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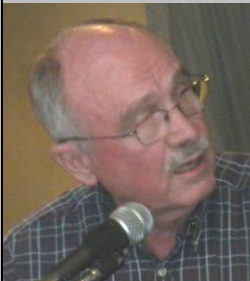
HAL MICKELSON started the meeting at 12:29 PM with **DICK MANSFIELD** leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A get-well card was circulated and signed by members for **RUTH SCHNEIDER**.

OUR GUESTS were welcomed by **HAL**:

Visiting Rotarians: Jim Philbrick from Saratoga; Eliot Terborgh, President of Palo Alto University Club, and Steve Tenbroeck also from Palo Alto University Club; and our speaker, former Rotarian Joe McNamara and his wife, Laurie McNamara

Rotarians with Guests: Doug Tsui/**DICK BUSH**; George Kelly/**RALPH ADAMS**; Bob Beacom/**CASH ALAEE**; Nancy Bjork/**JUDITH STEINER**; Lisa Clark/**ROGER SMITH**; Charlie Stees/**ART STAUFFER**; Henry Goltz/**GEOFF ZIMAN**; Mel Matsumoto/**MIKE COUCH**

OPENING REMARKS were provided by **MIKE McMAHON**, who shared quotes and insights from Vice Admiral Hyman Rickover. Rickover was known to students at the Naval Academy as "The Kindly Old Gentleman," primarily because he was not! Rickover became the longest-serving naval officer in US history with 63 years of active duty. See:



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyman_G._Rickover **MIKE'S**

favorite Rickover quotes:

"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.

If you are going to sin, sin against God, not the bureaucracy. God will forgive you, but the bureaucracy won't!

Be ever questioning. Ignorance is not bliss; it is oblivion. You don't go to heaven if you die dumb.

At any moment during a 24 hour day, only one-third of the people are asleep. The other two-thirds are awake and creating problems.

It is said that a wise man who stands firm is a statesman, and a foolish man who stands firm is a catastrophe. "



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASH ALAEE thanked **KATIE SEEDMAN** and everyone for their hard work in producing the Clam Bake, our annual fundraiser, which took place Saturday, March 2nd. **CASH** and **KATIE** will have the final numbers ready for us shortly. **WALT HAYS** announced two upcoming Hands-On projects: On Sat. March 16 we will be planting trees with Canopy, and April 19-21, Rotarians will be refurbishing La Candida (a historic project founded by our club) at Avandia's.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB CONTRIBUTION. **WALT HAYS** also made a President's Club contribution to honor his granddaughter's graduation from the University of British Columbia and his son's new job at Google.

AUCTION President HAL conducted an efficient auction of two of our speaker's books: The First Detective to **DAVE THORNTON** and Love and Death in Silicon Valley to **JOYCE CUSICK**.

PROGRAM

DIANA DIAMOND introduced Joe McNamara, former San Jose



Chief of Police. She had met him when she was an editorial writer for the SJ Mercury. Joe graduated from Harvard with a PhD in Public administration. His career with SJPD was from 1976-1991. He's been a long time writer, having just finished his fifth book and is currently a Research Fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. See also:

<http://www.hoover.org/fellows/10420>

Chief McNamara shared many stories and insights accumulated during his career. He started by confessing he never wanted to be a cop, but he needed a job when he was in New York City, and found the work to be simultaneously "strange and wonderful."

Chief McNamara is specifically concerned about the high level of violence "within one mile of where we sit." He shared that half of all homicides are gang related, the gangs mostly financed by Mexican drug cartels. Some say in Mexico, the cartels are winning.

Q: Should we legalize drugs?

A: Drugs were not illegal until 1914, but making them legal now would be radical.

Q: What do you read for pleasure?

A: My own books! I'm a junkie reader; always have been. I particularly like mysteries.

Q: What do cops think about gun control?

A: There are 8000,000 cops in the US. Most East Coast cops favor gun control, somewhat less so in the Western US.

Q: How do you compare Silicon Valley violence with New York's?

A: Oakland and East Palo Alto homicide rates are horrible and are the result of bad government and bad politics. NYC has cleaned up its act. San Jose is now the safest large city in US.

HAL thanked Chief McNamara and assured him a dictionary will be given to a Green Oaks Academy second grader in his honor.

ADJOURNMENT was at 1:35 PM by **HAL** who thanked those who helped create today's meeting: Our Cashier was **DANA TOM**; **DICK MANSFIELD** manned and fielded the Welcome Desk; **BRIAN STEEN** was Pinion writer; and **STEVE MADSEN** handled setup.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 11 **Susan Lutter** (Club Member), Rotary in Cameroon

March 18 **Los Altos Main Street Singers**

March 25 **Gerald Uelmen**, Santa Clara University Law Professor, California's Dysfunctional Death Penalty Law