

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CAMEROON...HERE WE COME!

Susan Lutter was raised on an asparagus farm out on the prairie and now spends her time in the rain forest of Cameroon. Thus the title of her presentation, "*From the Prairie to the Forest.*" And what a delightful presentation it was! Take a look at the program notes near the end of this epistle. You'll enjoy what you read and possibly be inspired to join in our Rotary trip to Cameroon.

FOLLOWING DAVE SMULLIN'S ESSAY ON DEMOCRACY

He led us in the Pledge, al a the great SAM WEBSTER. "*Now everyone, on the count of three!*" Well done, Dave, Sam would have been proud.

AND SPEAKING OF SAM

President HAL reminded those who have not already done so, to consider sending a memorial gift to the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund to honor SAM's outstanding service to the community, his family, and our Club. P.O. Box 592 PA 93402

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE

our esteemed president was referred to as "illustrious." He suggested that if he had tattoos he could be more appropriately referred to as "illustrated." A typical Halism.... perhaps.

GUESTS APLENTY

ROTARIANS...Bruce Bean and Dean Isaacs both from the San Mateo Club

And our former member KLAUS HEINEMANN from the Gualala Club

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS....DICK BUSH/Peter Eng. Peter is director of SLAC via Macao, the University of Washington and Cal Poly...along with having been an urban planner.

SALLY TOMLINSON/Tess Byler. Sally and Tess are long time hiking buddies.

BEN THRELKELD/Laura Barletta. Laura is a renowned photographer.

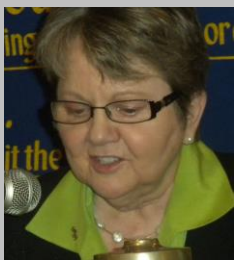
RALPH ADAMS/Neil Raushhuber. Neil is a manager with the PAUSD.

MIKE McMAHON/Jerry McMahon. Jerry is the Mike's son, if you haven't guessed.

TOM GRACON/Helen Gracon. Helen is the much better half.

OPENING REMARKS by GINNY LEAR

GINNY is the epitome of her remarks. After a casual bon mote that the true harbinger of spring is the sound of the bat hitting the ball, Ginny reminded us to follow the motto of this year's International President Sakuji Kanaka to work for "Peace thru



Service." In the process one can become more generous, more tolerant, and more respectful. President HAL added his thought that "Peace thru Service" is both a process and an outcome during which you are transformed. So join in...the operative word is "service."

CASH REPORTS ON THE CASH

Our "illustrious" (there's that word again) co-fund raiser par excellence, CASH ALAEE, reported that the auction had

raised \$8,800 for ADA, the new non-profit restaurant at the Mid-Town Library and some \$22,000 for our charity program. Congratulations to all of those attending the Clam Bake and especially those unrestrained high bidders!

IF YOU LIKE GREAT CHORAL MUSIC DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

This is a must attend event according to President HAL. We will be treated to singing by the Los Altos MAIN STREET SINGERS. And how good are they you ask? Well, they are good enough to sing before audiences on the international stage. Don't miss it and invite your friends, neighbors, and any relatives you are on speaking terms with...or not!

For more accolades google mainstreetsingers

BRIAN STEEN HAD A MESSAGE AND A CONTRIBUTION

BRIAN joined the "illustrious" President's Club for some reason unknown to your scribe, but none the less extremely important. He also announced a Choral Concert this Sunday at 4 pm at the First Baptist Church at California Ave. and Bryant St. Another great singing event and the second in our season opening double header!

OUR "ILLUSTRIOUS" INTERNATIONAL HANDS-ON CHAIRMAN WALT HAYS

Introduced today's program. SUSAN LUTTER, a retired expert



(in something that I missed during the introduction) is a volunteer with the Gorilla Foundation and Ape Action Africa. She will lead our Rotary expedition to Cameroon. Her slide presentation was simply fabulous. Photographs of the lush rain forest that is part of the 2,500 acre primate reserve, along with shots of the primates, the

people and the countryside. Her work centers on rescuing baby chimps, monkeys, and gorillas. Her staff of 50 work 12 hour days and care for 400 rescued animals. Their hospital is on the back of a Toyota pick-up and, together with tender care and feeding, they save many primate lives.

Their work also involves teaching native children in the five nearby villages. The people of Cameroon place a high value on education. Incidentally, the Cameroonians have around 300 different languages; and each person is required to know at least five. And finally, one of the projects that they deem highly is the latrines built by Rotary.

If you can possibly join this expedition...do it. It might change your life! Contact WALT HAYS or LE LEVY for more information.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 18 **Los Altos Main Street Singers**

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

April 1 **Pat Dwyer**, It Doesn't Take a Genius: The Need for Collaboration between our Justice and Mental Health Systems