
Club in appreciation of the
fabulous service of seven din-
ner appetizers provided in his
home by GLANCKOPF,
HARRINGTON, BETANT,
BEECHAM, DIAMOND,
SCHNEIDER and EMSLIE.



TRISH BUBENIK also joined
in appreciation of the many
community volunteers
serving Red Cross this year under
the leadership of the
Z I M A N ’ S .



And, WEBSTER called attention to the superb work of his colleague, TODD LEWIS. TODD manages the Palo Alto Nationals baseball team, a group of dedicated 11-year-olds who have won their district championship and are now playing in the finals of the Bay sectionals.

PALO ALTO ROTARY

PRESIDENT: Art Stauffer. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Rob Lancefield. **PAST-PRESIDENT:** Iris Korol.
DIRECTORS: Cyrille Betant, Trish Bubenik, Mike Couch, Hersh Davis, Wayne Thomas, and Sherri Sager.
CLUB TREASURER: Mike McMahon. **ANNUAL CHARITIES TREASURER:** Rob Lancefield. **SECRETARIES:** Ruth Schneider. Bob McCowan. Janet Wells.
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TODAY'S SPEAKER



CARL KING introduced Bruce Beron who spoke on the "Art and Science of Decision Making and Risk Analysis." Bruce described the elements that make decision-making difficult: Uncertainty (or Risk), Complexity and Values. He indicated that there is usually too much focus on risk because bad outcomes are clearly bad, while upsides are rarely well defined.

With BEECHAM as his guinea pig, Bruce offered a \$50 payoff for a \$15 wager on heads versus tails. BERN, and, after a thorough analysis of the alternatives, chose "tails", and pocketed the \$50 just as if he actually knew what he was doing!

OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15

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

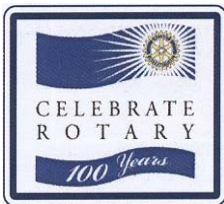
FRIDAY

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

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Next week continuing the theme of decision-making in an environment of risk and uncertainty, Mayor JUDY KLEINBERG will be the speaker. (Another meeting likely to cause some perspiration!)



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