

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PUPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule

- SEPTEMBER 1 - DARK (It's Labor Day, remember)
- SEPTEMBER 8 – Irvin Yalom, MD – Staring at the Sun: Overcoming the fear of death
- SEPTEMBER 15 -Toni Heineman – The Status of Foster Children Today.

OPENERS:

PREZ MIKE called on JOHN KIDD to lead us all in the Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered, as usual.

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening remarks were delivered by HERSH DAVIS who spoke on the advantages of smiling, especially its therapeutic effects, both mind and body (he also suggested that we should not rely on the jokes of a certain individual, herein unnamed). HERSH encouraged us to use every opportunity to maintain a light and positive attitude. In fact, he referred to the following observation that angels fly because they take life lightly.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Rotary visitors and guests were introduced by CYRILLE BETANT. Visiting Rotarians (Club) at today's meeting were JERI FUJIMOTO (San Carlos club) and CHARLES CHENG (Shanghai club).

Visitors (Hosts) were HANS-CHRISTOPHE STEINER and LAURA CRAINE-BONO (JUDITH STEINER), JOHN BARTON (JOAN PLASTIRAS), WAXAKO MATSUSHIGE (NANCY PETERS), GEORGE JOSEPH THEMP-ANRAD (WES GARDINER), BOB TOKHEIM (ROB LYMAN), ED DANGLER (EJ HONG), TAHER FARTEHI (EJ HONG) and last but indeed not least, JEAN COUCH (PREZ MIKE). A warm welcome was extended to all by CYRILLE and PREZ MIKE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Were all saddened to hear that VIC ROSASCO's wife died recently from complications of an injury. Try to call VIC and express your feelings to him.

Our next Feed-the-Homeless event at the Presbyterian Church on Cowper will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Try to attend and help in this worthy

effort.

We were reminded of the forthcoming social event at PREZ MIKE and JEAN's house on Thursday, Sept.4 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Enjoy and bring a bottle of wine.

DICK FREEMAN will have copies of his discount book - a good buy. Bring \$25 to the next meeting to take advantage of this opportunity.

THE PRESIDENTS CLUB has several new members, GEORGE FITZGERALD, DAN QUINN, SHERRI SAGER, and BILL LOVE. Also, there are two ex-permanent President's Club members SAM WEBSTER, at the cost of a joke, and DAVID NEGRIN. No more free bragging rights for these two guys.

THE PROGRAM:

Our distinguished guest speaker for today's meeting, DR. MARCUS FELDMAN, was introduced by JUDITH STEINER. DR. FELDMAN, who is a professor of Biology at Stanford University, has similar distinguished positions at several universities in foreign countries. He spoke on the subject of the variations in the genetic characteristics of humans around the world since their "arrival" on the planet about 150,000 years ago. It's possible to disallow changes in the physical characteristics of planet Earth in this analysis since they occurred millions of years ago. He was able to trace, or at least suggest the mobility of the 63 races of humans by noting statistical similarities and differences in their genetic makeup. He also noted that there are 3 billion variations based on currently available data; surprisingly the least amount of variations exist in the Native American population. It is no longer possible to classify humans by their visible characteristics since their many variations go much deeper than what can be seen by the human eye. If there was a course on this subject, I have the feeling that at least half the club would sign-up. Thanks DR. FELDMAN for a fascinating talk. (I hope I got this brief description right.)

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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