

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## ***"IT'S THE PRESENT THAT COUNTS!"***

**One of our illustrious VOCATIONAL PRESENTERS** used that quote today. And "why?" you might ask. It was the second line to a famous statement by an unknown statesman...or stateswoman...the first line of which is ***"When Your Past Calls, Don't Answer!"*** However, the past did call today for DON LANGENDORF and HENRIETTA BURROUGHS and answer they did!. (Skip to the bottom if you would like to read about their most interesting past callings.)

**Our meeting decor** featured the "continuing ANNUAL AUCTION slide show" by BRUCE GEE along with six outstanding auction-worthy photos by none other than DAVID BLITZ. Well done, gentlemen!

**OUR VISITING ROTARIAN** was past member Dave Fraser (1978-1995) currently representing the Mad River-McKinleyville, CA Rotary Club.

**OUR GUEST**...and former club member was "soon to be re-inducted" LISA AKSELRAD. Thanx for coming home, LISA!

### **BEN THRELKELD OPENED WITH...**

***"40 Ingredients to Raising a Healthy Well Adjusted Child"*** as suggested by the Palo Alto School District. Ben went on to relate their service-minded activities for children, to our Rotary programs including giving dictionaries to Green Oaks Academy students, to our 4 Way Test commitments. BEN summed his remarks with the quote that ***"It takes a village to raise a child"*** and that ***"We have a good Rotary Village!"*** Well done BEN!



### **THE AUCTION APPROACHETH!**

Auction Gurus GINNY LEAR, DICK BUSH and BRUCE GEE gave their collective final pitch for FRIDAY's Big Fund Raising Event!

**GINNY:** ***"STEVE PLAYER has returned as auctioneer."***

***"HAL MICKELSON will be our roving pitchman and time keeper."*** ***"BRUCE GEE not only has done all of the superb graphics, but has talked the editors of the local papers (Including BILL JOHNSON and DAVE PRICE) into including Auction Ads in their papers to thank our many sponsors."***

***"Parking at the University Club will be a challenge. Car pool!"***

**DICK:** ***"The Grand Event will start at 6 pm."*** ***"There will be live music!"***

**BRUCE:** ***"Check in at the bar."*** ***"Limber up your arms"*** ***"Sign up for tours ahead of time."*** ***"Study the Guide so you know in advance what you will bid on."*** ***"Support the cause!"*** ***Have fun!"*** ***"DON'T FORGET THE TRIPS BY CRITERION TRAVEL!"***

### **OUR THREE VOCATIONAL TALKS MORPHED INTO TWO.**

However, according to MIKE COUCH our third vocational-er, DAVE THORNTON, will give his twice next time! Such a deal!



MIKE introduced DON ***"Our professional loafer"*** LANGENDORF by listing his many accomplishments...such as Hotel Manager, Bread Guru, and Financial Wizard.

**DON filled in the blanks** by first noting that his family had owned the Chancellor Hotel in SF for 90 years. (You can bid on two nights at the

Chancellor Friday. Bid high and often!) Career-wise Don sold newspapers at age 8...worked in a service station when service meant "service"...became a baker in the **Langendorf Bakery** in San Jose at age 16 and rose through the ranks as he rose to older ages. When the bakery was sold DON went into a business with less fluff...stock brokerage. He retired from Paine Webber at age 62 and is still retired and still getting older! ***"Well Done, Don"*** as they say in the bakery business!

NEXT UP WAS HENRIETTA BURROUGHS who started by noting that her career can be



summarized by a favorite song, ***"A Long and Winding Road!"*** And what a road it was! The following is a brief summary of headlines.

***"Wanted to be a surgeon."*** ***"Won a speech contest."*** ***"Went to Howard University."*** ***"Majored in Philosophy."*** ***"Interested in Foreign Service and worked for an NGO at the UN."*** ***"Went to***

***Columbia Graduate School of International Affairs."*** ***"Was employed by the New York Post as a writer and then WNBC as a reporter."*** ***"Time out to marry and have a baby."*** ***"Free-lance writer, TV reporter and host."*** ***"Worked for McCall's and New York Times."*** ***Moved to Palo Alto when husband was offered job."*** ***Had a son. "Joined PTA and YWCA."*** ***"Lost second child when baby was 8 mos. old."*** ***"Had another child."*** ***"Gave up journalism."*** ***"When daughter went to college started the East Palo Alto Today newspaper which has won numerous awards."*** ***"Currently writing a book about 'local community.'"***

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**April 4** Annual Fund Raiser - 6 p.m.

**April 7** Knight Fellow Presentation

**April 14** **Jim Keene**, Palo Alto City Manager

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