



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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VISITORS AND GUESTS

DAVID NEGRIN welcomed the following guests:
Visiting Rotarians: Harry Springer from Sunnyvale, Irwin Cohen from Half Moon Bay.

Rotarians with guests: WALT HAYS introduced his wife Kay, NINA MOORE introduced Hillary Jones from Merrill Lynch, SHERRI SAGER introduced Ken Carpi, a Washington lobbyist for the Packard Hospital, BOB SMITHWICK introduced Jim Abraham from Los Altos Hills.

OPENING REMARKS



WALT HAYS reminded us of Rotary's many World Community Service accomplishments. Since Rotary is independent of political and government boundaries, we need to reach out as much as possible to those in need

ROTARY FOUNDATION



IRIS KOROL announced Palo Alto Rotary Foundation had reached the goal of \$17,500 in contributions. Contributions are still welcome and encouraged. Art suggested we stretch a bit more to pass last year's \$21,200 achievement. Why not?

NEW MEMBER



MIKE COUCH proudly re-introduced STEVE HEITEL, CEO of Mid-Peninsula Bank. Art warmly welcomed Steve as a Rotarian previously a member of the Concord and San Jose Rotary Clubs.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

November 13. Larry Gerston, Ph.D. Election Follow-up. Professor Gerston will speak on what the results of the November 6th election mean (to Californians in general and to the proponents and opponents of the propositions). Professor Gerston focuses on the public policy process at the national and state levels. His **Public Policy Making in a Democratic Society: A Guide to Civic Engagement (2002)** has been heralded as a breakthrough in forging "hands on" citizen/ service learning partnerships.

November 20. Sven Strohband, Winning the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge

November 27. Big Game Exchange with Berkeley Rotary - Sportswriter Ron Fimrite will be the featured speaker.

ANNOUNCING

NINA MOORE reminded us of the Nov 19 District 5170 Fellowship and Dinner. The Gilbert and Sullivan play, "The Sorcerer", starts at 2:30 at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on the Stanford campus followed by a 5:30 dinner at Lucie Stern Community Center. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

DICK FREEMAN has lots of Entertainment books to sell with bargains of interest to everyone. Get a few for Holiday gifts!

DAN QUINN passed out a sign up for the upcoming Feed the Homeless event on Wed. Nov 15.

TRISH BUBENIK thanked everyone who helped renew the Red Cross Building saying her staff still can't believe the change. Check <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/> for details and pictures of the hard workers.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB



RALPH ADAMS joined the President's Club in honor of his recent visit to West Point Academy which is "doing very well".

TODAY'S PROGRAM



WALT HAYS introduced Stuart Conway from Trees, Water, and People; and Sasha Kramer from SOIL, Sustainable, Organic Integrated Livelihoods. Both organizations have received Rotary support funding for their amazing and productive work in Honduras and Haiti.

Stuart showed us how fuel efficient cooking stoves accomplish great things by using far less wood thus saving rain forests, reducing pollution, and respiratory diseases; and over all, improve living conditions in Honduras.

Sasha provided great slides and details on how composting toilets can be constructed and used to improve sanitation and water quality in Haiti.



Q: Isn't population control the real problem?

A: Yes, but when families have sustainable income, education, and health, birth rates go down.

Q: Are metal stoves better?

A: Yes. They're more portable, but more expensive than ceramic/tile stoves.

Q: Any opposition from Government?

A: No. Stuart's organization works independently with users.

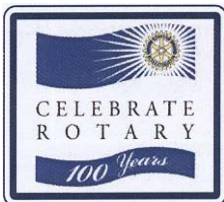
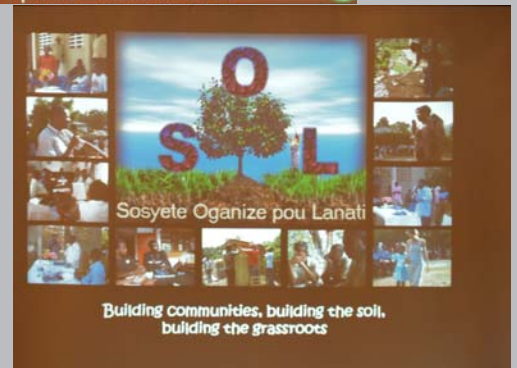
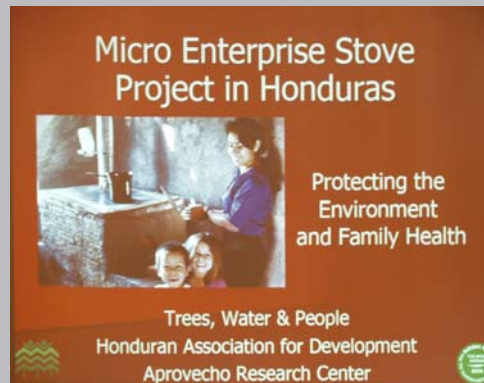
Q: What about solar cooking instead of wood?

A: Too big a cultural change. People won't use them, despite the benefits

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