



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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OFFICIAL GREETERS

The Official Greeter was ROB LANCEFIELD (welcome back ROB) and other non-official "assistants." An enthusiastic assemblage was present, as usual.

OPENERS

PREZ MIKE called on DICK MANSFIELD to lead us in the pledge, of particular significance today to reinforce our faith in our country during a difficult time.

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks were delivered by PAT BURT, who touched on a variety of subjects. Most significant was his Dad's visit to a Giants game, accompanied by TY COBB. (PAT didn't say who won.) TY lived in a fancy home in Atherton with a single light bulb hanging from the kitchen ceiling. The light bulb was connected to a neighbor's home by an extension cord. Also, the winds continue to blow by Stanford Hospital with ominous, unidentified odors. Stay away from hospitals.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians and guests (hosts) were introduced by KEVIN CURRY. Visiting Rotarians were: CANDACE RONEY (San Jose), HARRY SPRINGER (Sunnyvale) and CECILLE PAERTE-ANTONIO (Sunnyvale).

Guests (hosts) were: George Huang (GLORIA HOM), Violet Moss (SHERRI SAGER), Jennifer Kane (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF), Tabatha Walther (GEORGE FITZGERALD), and Margo McAuliffe and Father Kiriti Daniel (WALT HAYS). A sincere, warm welcome to all was expressed by PREZ MIKE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROB LANCEFIELD announced this year's Rotary Foundation goal for the Club is \$20,449, which is lower than we actually pulled in last year. Remember, 2/3 comes right back to the club for our projects. Let's do it guys/gals!!

AXEL MERK couldn't be present today, but he left notice that the first 10 new (no contributions in the past 12 mos.) contributors to the Rotary Foundation would have their gifts supplemented by a \$100 addition for a total up to \$1,000. Thanks AXEL for this generous and timely offer.

MARCIE COX announced that her two siblings were making a gift to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the Cox Brothers. Say thanks for us, MARCIE.

CASH ALAEE has tickets for the 4:00 PM, Nov. 15 USC football game with a "tailgate" to start off. Call CASH soon to get on the list. Tickets are going fast.

BRIAN STEEN called for participants in a Hands-on beautification project at the Menlo Park, Middlefield Rd. entrance to Palo Alto. The dates are 10/17 and 18, so get to the phone and call BRIAN.

HAL MICKELSON fined a whole table \$5 each if they owned **no** stock in Wachovia Bank, Lehman Bros. and one other. What sports!

JOHN KIDD, clad in sunglasses and a Hawaiian shirt, joined the President's Club because he and Phyllis just returned from celebrating their 50th anniversary in the islands.

Finally, PREZ MIKE acknowledged our very successful Rotaract event of last week; and he also encouraged us all to visit our much enhanced WEBSITE. Surprise <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

THE PROGRAM

This week's program regarding last year's World Community Service projects was presented by none other than WALT HAYS. He reported on our three projects, the Girl's School project in Kenya, the fresh water project in India, and the cooking stove project in Honduras. Walt introduced the speakers who would more fully describe each project.

First, was Margo McAuliffe, who was joined by Fr. Kiriti Daniel in describing the Girls' School project in a town about 65 KM from Nairobi. It was started in 2006 and is now operational, housing 144 girls in handsome dorms. The facility also includes classrooms, a science laboratory, cooking and dining facilities and, of course, a soccer field. The photos revealed a fine facility that provides pre-college education for girls in the 10-14 age bracket.

Second, our own GEOFF ZIMAN described our fresh water project being carried out in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan. Its purpose is to collect and route the heavy rains that fall during the monsoon season, which is about 6 months during the year. The rest of the year is bone dry. Rainwater is collected in man-dug lakes and then routed underground to wells in various nearby villages. The earth serves as a natural filtration system, so the well water is safe for human consumption. This relieves the burden of women having to carry water for miles.

Third, presented by WALT, described the Cook Stove project being carried out in Honduras. Homes are selected to receive a stove, with the preliminary work consisting of building foundations, followed by installation of the stove components, which are provided by the Rotary Foundation. This eliminates the unsafe practices of burning, dry sticks, smoke inhalation, etc.

All this plus much, much more is accomplished by our Rotary Foundation. Let's support it wholeheartedly!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

October 13 – Rotary International Speaker – Mr. Frank S. C. Yih., Chairman of the board & Managing Director of Asionics Shanghai, Ltd.

October 20 – Kevin Skelly, Ph.D. – Topic TBA

October 27 – Joe Simitian – The Latest in Laws: Who Thinks This Stuff Up?

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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