



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

El Presidente ARTURO, satisfactorily sartorial, called upon LEONARD ELY to lead the pledge of allegiance. In observance of Abraham Lincoln's 198th birthday, SKIP HOYT lead two choruses of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, written by Julia Ward Howe (and the unofficial anthem of the [Republican Party](#)).

WHO'S VISITING

BRIAN STEEN called upon a motley rabble of members to introduce their guests. DICK MANSFIELD presented his wife Ellie as well as Marnie Regen, long-distance runner and valued staff member of the Sempervirens Fund. DAN QUINN's guest was his son Jameson, a teacher in Guatemala City. SY GREENSTONE, still married after all these years, introduced his wife, "Bessica." And, SKIP HOYT introduced his neighbor and personal auditor from the Franchise Tax Board, Forrest Pendleton.



Former P.A. Rotarian ELLEN HARRINGTON, now of the Santa Rosa Club, and SCOTT GLISSMEYER, P.A. University Club, were warmly welcomed.

ON VALENTINES DAY



MONICA DEVINCENZI broadened our understanding of Valentine's Day by informing us of its both Christian and Roman antecedents, and reminding us that one billion Valentine cards are sent, ranking the day second only to Christmas, certainly a hallmark.

QUEST FOR LIGHT

We're dark next week. Next meeting: Feb. 26th.

UPCOMING

February 26: Patricia Mercado Sánchez - Mexico, with a new government – the current situation in Mexico and the polarization of the country after the last Presidential election

March 5: New Member Talks: Rob Lyman, Steve Madsen, and Kelly Morariu

ANNOUNCEMENTS



IRIS KOROL and RACHEL MEYER called on everyone to save March 24th for the fabulous "Galaxy of Stars" fundraiser at the Sharon Heights Country Club. Passing out terrific invitations designed by Ellie Mansfield and printed by MARC DICKOW, IRIS reminded us that the evening was to honor recipients of our community service grants, to whom the funds raised will go. This year they include Friends of P.A. Parks, P.A. Children's Theatre, P.A. Housing Corp., E.P.A. Kids Foundation, Cleo Eulau Center, and Adolescent Counseling Services.



LE LEVY narrated a superb ART STAUFFER and BILL BUSSE photographic presentation of our hands-on project last week in the Yucatan Peninsula. Nine members journeyed to Merida to help with the children's literacy project supported by our Club. Featured in a Rotarian version of "This Old House," were painters DAVE and Sharon SMULLIN, touch-up experts RACHEL and Devan MEYER, electrician WALT HAYS, dirt gardener Judy Huey, and plumbing (almost) professional MIKE COUCH.

NEW MEMBER



STEVE EMSLIE AND PRESIDENT ART inducted VERA KALLMEYER into membership. A member of the Stanford Medical faculty and possessor of a Stanford MBA, Vera works with a healthcare start-up. We welcome her into this eighty-five year old organization which has done, and continues to do, so much for our community and other communities around the world.

THE SEARCH FOR INTELLIGENCE



CARL KING, himself no dummy, introduced the speaker, Dr. Seth Shostak, Senior Astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View. SETI, an acronym for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, uses telescopic techniques to search for narrow band electromagnetic transmissions from space. With a BA in Physics, a PhD in Astronomy from Cal Tech, and a

superb way with words, Shostak is Editor of SETI's quarterly magazine "The Explorer. By the end of this generation, SETI astronomers will have searched millions of galaxies for signs of life. Although no signs have yet been found, Shostak is optimistic. "To assume that we've learned all there is to know about our universe, would be a stance that is contrary to the spirit of explorers and scientists alike. We might yearn, or even need to believe that we are special, but to conclude that Homo sapiens are the best the cosmos has to offer is egregious self-adulation."

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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

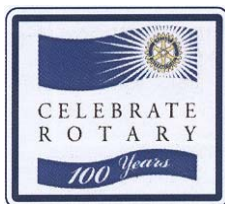
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

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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