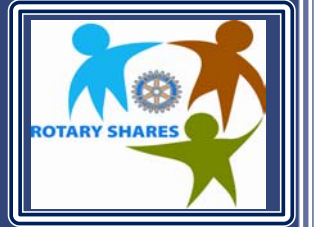




Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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A GRAND COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Thanks to GEOFF ZIMAN, WALT HAYS, DAN QUINN, RALPH ADAMS and PREZ ROB, we were royally treated to an "International Projects Feast!" Before the main course we enjoyed the following:

THE PLEDGE served up with gusto by KEVIN CURRY.

HOR DEVORES

Unfortunately your reporter can't spell, so just sound it out.) Prepared by BRUCE SWENSON to wit:

WALT HAYS was somewhat flabbergasted when asked to introduce (out of procedural order) our speaker. So once again he almost failed to acknowledge his lovely wife, Kay. Next time Walt!

ISRAEL ZEHAVI: Ms. E. J. Hong, an estate lawyer
BOB McCOWAN: His companion to the Yucatan, Joan McCowan
ANNETTE GLANCKOPF: Former member
CHARLES CHENG. Welcome Charles!
MARTHA KANTER: Hubby Carl

FIRST COURSE: OPENING REMARKS



GEOFF ZIMAN treated us to practical lesson on number three of the 4-Way Test, "Will it build GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?" GEOFF shared letters from the past president of the Bombay, India Rotary Club, Manoj Mehta, and his wife, Purnima. After our third joint Water Harvesting Project we presented Purnima a Paul Harris

Fellowship. Excerpts from their letters included, "In my wildest dreams I did not expect this...I was left completely speechless...I am deeply touched..." GEOFF's challenge to us. "In what other ways can we emulate the 4 Way Test?"

SECOND COURSE: ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED!"

PREZ ROB reported that "what had been lost, has been found!" It was our projector, of course. P.R. did a round-about explanation, but here's the true skinny. BILL BUSSE was to inform everyone that JOHN KIDD had taken the darn thing home for safe keeping. Bill's loss of short and long term memory, and John's absence...plus his failure to read the Pinion...created the crisis. From now on, the projector stays in the able hands of BOB SMITHWICK! So there!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October 8 - Dr. Rafael Pelayo will speak to us on a tropic regarding "Sleep."

October 15 - Tony Seba "Building a Winner" (The real reasons Apple, Google, Symantec, Skype, and others built winners and beat their competition.)

THE SOCIAL SCENE RETURNS!

Save the date...the evening of November 1st at the home of CYRILLE BETANT and his lovely fiancé, Heather. STAY TUNED! More to come from our Social Empresariess, NINA MOORE.

LARRY BAILEY AND HIS HAPPY BAND...

Ably fed the homeless last Wednesday. LARRY reported that "it was a wonderful turn out and we fed 70 folks!" And in honor of the feeders and the diners LARRY volunteered to join the President's Club. Above and beyond, but willingly accepted!



HANDS-ON HERSH...

Announced a painting project for Saturday, November 3rd from 9 to 3. E-mail or phone HERSH DAVIS and join us at The Foundation for College Education in East Palo Alto. New members are cordially invited. No painting experience required!

THE KILIMANJARO KID!

Our main mountain man, RALPH ADAMS, has prepared himself a 19,341 foot challenge. In so doing, he has proposed that "generous Rotarians" pledge to the Rotary Foundation an amount...of their choosing...for every foot our hero ascends. Do the math and sign up next meeting!

ABLE ART ADDS HIS PITCH

P.P. STAUFFER, whose duty as P.P. is to increase our Club's annual contributions to the afore mentioned Foundation, rose to the occasion. The pitch...pay attention to this...donate one half of the amount needed to complete your first, or next, 1K total and the mysterious "super fund" will pony up the second half. Yes, this is on the quiz! ("You will be notified as to the amount needed to reach the goal.")

THE MAIN COURSE

Our esteemed high potentate ROB's introduction to today's program was simply, "WALT YOU'RE UP!" Walt proceeded to invite CINDY WILBER to share a slide show on her Yucatan doings, followed by DAN QUINN on the Guatemala water projects. Incidentally, both projects were funded by contributions from the Rotary Foundation.



CINDY's program, supported by the Los Altos, Palo Alto and local Merida Clubs, was an educational project to combat Type II Diabetes. Young Meridians, armed with a questionnaire, digital recorders, cameras and computers (Made possible by a grant from the Foundation) did an extensive survey to determine changes in eating habits over the years. The basic result was both an informative oral history from grandparents and a change from junk food to a more healthy diet and, hopefully, a decrease in diabetes. Her slides included pictures of our Rotarians building raised planting beds and painting walls during last year's hand-on project.

Way to go, Team!



DAN QUINN, whose son Jamison resides in Guatemala with his wife and child, gave a brief history of the civil war during which 200,000 people were killed. He then described and showed slides of our project. It included supplying equipment for testing the quality of drinking water and funds to build an ingenious water wheel that pumps water to higher elevations. An unforeseen result of the project was that it brought two adjacent communities that had been at odds with each other, together.



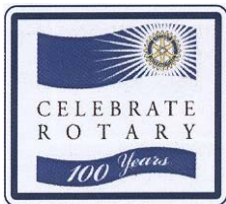
AND FOR DESSERT

The satisfaction that comes from helping such dedicated human beings as CINDY and JAMISON carry out projects that bring a better quality of life to those less fortunate.

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