



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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THE PLEDGE

ISRAEL ZEHAVI led us in the synchronized Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians: Curtis Iverson (Mountain View),

Candace Roney (San Jose), Walt McCullogh (San Mateo).

Guests of Rotarians: Martine Heyer (MARK), Diane Hart (LELEVY).

OPENING REMARKS



MARK HEYER presented the interesting dilemma •where do potatoes come from?•h or, how do we solve the energy challenge to save the planet and ourselves? Mark•fs thesis is the energy companies control the technology to tap into the unlimited supply of the earth•fs geothermal energy that could •efuel•f our economy. This technol-

ogy is used to extract oil, therefore the conflict. If our schools would ensure graduates learn where potatoes (and carrots) come from, we may have a chance to understand geothermal energy and market economics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



English in Action: TOM GRACON introduced the opportunity for members to participate in spending one hour per week with an international student from Stanford to practice their English, and to learn about their culture.

UPCOMING PROGRMS

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

November 26 - Ted Marsten, consultant and ex-EPRI, to speak on the state and future of nuclear energy,

Entertainment Books are now on sale. Think of them as a personal gift for that hard to please person on your holiday list; maybe even your children. Savings on restaurants just in Palo Alto and Mountain View come to over \$200 and include The Weston, The Duck Club, and Chef Chu•fs. Other restaurants are as near as Menlo Park, San Jose and Carmel. There are also savings on hotels, airline tickets and car rentals. Spend \$50 at Safeway and save \$5. Books are \$25 and the Club keeps \$5. See DICK FREEMAN to purchase your books.



Party Time:
NINA MOORE invited us to the Holiday Party at the home of LIZ KNISS on Wednesday, December 12th from 6:00 9:00 pm.
Thank you!

RALPH ADAMS extended appreciation to well wishers and contributors to the Rotary Foundation honoring his recent mountain climbing adventure.



Rotary Foundation:
We are nearing the goal of \$22,500 for the Foundation but only 50% of members have contributed. Please consider giving any amount you are comfortable with so we can reach the 100% level.

The Big Game is Coming!
Contact STEVE PLAYER for details on attending the upcoming Berkeley Club exchange. splayer@sta

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Matthew B. Stannard, Knight Fellow at Stanford University - Can We Talk? An exploration of issues involved in opening dialogue with political Islamists. Can we, or must we, talk to our enemies?

Matthew Stannard presented the question as a part of his Fellowship studies at Stanford. How do we

communicate with people who believe killing innocent people is the work of religion? While these are scary people they also represent groups that provide the social services to the mass population and get elected as the people's representatives. Do we really believe in the democratic process, or just when we like the results? As human beings we distrust people we don't know. If we at least try to engage with our enemies there is at least the chance we can reach some level of understanding. Matthew proposes we compete with these groups on social services and education as a way to establish relations and avoid armed conflict. This was an engaging and thoughtful presentation.

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OTHER ROTARY MEETINGS

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

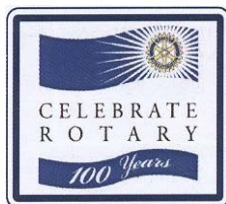
THURSDAY

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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