



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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OPENERS

PREZ ART offered a moving tribute to long time Rotarian RABBI SID AKSELRAD who passed away last Tuesday, November 14. RABBI SID was an inspiration who helped lead the civil rights march in Selma, AL, raised opposition to McCarthyism and many other forms of human denigration. He was a true Rotarian who served our club for forty-two years and epitomized the true spirit of the 4-Way Test. We will miss his presence but we'll continue to value his teachings. A moment of silence was observed in his memory at the conclusion of PREZ ART's remarks.

PREZ ART then called on BERN BEECHAM to lead us in the pledge. BRIAN STEEN, accompanied by SKIP HOYT, led us all in LE LEVY's spirited rendition of "We're Gathered Together".

OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were delivered by BETSY BECHTEL who reminded us of our good fortune in having known RABBI SID and in appreciating our good fortune in celebrating Thanksgiving this week

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by KAREN SINGER. Visiting Rotarians were former member DICK CARLSON (Tucson club) and HARRY SPRINGER (Sunnyvale club). Guests were STEVE HALPERIN, KELLY MORARIU, TERRY TERRASS, and MARIE FOX ELLISON. A warm welcome was extended to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NINA MOORE reminded us of the upcoming holiday event on Wednesday, December 6 from 6 to 9 PM at the home of LIZ KNISS

JANET WELLS informed us of our selection as a Distinguished Club for our participation in District activities. Unfortunately, IRIS KOROL, our representative at the event, could not attend. But PREZ ART subbed for her by modestly wearing her name tag and corsage.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 27: Annual pre-BIG GAME get together with visitors from the BERKELEY ROTARY CLUB.

December 4: New Members Talks by Kevin Curry, Richard Delaney and Len Ely.

December 11: Bern Beecham will talk on the issues of the \$4 Billion Hetch Hetchy Water Project.

DAN QUINN recognized and thanked members at last Wednesday's Feed-the-Homeless event and reminded us to participate in the last one for this year, significantly between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

JUDY KLEINBERG invited club members to donate much needed blood at one of three locations in the PA area.

STEVE PLAYER acknowledged that we'd probably leave some on the field at the



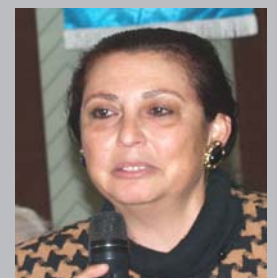
PRESIDENT'S CLUB



NICK NICHOLS joined the President's Club in honor of some significant family achievements

N I N A MOORE was designated one of 200 top Realtors

across the nation in the Wall Street Journal. She celebrated by offering a donation in honor of RABBI SID's memory and by joining the President's Club.

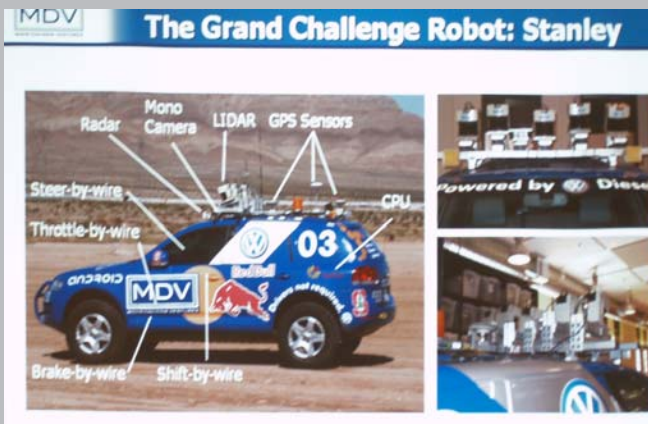


THE DARPA GRAND CHALLENGE



ARNE STOSCHEK introduced today's speaker SVEN STROHBAND who described an exciting, new automotive engineering advances in which he played a key role. The DARPA Grand Challenge is a completely automated vehicle capable of mapping and traveling to its destination and along the way, avoiding obstacles like rocks, other vehicles, or going off the road.

SVEN as a participating mechanical engineer described the car's unique characteristics and the progress made since the first racing event in which none of the cars finished the 132 mile course - some traveling only eight miles. In the 2005 event, all of the five entrants completed the course. A fascinating talk; too bad SVEN didn't have an order book handy. For more information about advances planned in the technology, visit their Website at www.stanford.racing.org.



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OTHER ROTARY

TUESDAY

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

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 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

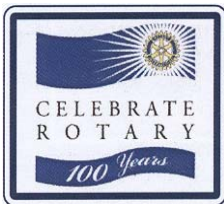
THURSDAY

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 Street, San Carlos 12:15



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