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THIS COULD BE OUR YEAR!

And last year wasn't too shabby. Stanford Football impresario Ron Lynn waxed poetic about the Cardinal Team, with Quarterback Andrew Luck getting a big chunk of his accolades. All of you fans...or would-be fans...are advised to get your tickets and plan to watch some exciting football on The Farm this year! Pardon me if I sound a bit excited, but this will be a great year to renew your interest in Stanford athletics. (It is rumored that we will have a Club tailgate on one of these football Saturdays.)

Ron pointed out that one of the reasons Andrew came to The Farm was to study the noble profession of architecture, and that his Advisor is one of our members, JOHN BARTON...which is an obtuse segue into our Opening Remarker, also named JOHN BARTON.

However, I almost forgot to list Guests and Visiting Rotarians, so here goes.

DERRICK BRITT did the honors to witt:

Visiting Rotarians...Mary Qian (San Mateo Sunrise Club) Steve Liston (Madrid-Serrano Club. Steve who is a diplomat was introduced by father, LAURIE LISTON) Philip Boudart (Milbrae Club)

Guests of Rotarians...June Gilliam (Mary Qian) Paul Wineman (WALT HAYS) Sue Moniz (GINNY LEAR) Ron Lynn (STEVE PLAYER) David Liston (LAURIE LISTON)

JOHN shared his thoughts on Sergeant Shriver who, while in public service, initiated the Peace Corps and the Head Start Program. John noted that Mr. Shriver's commitment to national service was very much in line with the high values of Rotary. An inspiring opening to what turned out to be an inspiring program.



And speaking of inspiration we were "INSPIRATED" (A word I picked up from our elocutionist and President Elect, HAL MICKELSON) by the services of DAVE THORNTON at the welcoming table...KRISTIN WU our astute money lady...STEVE MADSEN our setter upper par excellence, and yours truly at the keyboard. The above was duly noted by our highly organized President...President SHERRI SAGER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Chairperson KAREN KIENZLE reminded us of the Rotary Family Picnic at Foothills Park this coming Saturday. However, today was the final day for KAREN to give the University Rotary Club our list of attendees. If you are not on her list, give yourself a heads-up for next year about this same time.

JULIE JEROME passed around the Opening Remarks sign-up sheet. There may be a few openings left for this calendar year, so contact JULIE if you are willing, and probably able, to join in this Club Service activity. It's an opportunity to amaze your fellow Rotarians with words of inspiration...or possibly humoration (Another word borrowed from HAL).

YORIKO KISHIMOTO, who drove ISRAEL ZEHAVI to today's meeting, gave us the good news that since he has been on an experimental drug, ISRAEL has regained his ability to walk. Way to go medical science and Israel!

President SHERRI reminded us of the longstanding tradition of having new members sit at each of the tables. For those of us who have been lax-ifying (Yes, another Michelson-ism), the drill is that a red napkin indicates where a new member is welcome to sit. Whether you are new or ancient, take this opportunity to get better acquainted with your fellow and fellow-ess Rotarians.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE IS THE NAME OF THE GAME!

Our past president and District 5170's wizard of fundraising for international service projects, WALT HAYS, gave us a primer on the process. First, you should know that for every 1 K we contribute to the Rotary Foundation 3.5 K finds its way back to fund our qualifying projects.

Walt is also astute at talking some of the other Clubs in the District into contributing to our efforts. As many of you know, some of our projects include travel by members, and hands-on activities. We are currently working with Panamanian resident and past member, MARK HEYER, along with CYRILLE BETANT, on a literacy project. Future endeavors are the building of fuel-efficient stoves in Guatemala, continuing efforts to support Cindy Wilbur in helping upgrade facilities in the Yucatan, and a project helping to protect the apes in Cameroon. If you want to participate in this International Program, contact WALT. The next WCS meeting will be on August 31st.

OUR PROGRAM

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN...AND THIS TIME LUCK IS WITH US!

The excitement level is reaching new heights! STEVE PLAYER, one of our SU football alums, introduced RON LYNN, Director of Player Personnel. Ron has been involved



with football from Junior High School to High School to College to Professional Ball to a return to the College scene.

That's a total of 55 years, which is longer than SAM has been growing mandarin oranges.

Ron estimates that he has spent 6 ½ years in training camp dorms during his career. "My time with Al

Davis should be counted in dog years, however!"

He noted that Stanford has had a storied quarterback program when you think back to Jim Plunkett and John Elway, not to mention Frankie Albert, who played when SAM planted his first pistachio trees. Ron's comments about Andrew Luck and Stanford football went as follows:

"Watching Andrew will enrich your life."

"He comes from a great family."

"What is his dark side? None that I have seen."

"He is a team player and an outstanding leader."

"When calling signals, he has three possible plays to call depending on the defensive alignment."

"When in doubt, he has a fourth option. This scheme gave the Virginia Tech defensive backs fits during the Orange Bowl."

"The good news is that Andrew has a great back-up team!"

"There are about 2,000 potential college football players available each year; and Stanford has a pool of about 200 that are academically qualified."

"The current roster consists of players from 29 states, plus the District of Columbia."

"The players have bought into the rigorous conditioning program and having a nutritious diet."

"The nineteen freshmen recruits have been on campus this summer and are bigger, stronger, and faster because of the early training program."

"The freshmen gain a sense of community that serves them well."

Ron noted that the playbook is similar to that used by Jim Harbaugh, but that Coach Shaw is a different type of coach.

He also gave a rundown on the key offensive and defensive players and answered a few questions to conclude this excellent program...excellent even if you are not a football affectionado.

"THIS WILL BE A GOOD YEAR, SO COME ON OUT AND JOIN IN ON THE EXCITEMENT!"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 22- **New Member Talks**, TBD

August 29- **James Fearon**, Civil War in Developing Countries

September 5- **Dark**, Labor Day Observed

September 12- **Joel Brinkley**, Stanford Professor, International Foreign Affairs