

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter **Date:** July 26, 2010 **Reporter:** LYLE CONNELL **Editor:** LYLE CONNELL

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 2 Roger Hassler, Rotary District 5170 Governor "District Governor's Talk"

August 9 Gerald Uelmen, SCU Law School Former Dean "California's Dysfunctional Death Penalty Law"

August 16 Mark Garcia, Lieutenant (retired), Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Primary Undercover Agent for the FBI's Operation "Matrix" "Are We Winning? (and the answer will surprise you)."

WHO'S VISITING

Visiting Rotarians

R. Narasimham was glad to be here from Chennai, India. Likewise, Kate Simeonova is a visiting member of the San Francisco Club Rotay, and is from Bulgaria.

Guests

Bob Scott was introduced as the speaker for today, along with his guest, Julie Fremont. DICK BUSH introduced Maria Russo, along with Patricia McGuigan. TODD LEWIS, introduced his guest, Derrick Britt, LEANNAH HUNT, John Davis, and MIKE COUCH, Sophia Jiang



INTERACT

Sophia Jiang, from the Gunn High School Interact, thanked the Palo Alto Club for their support of the recent Interact fund raising project, just completed. They were able to raise 76 k. They are currently working on a "Hands on Initiative". She also described an exciting trip as a District 13 delegate to the

conference in Montreal, and her participation in a 300 member workshop. She ended by selling raffle tickets to help pay for their trip to Montreal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT MIKE announced that ANNETTE GLANCKOPF is holding a meeting for those who are interested in an upcoming trip to Brazil. The meeting will be held immediately following next week's luncheon meeting.

GLORIA HOM gave us a real "heads up" about the next social event. This is the first social of the year, and is being held in honor of PRESIDENT MIKE. Not only is it in MIKE's honor, but is also at his house. He says there is plenty of room for everyone. Please save the date of August 29th on your calendar.

PRESIDENT MIKE was also the auctioneer for today. He had two tickets to a tennis match donated by VICKY CHING.

DUANE KALAR was the lucky winner for \$60.

CONVENTION REPORT

MIKE felt that the new president of Rotary International exuded energy and is a strong leader. He will focus on international strategies. Polio Plus has made considerable progress. There are only four countries left in the world who report polio. The end appears to be in sight. The next Convention will be in New Orleans on May 21st-25th.

TODAYS PROGRAM

DICK BUSH introduced the speaker with a picture of a very



modest schoolhouse, where Robert Scott began in contrast with his interest on the incredible gothic style buildings constructed in the 11th to 13th century in Europe. He was questioning how and why these marvelous large buildings could be built with the technology of the time, the socio-economic conditions, and the violence of the time period.

Were they a good investment given the other demands for money?

There were hundreds of gothic cathedrals built. And as time went by, they became larger and larger. There was approximately one gothic structure for every 200 citizens. The stated reason for the buildings was to "Celebrate Glory to God", however he concluded that it was more likely due to fierce competition among the bishops for their standing in society.

Robert Scott provided some details of the Salisbury Cathedral in England as his favorite cathedral. It took 100 years to build in a water meadow. It has a 180 foot tower, built in stages to



increase the size to match the competition, and is a great design. It was paid for by any way that could be found to keep it going.

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