



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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The Official Greeter (Emeritus) for today's meeting was IRIS KOROL

## "SAN FRANCISCO VALUES"



Opening remarks were offered by JUDITH STEINER who challenged us to define "San Francisco Values." We were all over the map from ultraliberal by NANCY, to gay, lesbian, to Republican Conservative, to faith, hope and love, etc., etc., etc. JUDITH concluded that, as we all know, it was all of these qualities ground up in a blender.

## WHO'S VISITING

Visitors and guests (hosts) were introduced by AUDREY JACOB.

Our visiting Rotarians were SERGIO MORARIU (Fremont Sunrise) and TODD FLESNORE (Milpitas).

Our one guest was OMER SALEM (ISRAEL ZEHAVI). A warm welcome was extended to all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACHEL MEYER and IRIS KOROL reminded us of the Galaxy of Stars event, our primary fundraising event to take place on March 24. An added feature will be a special drawing featuring an ISRAEL ZEHAVI diamond as the top prize. Get your tickets before it's too late!!



DAN QUINN thanked the participants in last Wednesday's Feed the Homeless event. DAN is interviewing folks for his replacement as Top Feeder.

TED LARSEN announced his involvement in a special project for children with special needs.

MIKE COUCH needs some additional volunteers for the March 8 YCS event. Hope it's not too late. MIKE also mentioned plans to merge YCS and Interact

## UPCOMING

March 12 - ED DEMEO will speak on "Electricity from Wind Power: Contributions to the Economy, the Environment, and Energy Security"

March 19 - MARGARITA AKHVEDIAN will speak on "The Conflict in the Former Soviet Republic of Georgia"

March 26: DR. JOHN BUNZEL - The Presidential Race in 2008: A survey of the Political Landscape

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

HAL MICKELSON recruited more President's Club members, like BETSY BECHTEL (running for reelection), WES GARDINER (trip around Cape Horn), TODD LEWIS (visit to



India). GLORIA HOM (new knee), and partials from JOHN KIDD's and ROB LANCEFIELD's tables for unanswered riddles.

SAM WEBSTER tried to resign as one of the two Permanent President's Club members (misfired trip to Hawaii), but no luck. BILL LOVE joined the PC in sympathy for SAM.



RALPH ADAMS joined in celebration of his trip to India as did GEORGE WHEATON who returned from Tanzania. Good going HAL.



## THE NEW MEMBER TALKS

Today's program consisted of New Member Talks featuring three new members who were introduced by WES GARDINER.



First was KELLY MORARIU, currently working as the Assistant to Palo Alto's City Manager. Kelly hails from Chatham, New Jersey, but considers herself as a native of Kansas. She received her Bachelor's in Poli Sci, Economics and Int'l Studies, and also her Master's, both from University of

Kansas. She was married to SERGIO in 2003. They have two kids and now live in Fremont. KELLY spoke of her love for travel with plans for a trip to France this summer. Welcome to our club

K E L L Y !



Next was ROB LYMAN who grew up in the San Joaquin Valley. His first love was engineering and received his master's in ME from Cal (we'll forgive his youthful misjudgment). He worked in high tech till about 2002 when he felt a need for a change. He satisfied the requirements for becoming a Certified Financial Planner practitioner in 2005, and has since

worked in that field. ROB is active in his church and as VP of the Woodside High School Foundation, in support of public education. He now lives with his wife, Catherine, and their two teenage kids in Redwood City. Rob, we know that you'll be a strong addition to the club. Welcome!

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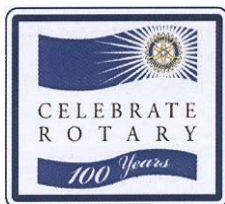
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Our third speaker was STEVE MADSEN who was raised in Iowa, and who received his BS in EE degree from Iowa State University. He accepted a job offer and moved to the more moderate climate of southern California, then he subsequently received an MBA from USC. In '73, he accepted an offer from IBM

for a job in Palo Alto; what luck. He spent the next 38 years as a software engineer with IBM, working on projects in PA, Menlo Park, SF and Los Gatos. He retired, finally in 2004. STEVE, you've quite a few IBM compatriots in the club. You'll get to know us real soon. Welcome!  
We're really fortunate to have these three new, vital and talented members. Let's all of us warmly welcome them to the club.

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