

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 27 - Linda Thor, Chancellor of the Foothill-DeAnza College District, "A Newcomer's Perspective on California Higher Education: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

October 4 Walt Hays, Art Stauffer, and Cindy Russell, "World Community Service"

October 11 Gloria Hom and Ginny Lear, "State and County Initiatives"

"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD!"

It was also a wonderful "first"... New Member JOCELYN VILLARUZ and her daughter, VANESA, serenaded the



assembled ... and somewhat startled Rotarians ... with the singing of *"It's a Wonderful World!"* More about Jocelyn's highly creative New Member talk later in this

epistle under...you guessed it...NEW MEMBER TALKS. Don't miss it!

PRESIDENT MIKE stepped up to the mike to lead us in "The Pledge" followed by introducing our illustrious Techie and Room Setter-Upper, STEVE MADSEN.

STEVE PRESENTED A MUCH NEEDED PRIMER ON "HOW TO HANDLE A MIKE!" To wit:

"Don't talk with your arms! A floating mike will come in and out of range leaving your audience guessing at every fourth or fifth word" or something like that.

"Hold the mike in a near horizontal position a few inches from your mouth, " or something like that.

"Wait for one of our traveling mike guys to bring you a mike before starting to introduce your guest or ask a question of the speaker. "

Also, a somewhat related suggestion from your scribe ... *When introducing a guest or visitor start by introducing yourself.* You'd be amazed at how many visitors ... and even some fellow Rotarians ... don't know your name, especially if you are an older or younger member. Sad, but true!

OUR LOQUACIOUS PRESIDENT MIKE ONCE AGAIN APPROACHED THE MIKE to introduce our visitors: To wit:

Atlee Vernon, a long time member of the Lawrence, Kansas, Club who will be in the area until graduation next spring. We're not sure whether it's Atlee's graduation or that of one of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren or perhaps a long-standing friend such as Mrs. Vernon. Come back soon, Atlee and fill in the blank!

Guests were: Brian Schmidt (WALT HAYS)

Vanessa Purins and Sabrena Chapman (JOCELYN VILLAREZ)

IRIS KOROL PRESENTED OPENING REMARKS BY ...

Reminding us that we are in the midst of *"The 10 Days of*



Awe." This is the time each year for personal introspection and reflection by members of the Jewish faith ... and certainly not a bad idea for those who are not. Iris reflected on importance of "compassion" and "kindness" in our lives. "Compassion" she reminded us, is a willingness to share our time and our financial resources with others, and "kindness" can change a life! Iris concluded by wishing each of us a healthy and happy life full of compassion and kindness.

SPEAKING OF "KINDNESS AND COMPASSION," OUR PAST PRESIDENT AND WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE GURU ... WALT HAYS, ... WAS A RAPID RESPONDER.

Walt is willing to pick up your discarded clothing for an important RUMMAGE SALE fund-raiser. As many of you know, through Walt's good offices, we have supported PROJECTO ITZAES in Mexico for a number of years. The funds raised will go to buy books and school supplies for the local children. Although Walt did not mention it, a financial contribution will probably be accepted in lieu of clothing, and...in any event...you will be regarded as both "kind" and "compassionate."

LAURIE LISTON PRIMED THE PUMP BY

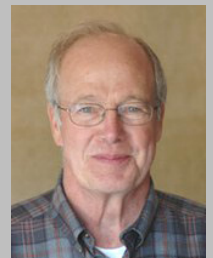
Joining the President's Club last week in honor of his 52nd wedding anniversary.



JOHN KIDD'S good fortune was to be at that meeting and...on hearing Laurie...was

reminded that he too had an

anniversary coming up. It just so happened that today was JOHN and PHYLLIS's day to celebrate 52 years of wedded bliss! Way to go everyone!



BILL BUSSE wondered out loud *"for what can I join the President's Club?"* How about two recent reunions, or a trip around the [Great Lakes](#), or a visit to [Alaska](#) and Denali National Park? He settled for Denali and a flight around Mt. McKinley complete with fabulous photographs, which are for sale to help offset the costs of the trip and the President's Club. Way to go, William!



Our wondering one also asked, *"Who stayed to the very last play in Stanford's rout of the Demon Deacons last Saturday evening...or was it [Sunday morning](#)?"* The late staying Cardinal faithful included ROGER SMITH, RUTH SCHNEIDER, ART STAUFFER (A guess) and, of course, his ever so humble self.

PRESIDENTIAL THANKS TO CHRISTINA, STEVE, DICK and BILL

CHRISTINA for handling the cashier duties ... STEVE for room set-up ... DICK for greeting ... and BILL for Pinioning!

NEW MEMBER TALKS BY JOCELYN AND MARK

Our interim introducer, ROSEANNE FAIRTY, noted that Jocelyn loved singing and ballroom dancing and has recently taken up golf. Are you kidding?

JOCELYN brought slides (and daughter, Vanesa) to assist in her New Member presentation. Jocelyn started by wondering out loud what her life could have been had she taken a different fork in the road. She might have been a piano teacher instead of a nurse. She could have stayed in the Philippines instead of coming to the US. Thanks to Mom she opted for nursing and a first job in Texas ... 60 miles south of [Lubbock](#) ... if such a place exists.



"It was the best decision I ever made as I became an expert in ER, OR and general nursing. Got restless ... off to [San Francisco](#) ... lost near Woodside ... a call to [Stanford Hospital](#)... a job ... currently Nurse Manager for the Specialties Clinic. Thanks again, Mom!"

Vanesa was born in 1985 at just under 9 lbs. Yikes! 12 years ago Jocelyn and a friend set up a hospital for indigents in the Philippines for which she continues to raise funds. She has her life in balance, and to prove her point, Jocelyn and daughter, Vanesa, treated us to a rendition of *"It's a Wonderful Life!"* Thanks Jocelyn and Vanesa ... we all agree!

NEXT UP WAS MARK STEVENSON

MARK has been a Rotarian for 25 years and gives most of the credit to his Dad, a Pittsburgh Rotarian ...



a Club President ... a District Governor... and a [Polio](#) Plus Coordinator. During his travels Mark has been a member of [Rotary Clubs](#) in Santa Fe Springs, Tacoma #8 (For you newer members the number after the club name indicates when in the order of things it was inducted into the Rotary family), [Seattle](#) #4, and San Francisco #2.

Mark started as a banker ... then worked for TWA for seven years...returned to banking when his wife obtained her MBA from USC ... Mark is currently with the Private Banking branch of [Union Bank](#). One of Mark's favorite pursuits is to make-up at Rotary Clubs in foreign lands ... **probably one of the great advantages of being a Rotarian!** Welcome aboard, Mark. Our only question is, *"How can you have logged so many years as a Rotarian and still be younger than all of our members... except perhaps for CALEB BOWMAN and DERRICK BRITT?"* (Ed: If any of you feel offended, it might be because you look older than you are. Sorry about that!)

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