



Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR

WHO'S VISITING

VISITING ROTARIANS: SCOTT GLISSMEYER introduced Bert Raphael from Mountain View.
VISITORS: Bess Greenstone (SY), Chris Egger (KELLY MORARIU), Sarah Wheaton & Ellie Mansfield (GEORGE WHEATON), Adam Flowers, George Bechtel (BETSY BECHTEL), Corkie Freeman (DICK), Anne Raphael (Bert Raphael).

ON CATS AND POLITICIANS



From an insider's perspective, BERN BEECHAM has researched the habits of politicians & discovered many similarities with cats. Those who get elected share many traits with the mysterious cat: When cats get disoriented or fall they land on their feet & act like nothing happened (the invention of politicians spinning). When cats or politicians do something wrong but aren't caught red handed, there is no guilt. Cats or politicians have no sense

of responsibility, if there is a problem it is your fault & they ignore you, as they avoid getting caught. Dick Freeman added the final punch line when he opined "Dogs have masters, cats have staff."

WHAT'S GOING ON

APPRECIATION

The waiters at Ming's were honored.

MARCH 1, 2008

The Annual Fundraiser is just around the winter corner. Please see MIKE COUCH about auction items & sponsorships.



PRESIDENTIAL

JOYCE CUSICK joined the President's Club to honor NINA MOORE for orchestrating our party calendar.

GREAT HOLIDAY PARTY! Many THANKS! to LIZ & Rick KNISS for hosting the Holiday Party. Special thanks to JOYCE, NINA & CASH for another great party, and to Dick Freeman for his poem



We decked the halls. Who? 95 Rotarians.
No one who partied could be contrarians.

The mood was festive, the party was neat.
We drank wine and champagne, and boy did we eat!

There were nostalgic Holiday carols by Paul.
We sang-along, sang-along, sang-along all.

But the gift to each of us, one and all,
Was the party planned by Nina, Joyce, Liz, et al.

Liz and Richard loaned us their house,
They opened their doors to every Rotarian and spouse,

For her skills and her flair and elegant style,
There's no one better than Nina, our "Queen of the Nile"

Handling details, making sure things work, Who's your choice?
None other than our smiling and wonderful secretary,
Joyce.

Last but not least, the party thrower who's a whiz,
Of course, it's our own lovely, Supervisor Liz.

So put 'em together. It's for a great cause.
Let's deck the halls with a round of applause.



YOUTHEXCHANGE

Bert Raphael joined us from the Mountain View Club to let us know about the opportunity to partner with them to host a foreign exchange student for 3 or more months during the academic year in the Gunn High School area. If you have an interest in this rewarding experience contact President ROB.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



TOM GRACON introduced the Conductor Jose Luiz Moscovitch of the West Bay Opera.

We were treated to a wonderful holiday program. Heartfelt thanks and holiday best wishes to Tenor Adam Flowers, Soprano Marta Johansen, and to Robert Schwartz, who accompanied them on piano.

The West Bay Opera has been performing for 52 years on the Peninsula. Their performance graced our holidays with extraordinary excellence.



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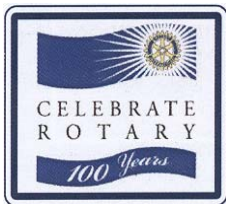
HOLIDAY BREAK

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.)



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