



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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June 30 – (Regular Lunch Meeting Will Not Be Held) Debunking Celebration of Rob Lancefield's Lancefield's Illustrious Reign as 2007/2008 Palo Alto Rotary President will be at Illusions Restaurant, 260 California Ave, Palo Alto from 6 to 9 pm

July 7 - Dr. William Benitz - Recent Trends in Infant Mortality

July 14 - James Desmet-Bacon - How to Buy Wine

July 21 - Steve Ritchie - Wetlands Restoration

PRESIDENT ROB LANCEFIELD CALLS IT QUILTS

“I’ve accomplished all any sane person possibly can. I’ll leave the rest to MIKE COUCH.”

(For those Rotarians who may be unaware, ROB LANCEFIELD has served the past year as our club president. Today was his last meeting.) Greeted by a rousing chorus of ennuui, PRESIDENT ROB called on DICK MANSFIELD to lead the pledge.

GEORGE NEWTON introduced Visiting Rotarian DICK CARLSON who, though now a member of clubs in Lake Tahoe and Tucson, drops in on us whenever possible.

TONY CARRASCO introduced Rick Raybin, NINA MOORE introduced Steve Apple, Jerry Brown, and Deidre DiHearn, DICK FREEMAN introduced Assistant Palo Alto Police Chief Dick Burns, GEOFF ZIMAN introduced David Joud, friend of ISRAEL ZEHAVI, and ROB LANCEFIELD introduced his wife, Rita, who honoring their 49th anniversary, made a contribution to Rotary Annual Charities.

CHESLEY DOUGLAS, a member for thirty-one years, gave opening remarks. First, he urged all to

attend ROB’s debunking next week. Then, dead-pan, delivered an “inspirational” sermon which received the largest spontaneous laugh of the year!

GLORIA HOM was honored by the District for her part in opening Rotary to women over the past twenty years.

JIM POOLEY received a 4-diamond pin for contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

SAM WEBSTER and JUDY KLEINBERG were welcomed back from their various malignities with a standing ovation from those who could stand.

PRESIDENT ROB concluded his year with comments on the state of our club. He leaves it in outstanding shape. One hundred forty-six talented members, close to the all-time high of one hundred fifty. ROB particularly cited GEOFF ZIMAN, BOB SMITHWICK, MIKE McMAHON, GEORGE FITZGERALD, WALT HAYS, and YORIKO KISHIMOTO for bringing in new members. Club members hail from five continents. We span four generations. Our club membership is 40% women. We are a club of diverse membership sharing common values. He leaves us in “squeaky clean” financial shape. ROB’s philosophy has been to speak from the heart, treating members as people first, Rotarians second, check-writers last.

It was generally agreed that the highlight of the meeting was LE LEVY’s incredible announcement heralding next Monday’s Debunking dinner at Illusions Restaurant, 260 California Avenue, beginning at 6:00 PM. \$50 buys a ton of food, gallons of drink, fistfuls of appetizers and gobs of dessert, not to mention entertainment which (I kid you not) is indescribable. There is still room. Call Walt Hays or Ruth Schneider.

SPEAKER

NINA MOORE introduced Genie Laborde, founder and CEO of International Dialogue Education Associates. Drawing from her book, Influencing with Integrity, Genie took us through a brief course in building rapport. Most people favor one of the three major senses, seeing, hearing or feeling. We build rapport better if we understand which sense another favors and emphasize it in our communication with them. Her conclusion: Being judgmental kills rapport; curiosity works better.

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