



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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PRESIDENT ART invited KAREN SINGER to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS AND GUESTS

MARK HEYER was MC. Rotarians with guests included MARGO MANLEY (wife of today's speaker JUDGE STEVE MANLEY - introduced by TOM GRACON), BESS GREENSTONE (introduced by SY GREENSTONE) and MARAT VOLMAN (guest of STEVE ELMSLIE). Visiting Rotarians included BEN STOLPA (San Carlos), JIM BURLAND (Campbell) and HARRY SPRINGER (Sunnyvale).

OPENING REMARKS



CYRILLE BETANT reminded us that Rotary provides us opportunities to share in activities of ethical and moral values in an ever increasingly complex world.

HONORS



PRESIDENT ART honored WAYNE THOMAS for his extensive work on behalf of Rotary as he is moving away to pursue a new career in real estate development. We all wish him well!

DISTRICT GIFT AUCTION

STEVE PLAYER successfully auctioned the District Governors gift from Tasmania to RALPH ADAMS. STEVE also reminded us to put the Big Game exchange meeting with Berkeley on our calendars for November 27th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS NEXT

BOB SMITHWICK and SHERRI SAGER invite your participation in the WE CARE COMMITTEE activities.

CARL KING has a few openings for the Thursday Vocational Tour of Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

TOM GRACON invited us to participate in a unique opportunity to serve as a local mentor for the English in Action program at Stanford, a social and conversational program with international students.

DICK FREEMAN paid for the following advertisement:
HELP ROTARY. HELP YOURSELF. RESTAURANT OR GROCERY. SAVE YOUR PELF. AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FOR EVERY GAL AND GUY. SEE DICK FREEMAN WHEN YOU'RE READY TO BUY

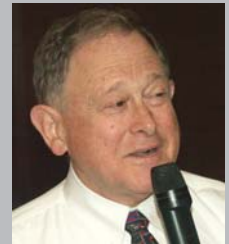
SY GREENSTONE invited us to join in feeding the homeless at the Urban Ministry on Wednesday, October 11th.

LYLE CONNELL asked for recruits to join the prestigious group of Pinion writers. Very strenuous prerequisite - just say 'yes

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

A group of generous Rotarians stepped forward to celebrate:

LE LEVY - he enjoyed great tickets at the new, but still enormous, Stanford Stadium



LEANNAH HUNT - being named President of the Board of Realtors



BILL FOGARTY - a golf weekend, being invited to his son's bachelor party and RETIREMENT



BILL BUSSE - his 61st High School Reunion, his 34th Navy reunion and his daughter's wedding

DAVID NEGRIN - finally earning release from probation by celebrating 60 years of marriage



TODAY'S PROGRAM

TOM GRACON introduced his friend and neighbor, Judge Steve Manley. His talk was titled: Collaborative Justice; A New Approach in the Courts and Its Results: A review of how the post-Prop. 36 courts are handling cases involving Drugs, Mental Health, and Juvenile and Child Dependency.

Introduction to Proposition 36: "The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, also known as Proposition 36, was passed by 61% of California voters on November 7, 2000. This vote permanently changed state law to allow first and second time nonviolent, simple drug possession offenders the opportunity to receive substance



abuse treatment instead of incarceration. Proposition 36 went into effect on July 1, 2001, with \$120 million for treatment services allocated annually for five years. Over 35,000 Californians enter treatment each year through Prop 36. By July 2006, when initial funding for the program will run out, over 150,000 people will have benefited from Prop 36 treatment and California taxpayers will have saved an estimated \$1.5 billion. Source: <http://www.prop36.org/about.html>

Judge Manley delivered a passionate message about the benefits of collaborative courts and justice where all interested parties work together to provide treatment instead of prison terms. Substance abuse is the leading cause of incarceration. Two of three prisoners end up back in jail within one year of release. Judge Manley has been on the bench for over 30 years. His work is widely praised.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

October 19th – the District Avenue of Service meetings

November 19th – Area 10 Party

December 6th – Holiday Party

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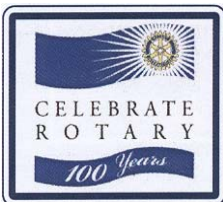
2 October: Joe McNamara, Health Care: Collateral Damage in the Drug War

The domestic war against drugs has spread to include the health care community, and jeopardizes doctor-patient relationships. This will be a discussion of the unintended consequences of U.S. drug policy.

OCTOBER 2ND IS YOM KIPPUR, THE HOLY DAY OF ATONEMENT FOR OUR JEWISH MEMBERS. WE REGRET THIS SCHEDULING CONFLICT AND RESPECT THE FACT THAT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE TODAY.

9 October: Sinunu/Carr, District Attorney Debate

16 October: Our own Gloria Hom/Liz Kniss, Review of State Propositions



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