



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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DENNIS MCGINN was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WHO'S VISITING



RICK TIPTON welcomed guests as follows:

Visiting Rotarians: Peter Guendemann, Buckhead GA; Tom Liston, Los Altos; Brett Kuekan, Stanford Student.

Rotarians with Guests

LYNDA STEELE, Linda Chin, Chris Logan, Dan Logan; DICK FREEMAN, Dick Placone; JACK RIDDLE, Susan Cully

ROTARY IN BRAZIL



GUSTAVO HOLLOWAY brought to our attention some statistics for Rotary in Brazil. GUSTAVO was influenced to join Rotary by his father who was very active in Rotary in Brazil. In fact, GUSTAVO went along with his father to help on some occasions. The first Rotary Club in Brazil was initiated in 1922. Today there are 28 districts, 2,200

clubs with approximately 63,000 members. Rotarians are doing a lot of good work in Brazil.

WHATS GOING ON



TODD LEWIS discussed the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund that is built up through pledges and other contributions. The fund is a separate entity, managed by professionals. Approximately 5% of the fund is given to charitable causes each year. The goal is 100% participation in contributions this year.

DICK FREEMAN re-announced the honoring of deceased Rotarians on June 4th, and a Memorial trip to Big Basin on June 10th. Forms are on the tables. The number of attendees, as well as drivers and passengers, are needed.

DENNIS MCGINN thanked all those who helped with Feeding the Homeless last Wednesday. They were WES GARDINER, LARRY BAILEY, KELLY MORARIU, ART STAUFFER, CHET DOUGLAS, SHIRLEY DOUGLAS, GEORGE FITZGERALD, ISRAEL ZEHAVI, SKIP HOYT, and SY GREENSTONE.

MAY PROGRAMS

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

May 28 -Dark, Memorial Day

MIKE COUCH summarized the progress in the youth programs. As a matter of information, Interact and YCS are merging, hopefully to strengthen the youth programs. Also, Rotaract, has a 50k project in India and Romania. RLYA is a youth leadership program, scheduled to go camp on June 3rd.

TRISH BUBENIK has received an invitation from Theatre Works, whereby Rotary members could attend the final dress rehearsal for the "Elephant Man". Let her know if you want to attend. It's free.

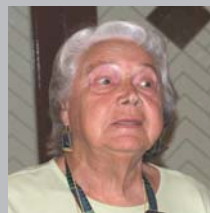
Los Altos Club is having its annual art show this weekend.

PRESIDENTS CLUB PRONOUNCEMENTS



ART did not have time last week, and WARREN THOITS was on-deck this week to join the Presidents Club and contribute to the Endowment Fund. Warren has been an active member of Rotary for an incredible 61 years. Thanks WARREN !

JUDY KLEINBERG, on her mother's 90th birthday, wanted to honor other mothers for Mothers Day, and express her pride in her son who is moving to Singapore for a new position with Google. Judy also has a new and exciting job



R U T H SCHNEIDER, just returning from a trip to Egypt, where among other things, she took a ride on a hot air balloon. If an ex-president can do it, why not her?

ON STEM CELLS



GEORGE FITZGERALD introduced our program for today. The speaker was Robert S. Negrin, MD who is a distinguished professor of medicine at Stanford University and is the Medical Director of the Clinical Bone Marrow Transplant Laboratory. He gave an exiting view of the potential of cellular therapies and a brief status of Proposition 71

His objective was to present abalanced view of stem cell research, because the media is considered "way off" on this subject. He now believes that medical science is on the threshold of a breakthrough in biomedical and the use of stem cells.

The research that began as a military experiment in the 1940's to gain an understanding of what happens with exposure to radiation has expanded to include research efforts in many countries. The basic concept, as explained, is that stem cells have two properties, they (1) can self replicate and (2) undergo a process of differentiation. Thus they can re-populate an organ and result in cells, which have many functions and unexpected consequences. Examples given included successful treatment for diseases, like leukemia, using bone marrow transplants. In many cases, the recipients were so grateful that they later wanted to give back to the community. Extensive research is now underway in many laboratories in the world to determine if stem cells can be effective in treatment of many other diseases, such as cancer and heart attack recovery.

What can Rotary do? Participate in the bone marrow registry, Encourage biomedical research, Find young people who want to go into biomedical research.

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

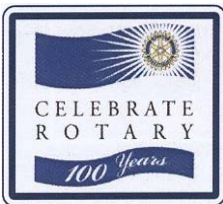
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

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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