



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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## WELCOME ROBBIE

President ROB LANCEFIELD opened the first meeting of the year and was greeted with a rousing rendition of the song "Welcome Robbie", thanks to one of LE LEVY'S intriguing lyrics to the tune of "Hello Dolly". It was an auspicious beginning.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Opening remarks were offered by LYLE CONNELL who suggested that we Rotarians could ask the question "where can we make a difference?". One person alone can make a difference but 1.2 million Rotarians could make a much greater difference. The statistics of the world today reveal that millions of people are in need, stymied due to poverty, poor living conditions, disease, lack of education and other restraints. There is no shortage of opportunity to help those in need. The challenge is to pick the projects with the greatest impact

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## WHO'S VISITING

Visitors & Guests were introduced by LARRY BAILEY. **Visiting Rotarians** were David Murphy (none) and Peter Gventermann (Buckhead).

**Guests** (hosts) were: Rita Lancefield, Jean Burch, Wileta Burch (ROB LANCEFIELD); Kerry Childress (speaker); Virginia Jackson (JANET WELLS); Adrian Mikolajczak (GEOFF ZIMAN); Kam McCowan (BOB MCCOWAN).

## WHAT'S GOING ON

NINA MOORE announced that the first party of the new year will be a garden party on August 9th at the home of ROB and RITA LANCEFIELD. Please mark this on your calendar. Also NINA needs volunteers to help for this and future parties.

ART STAUFFER thanked everyone for the wonderful debunking last week. It was a suburb evening. It showed the talent in the club. The movers and shakers for the event were IRIS KOROL, TODD, HAL MICKELSON, RUTH SCHNEIDER, BILL BUSSE, LE LEVY, and others.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**July 16 ~ Firoozeh Dumas, "Laughing without an Accent: Tales of an Iranian Humorist"**

**July 23 ~ Jim Harbaugh ~ Stanford Football Update**

**July 30 ~ (Our own) Dr. Nick Nichols, Is There Privacy After the Web?**

## THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT LANCEFIELD felt impressed to tell us a little about himself since his new member talk was some years ago. Following this disclosure was a look ahead for the coming year.

The plan for the year is to "stay the course". There are currently 150 members and plan to stay at that level. The Web Site is doing well. He encouraged everyone to

visit the web site. <http://www.rotarypalalto.org/>

The challenge for the year is for everyone to "get involved in Rotary". He asked that we look at the list of committees on the table and volunteer to participate.

Technology will be used to the greatest extent possible to enhance club operations. This includes use of the web site and e-mail as a prime communication tools.

The club will continue in line with the 3 year strategic plan.

How much do we "by-in" on the 4 way test?



## PRESIDENT'S CLUB

DON LANGENDORF wanted to join the presidents club in honor of his granddaughter's wedding which took place in New York.

## TREATING THE WOUNDED

RALPH ADAMS introduced Kerry Childress who currently serves as the Communications Officer and Congressional Liaison for the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

Ms Childress dramatically described the extensive care being given the very seriously wounded. 60-70% of these Iraq veterans would not have survived in previous conflicts because they did not have the advanced techniques now available. The Palo Alto VA is one of four hospitals specially equipped to handle the brain, eyesight and limb injuries for those returning from Iraq. The injuries from IED explosions are devastating, especially to the brain. Limb injuries can be treated with



Prosthetics, which are now very good. Some injuries are not immediately visible and are termed as post traumatic stress disorder, which can be devastating if not treated.

The hospital has had considerable success in treating these severely wounded patients and returning them to the community. One of the difficulties the hospital had to face was that the family is also damaged and need assistance while being there with the patient. In this regard, Rotary helped raise money to build housing units to accommodate the families of the veterans.

Some veterans may be having problems relating to post traumatic stress disorder and not be aware or not report it. Ms Childress appealed to the audience. That If they spot a veteran having problems, encourage them to seek treatment at the VA hospital.

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## OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

### TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15  
Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15  
Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 12:15

### WEDNESDAY

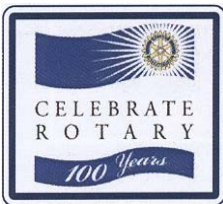
Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:15  
East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15  
Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

### FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15  
San Carlos: Piaceri's Restaurant, 727 Laurel Street, San Carlos 12:15



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