

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 22 - New Member / Old Member Talks: SAM GORDON, SUE HARTENBAUM, and DUANE KALAR

29-Nov Mark Blumenkranz, M.D. Stanford Hospital Vision Center

This meeting was notable in that it displayed the best aspects of friendly rivalry, good sportsmanship and warm fellowship with the Berkeley Rotary Club. It also had an unusual introduction with a rowdy crowd in the bar.

DICK MANSFIELD managed to keep some order signing in the visitors, as well as the invasion from across the Bay. KAY WILSON warmly greeted everyone. E.J. HONG tactfully bullied members to use her electronic contraption to sign in. DERRICK BRITT masterfully collected the lunch money. The usual pledge was led by our President MIKE McMAHON.

After an interval, visitors were introduced. We had Rotarian Toru Murayama from the Tokkamachi, Japan Rotary Club who exchanged his club banner with us, and Rotarian Jack Kelly from the Los Altos Club. The visitor from Japan was accompanied by John Seaman, his son-in-law. Members with guests included STEVE PLAYER with Ray Purpur (who spoke later) and his wife Nancy; RICK RAYBIN with Oliver Coolidge; GINNY LEAR with Molly Flynn; DICK BUSH with Bill Lucas; CASH ALAEE with Susan Lutter (4th time).

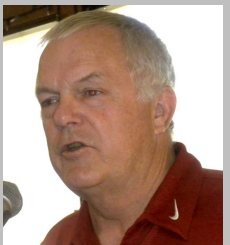
The group of friendly ruffians from Berkeley was introduced by their President Fred Collignon, and is believed to include: Peter



Steiner, Terry Regan, Dick Erickson, David Ortega, Dave Cutter, Moe Orenstein, Pete Thompson, Bob Randall, Alan Fraser, Reg Garcia and George Luna. Fred stated that his wife didn't want an ugly axe trophy in her house. [Maybe, Fred you will need to find a storage locker for it. STEVE PLAYER surely doesn't want it in his

house any longer.] By way of explanation for those not in the know, the Rotary axe trophy, displayed this week on the rostrum, is awarded each year to the LOSER of the Big Game.

JOHN KIDD, standing in for RALPH ADAMS, exhorted all members to support the Rotary Foundation. The Club would really like to see some contribution from every member to this vital part of Rotary that supports so much of our good work throughout the entire world. Make your checks out to The Rotary Foundation. In the interest of truth (?) LE LEVY tried



to convince us that he had not erred in his wild assertion that all incumbents always get elected.

Before introducing the main speaker, STEVE PLAYER reminded us that football was not the only sport at Stanford. To prove his point, he offered

two tickets to the Stanford men's basketball match with Arkansas on Sunday afternoon. GINNY LEAR picked these up for a cool \$100. Steve then joined the President's Club in honor of his celebration of 30 years of marriage to his wife Nancy. Although Steve did not mention it, Nancy is the daughter of a very distinguished, deceased, but fondly remembered, former member of our club, BILL MILLER.

To set the stage for what followed, Steve held aloft a Big Game program from 50 years ago.



Prominently featured in this heirloom were cigarette advertisements. Dick Erickson, quarterback of the '46-'48 Bears team that, eventually, went to the '49 Rosebowl introduced the visitors' major speaker, David Ortega. David is currently the Berkeley Athletic Department's Compliance Director. He proceeded to give a fast review of major football

figures and events, including the historic bonfire rally. Thrown in was some praise for Stanford, as well as for the friendly rivalry and (your reporter suspects) a healthy measure of disinformation regarding the upcoming event. The program was rounded out by some timely closing thoughts words from Steve's Stanford friend, Ray Rupur.



A late extra from DICK FREEMAN:

STOP BY AFTER THE MEETING AND SEE ME. LOOK THROUGH AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK. THERE ARE THOUSAND\$ OF DOLLAR\$ OF SAVINGS\$ THE BOOK IS ONLY \$30.00 AND THE CLUB KEEPS \$6.00. WHAT A DEAL. TYPICAL SAVINGS ARE: \$24.00 SAVINGS\$ WHEN TWO MEALS ARE PURCHASED AT LION AND COMPASS\$ \$15.00 SAVINGS\$ WHEN TWO MEAL PURCHASED AT CHEF CHU' OR EL POSTALE \$10.00 TO \$14.00 SAVINGS\$ AT BUCCA DI BEPPO, BLACK ANGUS\$ SCOTT'S\$ SEAFOOD \$ 5.00 TO \$10.00 AT COLD\$STONE ICE CREAM AND \$SOME 50 MODEST EATERIES\$ HUNDRED\$ OF DOLLAR\$ SAVING\$ ON HOTEL\$, AIRLINE\$, RENT A CAR \$60.00 IN SAVINGS\$ (OVER TIME) AT ANDRONICO'S MARKET. PLUS SAVINGS\$ ON \$PORT\$ EVENT\$ AND SO MUCH MORE.

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