

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

There were two visiting Rotarians: Mike Fleishman from Suttons Bay Michigan and Tony Villanueva from San Mateo. Guests of members were Oliver Coolidge (RICK RAYBIN), Vanessa Roach (PAM BRANDIN) and Schila Razban (LINDA STEELE)

THE GREAT LAKE OF STABILITY

The earthquake in Japan got VIC ROSASCO thinking about stability and what it really meant, possibly being "well mannered behavior," which the Japanese are good at. Following are five principles from the writings of Dr. Scott Peck:

Have a clear mind, listen and be honest.

Judge yourself first.

Take time to think.

Be willing to be hurt.

Don't expect perfection.



ON THE QUESTION OF THE EARTHQUAKE

Rotary International is setting up a method whereby members can make contributions to Japan earthquake recovery through their website. The intention is to assist in the long-term recovery effort, rather than short-term relief.

JOINING THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB

TRISH BUBENIK joined to thank all of those who participated in the Recording for the Blind and Dyspeptic project.

DAVE SMULLIN joined in honor of two people. One was SKIP HOYT for the 8 good years of clarinet and piano performances at local care centers. The other was BILLY ALHOUSE, who exemplified the true meaning of "Service Above Self" on the extensive coaching of young people.

BILL BUSSE joined in celebration of his 62nd wedding anniversary with a contribution of \$620 to the Endowment Fund. Also, the Stanford Axe is no longer in his or STEVE PLAYER wives' closets. It has been returned to its rightful place, to Cal as the loser of the "Big Game."

WHATS GOING ON

BRIAN STEEN announced that the first "Hands On" project for Palo Alto Rotary is scheduled for March 26th. There are 110 trees to plant. Fifteen volunteers have signed up, but another ten are needed. Please contact BRIAN if you can make it. Also there is a team leader training scheduled for March 19th. Team leaders are needed. Contact BRIAN.



MIKE inducted a new member to Palo Alto Rotary, OLIVER COOLIDGE.

PRESIDENT MIKE again mentioned the Brazil trip. The trip is "ON." There are now sufficient participants to make it feasible. Further information is at the entrance table.

BILL BUSSE said that the We Care Committee is still looking for members to transport ISRAEL ZEHAVER from his home in Mountain View to the weekly Rotary meetings.

THE FUNDRAISER

AUDREY RUST again appealed for contributions of good wine for this important event. Have you gotten your tickets yet? If not, please get them soon. We want you all there. Also, Russian Tea Cookies donated by CASH ALAEE were auctioned off to BILL BUSSE for \$100.

OUR PROGRAM: CASH ALAEE AND IRAN

GEORGE FITZGERALD introduced our speaker, CASH ALAEE, who was born in Iran, but grew up in the US. He has extended family in Iran who he went to visit. We here in the US often think of Iran as a desert country, but it actually is a mountainous landscape with fertile valleys. It is a complex



society with 20 languages and 12 religious groups with the majority Shiite.

ALAEE's perspective is that ordinary people of Iran are living about the same life as we are in the US. They want to have jobs, raise and educate their family, and do interesting things. They are really not that concerned about the government at the national level.

Iran considers itself as superior to the other countries in the region and wants to be considered as a regional power. It's all about money and how to make money. It is rooted in their way of life.

CASH showed us some great pictures of Iran and his family in Iran. It was great for ALAEE to make contact with his relatives, and plans to go there again sometime in the future.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 21 **Chris Longhurst**, "Data-Driven approaches to improve health & healthcare"

March 28 **Ken DeLeon**, "Overcoming Adversity"

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