



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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THE PLEDGE

PREZ ROB lead us all in the Pledge which was enthusiastically rendered on this post-holiday meeting

VISITORS & GUESTS



Rotary visitors and guests were introduced by **BILL BETHKE** Visiting Rotarians were **JACK McKNIGHT** of the St. Michael's, MD, club who exchanged a flag



with our Club, and **JUDY LIDDICOAT**, from a small club in Alaska and who is visiting her family for the holidays.

Guests (Hosts) were **TED MARSTON (BOB McCOWAN)** and **TOMMY FEHRENBACH (WALT HAYS)**.

OPENING REMARKS

STEVE PLAYER started out with his reminiscence of the Play, which occurred twenty-five years ago, and which he subjected to the **FOUR** Way test. According to **STEVE**'s memory (or interpretation), it failed all four criteria. However, It did create some strong and lasting friendships. Which brought **STEVE** to the subject of his opening remarks - **FRIENDSHIP** which our Club has fostered over the years, and we all are its beneficiaries. **STEVE** also reminded us of our venture to the



Berkeley Club

Wednesday, November 28th. We'll meet in Ming's parking lot at 10:30 AM and carpool to Berkeley from there.

UPCOMING PROGRMS

December 3 - New-Member Talks: **E. J. Hong, Joan Plastiras, and Bruce Swenson**

December 10 - **Elyse Belanger** (Principal of Green Oaks Academy, East Palo Alto, in the Ravenswood School District, serving grades K - 4) - The challenge of education at Green Oaks Academy

December 17 - Members of West Bay Opera will sing (and possibly ask us to help out) on some popular opera arias and favorite holiday songs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADAM ATITO introduced and sponsored new member, **MARK NADIM**. Welcome **MARK**, which committee are you joining?

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HAL MICKELSON suggested that we save March 1st, for our big gala/charitable awards event, *Building a Better World*, scheduled at Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. More later.

ART STAUFFER informed us that we're real close to our \$22,500 Rotary Foundation goal; we're exactly \$700 short. Good going guys, gals.

MIKE McMAHON is inviting bets for next week's Army-Navy game. Call him (or **SAM WEBSTER**, a West Point alumnus).

DAN QUINN invited members to sign up for our next Feed-the-Homeless event on December 5. Call **DAN** or just show up.

Remember the Rotary holiday party-December 12 from 6:00-9:00 PM at **LIZ and RICK KNISS** ; bring "aurdervs" or **WHITE** wine.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BOB McCOWAN introduced today's speaker, TED MARSTON who presented an illuminating presentation of the benefits of nuclear energy to fulfill some of our electrical energy requirements, which are scheduled to grow dramatically in the near term. The generation of nuclear energy started in the US in 1951; there are now over four-hundred such power plants around the world. TED was quick to point out that this would not reduce carbon dioxide emissions, which are due to our transportation needs. But it should reduce our dependence on coal-burning power plants, which also emit contaminants. TED discussed two aspects of nuclear energy that are of particular importance, safety and waste disposal. He pointed out that safety is currently adequate and is continuously improving, due to better training of workers in the field and improvements in equipment. Waste disposal is being managed by the use of the site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada that should hold us for about 100 years. However the problem is long term and must be thought of in that manner. In the meantime, the US will continue to be the principal carbon dioxide emitter. The talk was most interesting and informative. Thanks, TED MARSTON.



PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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

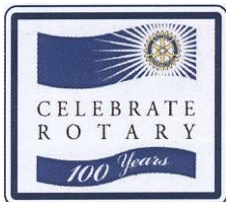
THURSDAY

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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