



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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## A TIME TO CELEBRATE, ATONE & FAST...YOM KIPPUR & RAMADAN

**President ART graciously excused from attendance** Club members who were recognizing these important religious days. He appropriately obtained prior atonement from Rabbi SID AKSELRAD for those attending today's meeting when they shouldn't be, or something like that. Smart move Prez!

**STEVE PLAYER** stepped up to lead the assembled throng in "The Pledge."

NEXT IN THE PARADE OF SUPER STARS was our illustrious "longtime past" High Potentate **JOHN O'KEEFE**.

### VISITORS AND GUESTS

#### First **JOHN** introduced **VISITING ROTARIANS**:

From Sweden and at Stanford for seven months, **ULF SANMARK**...from the San Francisco Club, **MELISSA GALLIANI** and **ANDI VALO-ESPINA**...and from Fremont Sunrise, **KELLY MORAVIU**.

#### Followed by **GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**:

Patricia Burbank and Michael Kilgore...**STEVE PLAYER**, Steve Heitel...**STEVE EMSLIE**, Jacob Savage...Mom, **DARYL SAVAGE**, Maya Collins...**YORIKO KISHIMOTO** Plus Jesslyn Morrison & Paul Clark from SC

### "HELP US REMEMBER"



Opening Remarks by **GEORGE NEWTON**

.**GEORGE** shared thoughts reminding us to be slow in judging others...noting that we may well be inaccurate in our perception of reality. "The young lady who cut you off on the freeway could be a single mom hurrying home to take care of

her child in need." In short, "Lord, help us open our hearts so that we are quick to forgive." Thanks, George, for reminding us "**we all have been given the gift of love!**"

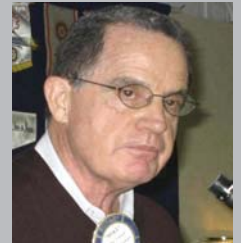
### ANNOUNCEMENTS GALORE

**CARL KING** thanked **SHERRI SAGER** for arranging the Vocational Visit to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Eleven members took what President ART reported was a "terrific trip!"

**DENNIS MCGINN** invited one and all to participate in "**Feeding the Homeless**" Wednesday, October 11th.

**OCTOBER 26th** is **YMCA RED TRIANGLE DAY** (Known by Steve Player as Tall Tree Day)

If you haven't already made a reservation for the banquet honoring super "Y" volunteer **MIKE COUCH**, contact **STEVE PLAYER** or **PAM BRANDIN** for invitations.



Replacing **WAYNE** "I'm now a developer in Medford" **THOMAS** on the **Board of Directors** is **RALPH** "I know I was the high bidder on the District Gov's gift, but I didn't know this was included!" **ADAMS**

**HANDS ON!** **HERSH** has lined up a project for October 28th. We'll be adding a coat of paint to **TRISH BUBENIK'S** American Red Cross Building.

Prez ART, past prez WALT and prez elect ROB have room for a few more carmates as they journey to the **District Conference** in Hayward October 19th.

### NEW PRESIDENT'S CLUB MEMBERS

Our illustrious and always jocular "potentate of revenue enhancement" stepped to the plate himself and laid down a PC century note. **HAL MICKELSON** of HP legal fame joined in honor of his boss who resigned as a VP of HP. "A great lady and an unnecessary loss, as future facts will attest."



**JOHN KIDD** achieved the age considered an "old folk" when he was a lad...that is the **BIG SEVEN OH!** He and Phyllis, his bride of 48 years celebrated weddings and birthdays by parasailing in Maui. Luck for the Club they had a left over \$100 bill!



**NANCY PETERS** celebrated her return to Rotary having a "no longer broken" ankle. She was also elated to be associated with a group that received major funding from both Rotary and the Gates Foundation. Kings County will finally be on the map when their study of all resident adolescents is completed. Stay tuned!



LIZ “of unintended consequences fame” KNISS contributed the big bucks LE LEVY paid her for tickets to the opening of “Arrillaga” Football Stadium plus 100 semolians for her fourth

**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. **ENDOWMENT FUND:** Vic Rosasco. **ENDOWMENT FUND TREASURER:** Todd Lewis. **SECRETARIES:** Ruth Schneider. Bob McCowan. Janet Wells. **CLUB RECORDS:** Joy Cusick, [PARotaryRecords@aol.com](mailto:PARotaryRecords@aol.com). **WEB SITE:** [www.rotarypaloalto.org](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org).

**A WAR ON WHO?**

Our speaker, **JOE McNAMARA**, opened with an “unintended consequences” story that went something like this. An illegally parked gentleman was being given a ticket and every time he said something



brash to the policeman was given yet another ticket. A little later an observer asked why the strange behavior?...”Simple” answered the ticket junkie...”**M Y car’s around the c o r n e r ! ”**

We were treated to yet another eye opening program. Dr. McNamara, who has credentials that won’t quit...Harvard...San Jose police chief for 25 years...a novelist...a fellow at the Hoover Institute, etc., shared examples of the DEA’s legal abuse of high profile physicians who prescribe drugs for patients suffering severe chronic pain. We were left asking ourselves if this was a normal bureaucratic malady. The “unintended consequences” of this governmental abuse arose from the Anti-Opium Law of 1914 that turned a social and medical problem into a heinous crime. The answer to the question in the title is that “**it is a war on doctors**”.

**OCTOBER PROGRAMS**

**9 October: Sinunu/Carr, District Attorney Debate**

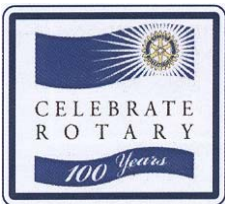
**16 October: Our own Gloria Hom/Liz Kniss, Review of State Propositions**

**23 October: Krishnan Chari, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the various projects that it supports around the world, such as Polio Plus.**

**30 October: Chuck Harwood, author of “Just Do Your Best” A concise complete guide to on-the-job success**

”Thanks to **CARL KING** for ably introducing Joe, and probably lining up the program!”

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