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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 7 - David Magnus - Emerging Issues in Bioethics

April 14 - Martha Kanter - Foothill and De Anza Colleges: Our Mission, Accomplishments, and Challenges Ahead

April 21 – Women in Rotary – Betsy Bechtel, Diana Diamond, Gloria Hom, Liz Kniss, and Bob Smithwick

TODAY'S HEADLINES

Hannah Judith Whitehair born; BOB joins President's Club.

RALPH ADAMS returns from the Middle East; benefits from person-to-person contact (But, did the Egyptians?).

NINA MOORE luxuriates in Luxor with the help of ADAM ATITO.

SHARON WAGNER learns that "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want." (She vows to continue searching for the best in each Rotarian, no matter how long it takes.)

ANDY COE is guest of GEORGE FITZGERALD, while Mark Thomas and Chuck Hayden are guests of DICK MANSFIELD.

DAVE PRICE makes an appearance, applause is restrained.

SHERRI SAGER urges all to attend the "Women in Rotary" District 5170 Conference Luncheon at Double Tree Hotel in San Jose on Saturday, April 12th. GLORIA HOM and

other women in Rotary will be honored.

EJ HONG, Co-Chair (with JUDITH STEINER), commends the Program Committee: MIKE COUCH, DIANA DIAMOND, WES GARDINER, TOM GRACON, SKIP HOYT, CARL KING, ROB LANCEFIELD, STEVE MADSEN, MARK NADIM, DAVID NEGRIN, JOAN PLASTIRAS, DAN QUINN, and ART STAUFFER. Example of the commendation's deservedness found in today's program.

LIZ KNISS introduces Rehnquist Award-Winning Judge, Leonard Edwards.

Judge Edwards speaks of the leadership role Santa Clara County's courts have taken in dealing with families at risk.

For a number of years, Santa Clara's courts, under the leadership of Judge Edwards, have taken an innovative, leadership position in dealing with homes torn apart, usually by drugs. Their position is that families are the best place for children, and it is best to work positively to create a viable environment for the family to stay together. They rely on mediation, rather than litigation, bringing social workers, health care providers, and other community workers into each picture. As a result, Santa Clara is the most visited court in the country. More importantly, its record is exemplary. As Judge Edwards said, "Its not moms getting their kids back; it's kids getting back their moms."

OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES.

<http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/MeetingInfo.cfm>