



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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OUR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5TH

VISITORS were introduced by BRUCE LIEDSTRAND
ROTARIANS: Lester Hutt from Tallahassee, Rick Hillsberry from Los Gatos
VISITORS: Guests of WALT HAYS: Nancy Neft, Carol Cross, Dick Lagerstrom & Craig Dunkerley. RALPH ADAMS... Wayne Richardson, SHERRI SAGER... Sid Espinosa

IT WAS A GRAND OPENING



JAYNE BOOKER finally did it! After conjuring up all manner of excuses to avoid doing Opening Remarks, Jane finally hit "Google return." Among the 500 entries "one stood out...the founding of the Peace Corps by JFK. "After 47 years and over 190,000 volunteers serving in 139 countries, the Corps is as vibrant as ever currently having 8,079 overseas participants." The tie-in to Rotary?

"We have similar missions...to advance World Peace and Understanding." (Footnote: Jayne was a Peace Corp volunteer in French West Africa in an earlier life.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARON WAGNER, reporting for our most "hands-on-edness leader, HERSH DAVIS, announced that our painting crew had successfully refinished three rooms for the Foundation for College Education in EPA. Painters & painteresses included: HERSH & SHARON, BILL BUSSE, DANA TOM, LARRY BAILEY, DICK MANSFIELD, TOM GRACON, ART STAUFFER, and KAREN & JOHN SINGER.

NINA MOORE reported on the highly successful "Fall Social" hosted by CYRILLE BETANT and his fiancé, HEATHER MCGREGOR. Helping out were Past President WALT and JOAN PLASTIRAS, along with CASH "ever faithful" ALAEE manning the bar. SAVE DECEMBER 12th for our Holiday Special! The party will be hosted once again by the "Queen of Santa Clara County", LIZ KNISS, and her consort, RICHARD KNISS.

DAN QUINN reported on another successful Homeless Feed. Some of those doing the preparation and serving were DAN (of course), Pres ROB, DENNIS MCGINN, TOM GRACON, DAVID NEGRIN, ISRAEL ZEHAVI, LARRY BAILEY, JACK WOODSON, new member E. J. HONG and her daughters, NATALIE and NICOLE (In Halloween costume, yet!

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

November 12 - Matthew B. Stannard, Knight Fellow at Stanford University - Can We Talk? An exploration of issues involved in opening dialogue with political Islamists

November 19 - Dennis Boyle - The Power of Smart Design (or a similar topic)

DICK FREEMAN, our perennial entertainer, once again has Entertainment Books on sale. For a paltry twenty-five bucks you can save over \$200 when dining at some of the best restaurants in Palo Alto and Mt. View, not to mention some of the same in Menlo Park and Carmel. Also, there are the unbelievable savings on hotels, airlines, car rental, etc. See DICK next meeting. Remember a five spot from each sale goes to the Club. Certainly a win...win...win!

STEVE PLAYER, our Big Game Exchange Guru, reminded our many football and drinking members that the Stanford/Cal Game this year will mark the 25th Anniversary of "The Play!" (He noted that on the Google search "the Play" comes first and then Shakespeare.) We were hoping the Trombone Player (No relation to Steve.) could attend, but someone said he is still recovering. Anyway, this year we visit the Berkeley Club and return the Rotary Axe which goes to the LOSER. them!) Seen on a bumper sticker, "Remember, it is never too late to have a happy childhood!

OUR PROGRAM



as introduced by the illustrious WALT HAYS. Moira Brennan, Northern California Director of the California Clean Money Campaign, began by stating that, in some ways, "We have the best government that money can buy." The Clean Money Campaign is a non-partisan organization whose goal is to minimize the influence that special interests have in our democratic process. She noted that the states of Arizona and Maine have addressed the problem by the public financing of political

campaigns. Their elections have resulted in public officials who are essentially only accountable to the voters. One of the questions often asked is how to fund such a program. Both Arizona and Maine have found creative approaches acceptable to their citizens, and so can we. Moira then asked the rhetorical question, "How can we afford not to?"

The quality and content of her presentation created some concern by Club members. These concerns are being addressed.

DR. RALPH WALDO KELLER.... WHAT AGUY

We're going to miss you dearly, Ralph! Your...and our...good friend RUTH SCHNEIDER, who worked with you at Stanford for so many years, has reminded us of your many achievements and related accolades. We'd like to share a bit of your illustrious past with your friends at Rotary. Here goes..."From Rotary's standpoint you are remembered by your warm and friendly outgoing personality. We recall that it has been some time since we needed a last minute fill in as speaker, but when the need arose you did that admirably. Many of us have been fortunate to hear you regale us with stories of WWII and your experiences in the Middle East as Air Attaché to Israel ...all without notes and without missing a step." We learned from you the inside story of the Middle East intrigue, long before it had an everyday impact on our senses.

YOUR EARLY LIFE included raising a family with Jane, playing baseball for your alma mater, the University of Maryland, teaching English and coaching high school baseball. Later you received advanced degrees from Stanford and the U.S. War College. This was followed by an illustrious eight-year career in the Air Force. It was during that time you served as Air Attaché to Israel and Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force.

BUT THE BEST PART of your career was undoubtedly your 20 years as Director of Career Planning and Placement at Stanford. It was our good fortune when Prof. Bob Bush sponsored you for membership in the Palo Alto Rotary Club. A gift to all Rotarians who have known you through the years!



HERE ARE A FEW ADDITIONAL REMEMBRANCES FROM RUTH:

Staff members always addressed him as "Dr. Keller". He had a devoted fan club and was awarded the title of "World's Best Boss".

He loved cookies. As he ate another, he always said, "Now don't tell Jane!"

Two weeks before he passed away, he was discussing the new book he was writing about the Middle East. He was always both interested and interesting.

A few Kellerisms Ruth recalls are:

"Respect all, but stand in awe of no one"

"There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living, and the other how to live."

"Insignificant as a gnat's eyebrow"

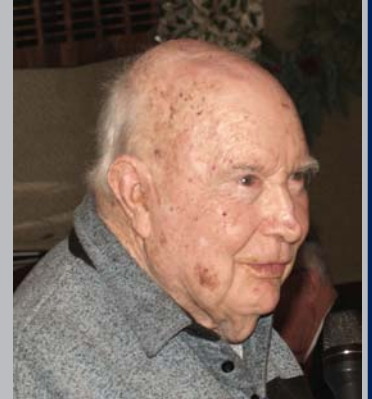
"Do not try to teach pigs to sing. It won't work.

And besides, the pigs don't like it."

WELL, RALPH, IT WAS A GOOD RUN. A fabulous life.

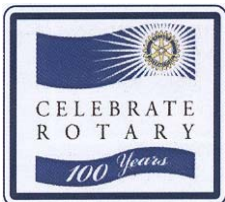
We'll miss you greatly!

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