

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Past President JOHN O'KEEFE led the Pledge, earning a compliment of sorts from PRESIDENT E. J. HONG for knowing all the words.

Visiting Rotarians (guests of LEE LIPPERT) Mike Herzen and Bob George of the Menlo Park Rotary Club said they wanted to serve as fact checkers for their host's talk and to see what a "really good club" looked like. They promptly let us down, claiming they came from an "excellent club".

We welcomed Members' guests Dick Pike (BRIAN STEEN), Jane Khalaf (JOHN KIDD), Cindy Threlkeld and Eduardo D'Ignoti (BEN THRELKELD).



DICK FREEMAN reminded us about the visit to the Memorial Grove in Big Basin on Sunday April 26, and asked those interested to contact him. He also told us we have an anniversary shortly, explaining our club began on April 18, 1922, under the sponsorship of the San Jose Club. That led

BILL BUSSE to explain later in the meeting that the San Francisco Club had refused to sponsor us, heeding objections of its Cal Berkeley grads. EJ

welcomed BILL to the President's Club for that, but she did not discourage the redoubtable Cal grad LE LEVY from incurring a similar penalty for asserting the San Francisco Club had been justified.



SHERRI SAGER's Opening Remarks consisted of three brief delightful poems celebrating the arrival of spring. BILL BUSSE added a perhaps less delightful fourth when he held the floor, a very brief one ending, "And now this poem must close, so the poet can blow his nose."



For helping out today E. J. thanked JACKIE SCHOELERMAN at the Welcome Desk, REBECCA GERALDI as Cashier, DON MORGAN and LYLE CONNELL for drafting and editing the Pinion, Sgt. at Arms JOE SINNOT, STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER for room set-up, and DANA TOM as Greeter.



STEVE EMSLIE joyfully announced that EJ's Debunking will take place on the evening of Monday June 29 at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline (there will be no Club meeting that day). Steve asked that volunteers for the

event's Program Planning Committee should contact him.

Our solitary registrant EJ earnestly solicited attendance by others at the upcoming District 5170 Conference on April 17-19. EJ also stressed that next Monday we will meet UPSTAIRS, due to an annual conflicting meeting in our regular space.



LEE PFAB invited attendance at our spring social from 5:30 to 7:30 on April 30 at the home of DUANE and Ann KALAR, 418 Coleridge Avenue, Palo Alto.

EJ also urged us to purchase Mothers' Day cards with an End-Polio theme at next week's meeting; each \$10 purchase, has 2:1 matching funds, becoming a \$30 contribution to Rotary's EndPolio Now campaign.

JUDY KLEINBERG announced the Chamber of Commerce's Awards Dinner on Tuesday April 21, with raffle tickets on sale for an attractive array of prizes.



TRISH BUBENIK joined the President's Club to honor Holocaust Remembrance Day and to remember her father, who passed last April.

ROB LANCEFIELD also joined, in memory of his father, a career West Point grad who was the first Judge



Advocates Corp officer into Dachau after America liberated it.



LISA AKSELRAD invited us to the Rotary Means Business meeting on April 28 at the Rinconada library, a joint venture with the University Club.

LE LEVY reminded us that he heads our cycling group, open to casual participation by non-members and to additions to the group by those who are interested, all of whom should contact him.

THE PROGRAM: NEW MEMBER TALKS

ROB LYMAN introduced our speakers, listing their sponsors and dates of joining the club, and relating some unusual tidbit about each of them.

RICHARD KELLER tantalized us by posting the fourth subject he



would cover as the Meaning of Life. He did not find that in his education and work as an electrical engineer specializing in high tech power sources, nor in his sailing exploits including bringing a catamaran from Hawaii to the Bay Area on a 16 day voyage that followed a northward course for hundreds of miles before turning east, far from the most direct route but the fastest, around a high pressure area with clockwise circulation of winds, racing his

boat on San Francisco Bay, chartering boats for cruises around the world to places we would all love to visit. He did not find it in assisting numerous start-ups, some of which were successful. Rather, he illustrated and summed the Meaning of Life by a photo of his four young grandchildren!

LISA AKSELRAD took a different tack. She found personal services administration



attractive for a career, perhaps influenced by her father, an avid Rotarian who worked seven days a week. To spend quality time with him she accompanied him to Rotary meetings, and has since been active in one or another club, including ours on two separate memberships. She loves sports, avidly rooting for local college (sorry, LE LEVY) and professional teams. She loves politics, but spared us details.

She loves work, particularly work that produces tangible benefits to those in dire need around the globe, for examples bringing latrines and running water to communities that had lacked both, increased access to schooling, and wheelchairs to children unable to walk. A final love: walks with her dog Sophie.

LEE LIPPERT's ancestors emigrated from Eastern Europe to



America over a hundred years ago. He grew up as his family moved between Philadelphia and New York City in the conduct of apparel manufacturing. Architecture attracted him as the result of an inspirational PBS program about a local architect in Philadelphia. He worked in the architect's office after school, and then studied at and graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. He worked for furniture

manufacturers at two addresses on Manhattan's Madison Avenue, during which he enjoyed an elevator ride shared only with Jacqueline Kennedy. His serious interest in social responsibility dates from the 9-11 horrors. He has reached his "Rotary Bar Mitzva", 13 years of membership here or there. He now works with high-tech start-ups, developing physical images without invading investors' capital.

HENRIETTA BURROUGHS asked LEE whether he had conversed with Jackie. He had. As their cozy elevator opened at the floor on which his office was, she asked whether they had reached the gallery in which she was interested. "No, that is one floor up."

Noting that the talks by LISA and LEE satisfied their Blue Badge requirements, EJ and BEN THRELKELD presented them their new badges. EJ donated "Bluebird" reading books to an East Palo Alto school in honor of all three speakers, and announced next week's speaker and subject.

EJ adjourned the meeting, on time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 Scott Sagan, "The Nuclear Future: Can we have the Spread of Nuclear Power without the Spread of Nuclear Weapons?"

April 27 Charles Wasser or Jim Mealy, Global Polio Eradication and the Endgame Strategy

May 4 Vocational Talks: Liz Kniss, Walt Hays, Trish Bubenik

May 11 Jeremy Hay, Knight Fellow