



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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A FITTING TRIBUTE

ANDY MOSER 1923-2006



President Art led us in a fitting tribute to a great “globalist” and dedicated Rotarian. Andy passed away this last weekend and will be sorely missed by Anita and the family, along with Rotary, our Ambassadorial Scholars Program, the American Red Cross and the other non-profit organizations Andy so willingly supported. The service will be Tuesday

April 15th at 1 pm in the Congregation Beth Am

Art also informed us of the recent passing of NORN OKNER. Norm had been a member of the Club for some 25 years, moving to Palm Springs in 2001. (Look for more information in a future e-mail message.)

INTRODUCTIONS...

were ably handled by our illustrious, inspirational & inimitable keyboardist, SKIPPER HOYT...to wit:

One visiting Rotarian; Mary Armstrong, and her husband, Monte, all the way from Mandang, Papua, New Guinea.

Also intro-ed were the following Guests of Rotarians; LE LEVY...Peter Hart and Attorney Jack Adler BOB McCOWAN...a classmate of his father’s and a longtime friend, Grant Bennion, JUDITH STEINER...Judy Shea, a friend from Massachusetts

OPENING REMARKS



OPENING REMARKS by DICK FREEMAN consisted of laudable quotes from a graduation talk given by Bill Gates. It included a great deal of good advice concluding with “*Be nice to nerds. Chances are you’ll be working for one someday!*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer MIKE McMAHON reported that some 110 members have anted up their **annual dues** thus far, with 35 waiting until closer to the deadline of August 24th. No doubt these financially astute Rotarians savor reaping the added interest their money bears if they keep it in the bank as long as possible. You too can retire wealthy!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

21 August: Claudia Coleman “A partnership to make a difference: The founding and progress of the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities”

28 August: DG Russ Hobbs “Governor’s State of the District Talk”

PREZ ART thanked CALEB BOWMAN for ably handling the money table, IRIS KOROL for ably welcoming the amazing assemblage of assorted and appreciative attendees and BILL BUSSE for willingly writing this newest newsletter.

Social Guru NINA MOORE suggested that we all mark our calendars for September 17th. In addition to marking our calendars, she would like us to attend the **social gathering** at ART & PEGGY STAUFFER’s home from 3:30 to 5:30. Seems only right!

And lastly IPP IRIS announced that she has commitments from 23 members to become **double Paul Harris sustainers**, which translated means contributing \$200 each to the Rotary Foundation. Her unbridled enthusiasm turned into unbridled elation when five more of the faithful agreed to pony up double century notes. She allowed as how our new **District Governor RUSS HOBBS** would also be “unbridledly” enthused and elated when he visits the Club on August 28th. Following her impassioned pitch Chairperson IRIS blithely proclaimed she would not be attending the meeting! Feels like some variation on “bait and switch.” A grand cause, in any event!

AND THE WEB SITE...



BILL BUSSE, with able assistance from LYLE Connell, presented a 10-minute overview of **our newly renovated WEB SITE**. We were all amazed by the variety and magnitude on information contained therein. Thanks to past member ELLEN “*I’m now a Santa Rosa Rotarian*” HARRINGTON, BOB McCOWAN, MARK HEYER, LYLE

CONNELL and BILL BUSSE for a fabulous job. Browse <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/> and see for yourself. You’ll find everything except SAM WEBSTER’s bank account, which at last report had been zeroed out. If you have not received your password contact BOB McCOWAN!

TODAY'S SPEAKER



NATASHA FRENCH introduced our speaker, Jack Rakove. Jack is a Professor of History, American Studies and Political Science at Stanford University, and has received a Pulitzer Prize.

Prof. Rakove began his remarks with a Chinese saying, “*May you live in interesting times!*” He wryly added, “*We may be living in interesting times for the foreseeable future.*”

His talk, “*President and Commander? Constitutional Myth, Political Reality,*” was a discussion of the Bush administration and its impact on presidential powers. Prof. Rakove made the following points:

Using 9/11 as a springboard this administration claimed it could do anything it wanted to do under the banner of fighting the “war on terrorism.”

We need to maintain as much of the Constitution as is possible under the new reality.

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution is unequivocal in vesting national security powers with Congress.

The Supreme Court’s recent rulings that detainees must be afforded the protection of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that we abide by the Geneva Conventions have been important constitutional decisions.

Congress has an obligation to weigh in and provide a balanced stance. Jack concluded by sharing his sense of hope that Congress will, in fact, step up to the plate.

Another excellent program. Our special thanks to Program Committee Co-Chairs WAYNE THOMAS & DARYL SAVAGE!

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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

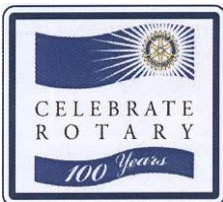
THURSDAY

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 of El Camino Real. 12:15



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