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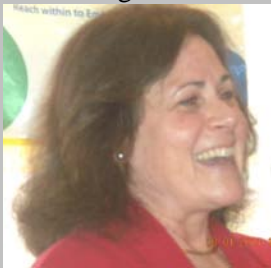
President SHERRI SAGER opened the meeting and introduced Past President IRIS KOROL, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Legendary Lyricist LE LEVY then introduced his latest creation, "Rotary," to the tune of "Ain't She Sweet." Lead Chorister, and President-Elect, HAL MICKELSON led a spirited rendition by the Club. The District Governor ruefully admitted that this was the first time he had been greeted this way.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

DANA TOM introduced Visiting Rotarians Richard Hackman of the Palo Alto University Club, and Dick Carlson, former Palo Alto Club member and visiting from Lake Tahoe and Tucson Rotary Clubs. DANA also introduced Mike Baird, as the guest of RICK RAYBIN, and Sarah Webster, the guest of her father, SAM. Sarah, a Professor from Skidmore, is visiting Palo Alto for her 40th Reunion from Paly High School.

OPENING REMARKS

DARYL SAVAGE's Opening Remarks were entitled, "Following Your Dreams, and Lessons Learned." She



described her interest in a career change to Public Safety in general, and being a San Francisco 911 Operator in particular. She continued by describing the rigors of a background investigation, which included an interview of her 90-year-old mother, who

volunteered that Daryl, "Never ate her vegetables." The next step in the hiring process was a polygraph test, described as "intimate and awkward." The last step was a 3-day psychological evaluation. After surmounting these hurdles, Daryl started working as a 911 Operator. After a short period of routine calls, she picked up a highly-charged, emotional call, which resulted in a fatality. After some serious soul searching, Daryl decided that this position was not her dream; and she advised her supervisor that she could no longer continue the work. She drove back to Palo Alto, and found an email from the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce with an offer of a Public Relations position in her hometown. The Dream changed, and the journey continues in her own backyard!

ROTARY FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN

District Governor Arley Marley kicked off the 2011-2012 campaign for The Rotary Foundation by awarding Double Sustainer pins to the following Palo Alto Rotarians for either a pledge for, or a \$200 contribution to The Foundation: JUDITH STEINER, JOYCE CUSICK, SUSAN LUTTER,

HAL MICKELSON, TOM GRACON, WALT HAYS, SHERRI SAGER, GINNY LEAR, IRIS KOROL, ART STAUFFER, BILL BUSSE, CHESLEY DOUGLAS, SAM WEBSTER, and MIKE McMAHON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM GRACON then presented a change to the luncheon menu he had worked out with VICKY CHING and Daniel. The impetus for the change was a spring membership survey, which showed a desire for some modest menu changes. Once a month for the next 2 months, there will be a "wild card" menu item, in place of the fruit salad. Members with a medical need for the fruit salad should let Daniel know. If needed, there will be a couple of fruit salads available.

The District Governor inducted MIKE BAIRD, a Certified Public Accountant from San Carlos, into our Club.

TRISH BUBENIK joined the President's Club to encourage the women in the club to schedule their periodic mammograms, and to take them seriously. Her recent surgery was triggered by her end-of-May exam. She starts chemotherapy on Wednesday. We wish her the best!

BILL BUSSE joined the President's Club to honor Sarah Webster's proud parents, SAM and Kim Webster's wedding anniversary. BILL and Barbara just returned from Fallen Leaf Lake, where SAM and Kim celebrated their honeymoon 70 years ago.

THE PROGRAM

District 5170 Governor Arley C. Marley III is a Gary, Indiana, native and a 1965 graduate of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, which is famous for making boilers. With his BS Degree in Aeronautical Engineering in hand, Arley set out for 16 years in Seattle with the Boeing Company, where he started as a Flight Test and Design Engineer. He moved south to Sunnyvale in 1986 to start Info-Scan Technology, joined the Sunnyvale Rotary Club in 2000, and became President in 2006-2007.



Governor Arley's inspirational presentation asked us if we remembered when we joined Rotary. When was it you were first proud of your Rotary experience? Why are you in Rotary? What is your passion? He then suggested a number of Rotary avenues to ignite your passion: eradication of polio, fighting hunger, reducing child mortality, basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution. He then asked us if our club was a vibrant and growing club. How can

you make it better? Are you engaged in your club? What is your club doing in your community? He then took us on a tour of the Five Avenues of Service, discussing activities in each one at District 5170. One of his goals for this year is to increase the use of technology to communicate more effectively, and to cross-pollinate best practices among the various Clubs in the District. He then finished up with a discussion of the 4-Way Test, encouraging us to feed our inner spirit, figure out who we are, and make Rotary a part of our life. Then he quoted Rotary International President Bannerjee's mantra, "Reach within to embrace humanity!"

FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 8 Peter Dailey, Deputy Director, SF Port – *San Francisco and the America's Cup*

August 15 Ron Lynn – *Stanford Football*