



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



January 22, 2007

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President ART STAUFFER called the meeting to order at 12:15 by asking HERSH DAVIS to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## OUR VISITORS

BOB McCOWAN warmly welcomed guests as follows:

**Visiting Rotarians:** Harry Springer, Optometrist Sunnyvale. William Phillips, Banker, PA University Club.

**Rotarians with Guests:** WALT HAYS/ Will Snow, BRUCE SWENSON/Barbara Swenson

DICK FREEMAN/ Dick McCowan, STEVE EMSLIE/ Scott Glissmeyer, TRISH BUBENIK/John O'Hara, NANCY PETERS/ Carol Crewsdon. DAVE SMULLIN/Ian Jacobsen, BOB McCOWAN/Vera Kallmeyer

## "I STILL MUST HAVE HOPE"



were provided by MARY FRANCIS CALLAN, who picked this very appropriate quote of optimism from Vincent Van Gogh, "Many people seem to think it foolish, even superstitious, to believe that the world could still change for the better. And it is true that in winter it is sometimes so biting cold that one is tempted to say, 'What do I care if there is a summer; its warmth is no help to me

now.' Yes, evil often seems to surpass good. But then, in spite of us, and without our permission, there comes at last an end to the bitter frosts. One morning the wind turns, and there is a thaw. And so I must still have hope." MARY FRANCIS concluded saying that Rotary is a group that brings that hope.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

ART also announced a President's Club contribution from PAUL JENE in celebration of his new daughter, and his new position with Genentech.



D U A N E KALAR also joined in honor of his nephew who will be playing in the Miami Superbowl with the Colts, and with Duane in the stands.

## UPCOMING

**January 29: Michael Zielenziger ~ Benchmarking the Prospects for Japan in 2007.**

**February 5: Professor James L. Sweeney - Energy Efficiency**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAM WEBSTER announced greetings from Ed Schleh, a former PA Rotarian.

DENNIS MCGINN reminded everyone of our obligation with Urban Ministries to help feed the homeless, the next opportunity coming up on January 24, at 3:15 PM.

IRIS KOROL showed a bottle of Rothschild wine, which is one of many great auction items to purchase at our fundraiser, *A GALAXY OF STARS*, coming up on March 24.



DAN QUINN brought his trusty camera, offering to take members photos for the Rotary Website, adding that some folks could benefit from a new image.

## NEW MEMBER

BOB SMITHWICK introduced "old friend" and new Rotarian ROB LYMAN, a financial planner, who was welcomed by PRESIDENT ART STAUFFER as our 145th member.



## PAKINSTAN'S "WILD WEST"



CASH ALAEE introduced his friend Imtiaz Ali as our speaker for the day. Imtiaz was born in Mardan, Pakistan and earned a bachelor degree in law and a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Peshawar in Pakistan. He works for the BBC, and writes for various international newspapers.

Imtiaz gave us a first hand account of growing up and living in Pakistan's "Wild West". He focused on world events and Pakistan since 9/11, giving examples of increasing Taliban influence and terror in Pakistan, despite the efforts of Pakistan troops, partially funded by the US. He articulately and frankly presented a situation of danger and chaos..

Q: What about Pakistan and India relations?

A: Difficult issues of military and intelligence service. Kashmir is really the problem.

Q: Is Pakistan still involved in drug and opium trading?

A. Lessening, but still a problem.

Q. Are US \$\$ going to the drug trade?

A. No, US funding is wasted on Pakistan bureaucrats. There's no government check and balances in Pakistan.

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## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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

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

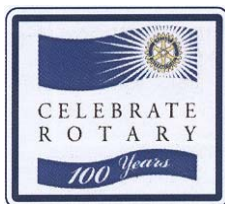
### THURSDAY

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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