



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



December 3, 2007 Reporter: Brian Steen Editor: Lyle Connell

President Rob Lancefield called the meeting to order at 12:15 with STEVE EMSLIE leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

CARMEN VALVERDE introduced guests. No visiting Rotarians. Guests of Rotarians included DARYL SAVAGE'S son, Jacob; and JOAN PLASTIRAS'S friend, Cindy Smith.

OPENING REMARKS



were provided by JUDITH STEINER, who just returned from a three month guest residency with her husband in Nagoya, Japan. She had visited Nagoya's Rotary, founded in 1924, a club of 200 male members. Judith shared her observations of current Japanese culture and world views, such as 76% of Japanese feel the USA is their best ally and

that competition from China and Asia has serious consequences for the Japanese economy. Judith concluded saying she's "proud to be an American and glad to be back in a diverse Rotary Club." Glad you're home, Judith!

KEEPING UP TO DATE



HAL MICKELSON gave a "pep talk" for the March 1, 2008 Rotary Gala fundraiser and suggested people put the event on their calendar now. He particularly encouraged Rotarians to bring guests as an anonymous donor has generously agreed to subsidize guest tickets.



SAM WEBSTER reminded us to sign up for the December 12 holiday party at Liz and Rick Kniss' home. Sam also contributed \$100 to Rotary Foundation, paying off a bet on the weekend Army/Navy game. Art followed suit with a \$50 contribution.

WHAT'S COMING UP

December 10 - Elyse Belanger "If you don't feed the teachers, they'll eat the kids!" ~ Author Unknown Elyse' talk will be focused on "What one thing she would want to tell people in business (not other educators), if she had the chance."

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

December 24 - Dark (actually, bright, gleaming, and happy with holiday good cheer, but no meeting nevertheless).

December 31 - Dark in Celebration of a Sparkling Happy New Year! (No meeting is scheduled nevertheless.)



BARB MITCHELL asked for volunteers Friday, Dec. 14 at 9AM to help present dictionaries to Green Oaks School in East Palo Alto.



DAN QUINN asked for new volunteers to help feed the homeless on Dec. 4 at 4PM. Several recruits stood up to help. A very direct and helpful response!

STEVE PLAYER quickly congratulated Stanford on its Big Game win, commenting that it's good to have the Axe out of his house. More seriously, Steve presented special memories and accomplishments of two Rotarians who just passed away: Art Gleim and Roger May. Art Gleim was Chairman of Gleim the Jeweler, a long time Palo Alto business known for quality and service. Roger had been a long time security broker with Kidder Peabody and Smith Barney.



PALO ALTO ROTARY

TODAY'S PROGRAM



WES GARDINER gave befitting introductions to our newest member for their respective New Member talks.

E. J. HONG is an estate planning attorney. She mentioned often using the Rotary 4-Way test in making business decisions. Her office is across the street from Ming's on E. Bayshore Road. Her husband, Paul, is a software developer and

they have two girls, 11 and 8. The oldest, Natalie, is a 6th grader at JLS and the youngest, Nicole, is a 3rd grader at Palo

Verdugo.

JOAN PLASTIRAS is a licensed professional engineer (mechanical), who has worked on central receiver solar plants, nuclear plants, and terrorism intelligence (twenty-five years before 9-11). Her specialty is risk analysis with her proudest accomplishment being her leading a group to perform the first probabilistic risk assessment for NASA. She's also a commercial real estate broker.



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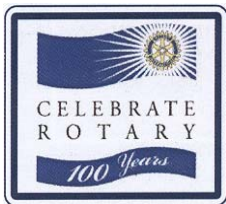


BRUCE SWENSON attended Stanford, graduating in 1964 with a B.S. in Mathematics and went on to the University of Wisconsin, where he received an M.S., also in Mathematics, and more importantly met his wife Barbara in an elevator of the mathematics department. Bruce attended UC Berkeley and

received a PhD in Community College Education and then became a Dean and Vice President at Foothill. He is currently on the Board of Foothill DeAnza and is semi-retired with three grandchildren and a fourth on the way.

As usual, all three were great presentations giving a personal glimpse into the lives and accomplishments of these talented Rotarians.

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