



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



May 7, 2007

Reporter: Brian Steen

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President Art Stauffer called the meeting to order at 12:15

## VISITORS

PAM BRANDIN warmly welcomed guests as follows:

**Visiting Rotarians:** Elena Marchuk from Movoskbiysk-Hadeingorodok club,

Russia;(banner exchange)

Karyn Sinunu for SJ

Rotary; Charles Shoe-

maker from Sunnyvale

club; Sudir Kswirsagar

from Cincinnati

**Rotarians with Guests:**

Host/Guest

ELENA MARCHUK/  
Nataly Marchuk

JACK HENDRICKS/John M. Hendricks

LE LEVY/Fereshteh Khodadad, Dan Ziony, Carol Conte

GLORIA HOM/Eric Elden

JOHN RIDDLE/S.L. Culley

PAM BRANDIN/Ken Rosenthal

DARYL SAVAGE/Vicki Hobel Schultz

MARTHA KANTER/Mari Fox Allison

BOB SMITHWICK/Cathy Smithwick



## OPENING REMARKS



were provided by DARYL SAVAGE who had found various Goodwill T-shirts displaying the names and approximate associations with PA Rotary members as a demonstration on how well our club is represented in the community or at least at Goodwill!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIKE COUCH announced the May 24 Rotaract Mixer at Midpeninsula Bank at 5:30 PM.

DENNIS MCGINN reminded everyone of our obligation with Urban Ministries to help feed the homeless, the next opportunity coming up on Wednesday, May 9.

## MAY PROGRAMS

**May 14 - Dr. Robert Negrin - Potential of Cellular Therapies and Brief Status of Proposition 71.**

**May 21 - Professor Michael Kirsh - "Failure to Complete College: Implications for California's Grim Economic Future."**

**May 28 -Dark, Memorial Day**

DICK FREEMAN requested a show of hands of those who could attend the June 10 trip to Big Basin State Park to remember fellow Rotarians who have passed on.

ROB LANCEFIELD announced the Rotary District Assembly meeting in San Jose

## ROTARY ENDOWMENT FUND



VIC ROSASCO presented statistics on contributions to the PA Rotary Endowment with 104 out of 144 members contributing. Vic requested the rest to make their contributions soon

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

DIANA DIAMOND gave a warm and thorough welcome to Kathleen Sullivan who is the Stanley Morrison Professor of



Law and Former Dean of the Stanford Law School. She received BA degrees from Cornell University in 1976 and University of Oxford in 1978, where she was a Marshall Scholar, and received her JD degree from Harvard Law School in 1981.

## ADVERTISING AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

In praise of Rotary, Kathleen started off with a quote from Alexis de Tocqueville:

”The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens.”

Speaking on the topic of Advertising and the First Amendment, Kathleen focused on corporate freedom of speech issues, using diverse examples of how freedom of speech has been interpreted by the courts. Not surprisingly, the business community aggressively defends these rights, which might surprise the original framers of the Constitution who were addressing individual rights.

Q: Has Sandra Day O’Connor regretted leaving the US Supreme Court?

A: Probably not, but she is greatly missed for her support of women’s issues.

Q: What about cigarette companies’ accountability for their ads?

A: Speech that causes harm can be regulated, although should not be prohibited.

Q: What about the free speech rights of active military?

A: Whistleblowers need protection.

Art thanked our speaker for an excellent program by presenting a dictionary to be given to Green Oaks Academy in EPA.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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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

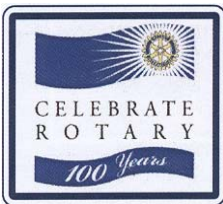
### THURSDAY

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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