



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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## OFFICIAL GREETER(S):

The Official Greeter for today's meeting was LEN ELY. (IRIS has sung her 'Swan Song'.)

## OPENERS:

PREZ ART asked SAM WEBSTER to again lead us in a complete and synchronized version of "I Pledge". This was followed by "Happy Birthday to You" in honor of HIG HIGGINS forthcoming 90th birthday, with the accompaniment of all the attendees.

## OPENING REMARKS



Opening remarks were offered by BOB SMITHWICK and his encounter at a district meeting back in the early 1980's on the issue of women's membership in Rotary. This resulted in a ruling by the California Superior Court in 1983 that women could be excluded since Rotary was a private organization. However, that ruling was reversed by the Court

of Appeals in 1985 and very shortly thereafter we welcomed our first female member, GLORIA HOM who has made such meaningful contributions to our club, as have the many women who followed her. It's now estimated that 30% of Rotarians throughout the world are women. It's really made a difference.

## GUESTS

Guests were introduced by MIKE COUCH. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting. Guests (hosts) were: MARY UNDERHILL (STEVE EMSLIE); PAT BURT (CARL KING); JAVIAR CONTRERAS & JAVAD HAKKAK (LARRY BAILEY) and ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK (GEOFF ZIMAN). A warm welcome was extended to all by PREZ ART.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TED LARSEN thanked all those who participated in the Feed-the-Homeless event last Wednesday. They were TOM GRACON, RUTH SCHNEIDER, STEVE MADSEN, ISRAEL ZEHAVI, PREZ ART, and KELLY MORARIU.

MIKE McMAHON reminded those who have not yet purchased tickets for PREZ ART's debunking to move fast. Call MIKE.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**June 25 - No Meeting; Make-up is PREZ ART'S Debunking Dinner on June 26.**

**July 2 - Dark, Independence Day Observed**

**July 9 - Kerry Childress, (Communications Officer VA Palo Alto HCS) Treating Injured Veterans of the Iraq War**

VIC ROSASCO gave us a status report on our Endowment Fund. It's now at \$512K even though some thirty members have yet to make a contribution. VIC wants to avoid being called a failure for not achieving 100% participation, New Fund board members are SKIP HOYT, IRIS KOROL, JACK WOODSON, and MIKE COUCH (President Elect '08-'09).

TOM GRACON needs a video camera and an operator to record our special event next Tuesday night. Call TOM by Wednesday if you can help.

TRISH BUBENIK especially thanked ANN & GEOFF ZIMAN for their extensive activity in relief programs resulting from fires in our area and L.A.



PREZ ART presented JOY CUSICK with a plaque in recognition of her extensive efforts for our club.

## YEAR IN REVIEW



The many successful projects and activities carried out by our club members over the past year were reviewed by PREZ ART. His leadership and examples of dedicated service were a driving factors in these acts of true Rotary spirit. A summary of these activities can be seen on the club web site ([www.rotarypaloalto.org](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org)) in a few days. Thanks, ART, for your excellent leadership.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

Question: Where should we send young orphan turkeys after Thanksgiving?  
Answer: To Foster Farms.

**NEW MEMBER TALKS**



WES GARDNER introduced our three new members who gave talks today.

LARRY BAILEY, even though he said he lost his notes, spoke eloquently about his life experience thus far. Born in 1952, his family lived in a Quonset hut during his early years in East Palo Alto. He later attended Paly and the U of P and then SJ State where he met GLORIA HOM, one of his teachers

there. He spent eight years in the NFL before he met his wife. Before then he was a dedicated biker and recorded thousands of miles on the road going back and forth to school and to work. LARRY says that all changed after he met his wife. They now have a bilingual (French & English) little girl.



SCOTT GLISSMEYER is now the Executive Director of the YMCA chapter on Ross Rd. We're his third Rotary Club; (Ed: I'm glad to see he finally got it right). He attended SF State University, where he received a degree in Poly Sci. He then spent time as a school teacher and subsequently became interested in the "Y" where he met his wife to be. They are both active in YMCA in executive positions,

SCOTT in Palo Alto and ELAINE in Cupertino. They live in San Jose where SCOTT practices his folk singing skills. Call SCOTT if you want to hear him sing at one of our meetings.

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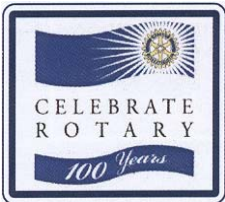
SVEN STROHBAND, his name sounds Swedish, however he was born in Germany in 1973. He spent a year of obligatory service in the militia in Cologne before attending Purdue U. where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Our climate finally got him to California, where he received his master's and PhD degrees, and worked in software engineering.

What a great addition to our club is represented by these three new members!

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