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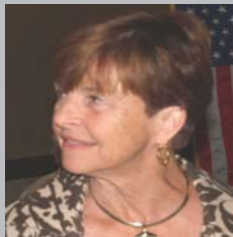
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THE PLEDGE

LINDSEY NORTH led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WHO'S VISITING



ANDER VAZQUEZ introduced our guests for today. John Kidd with pleasure introduced a friend, Carla Stevenson.



DAVID NEGRIN'S guest was a granddaughter, Emily Negrin.



STEVE EMSLIE'S reintroduced Adrian Mikolajczak

BRIAN STEEN hosted Anne Trela.



MIKE COUCH brought a friend, Lu Puayo.



Surprisingly there were no visiting Rotarians.

THE QUIET ZONE



YORIKO KISHIMOTO was inspiring with profound thoughts about activation and contemplation. Some personalities make the case that we all need a "quiet spot" for meditation or other thoughtful endeavors. We all have a center of stillness surrounded by stillness in the inner sense. She believes that the open space projects,

which are the topic of the program today, can help provide this "stillness."

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August 13 - Judge Jim Kleinberg - Your Judiciary: Dependent and Independent (About 15% on what the court system is about, and the balance on the subject of judicial independence.)

August 20 - Three New Member Talks, as follows: Pat Burt, Lindsey North, and Ander Vazquez.

August 27 - D. G. Dick Lohmiller - Investing in the Future to strengthen ones club and The Rotary Foundation

WHAT'S GOING ON

BILL BUSSE enthusiastically announced that it is soon party time..." President ROB & RITA LANCEFIELD are hosting a Garden Social at their home (189 Walter Hays Drive in Palo Alto) on Thursday, August 9th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. A-M please bring an appetizer & N-Z wine."

DAN QUINN made a good pitch for the value for participating in the monthly "Feed the Homeless" volunteer activity. But then, he sprung the news that there will be no "Feed the Homeless" in the month of August. The next one will be in September.

PRESIDENT ROB advised us that the Board of Directors has established a profound policy on the sale of books at the weekly Rotary meeting at Ming's. Speakers who request so will be allowed a book sale provided it is an "availability" done in the "back room" away from the main meeting room.

TRISH BUBENIK provided more detail regarding the next "Disasters Strike Without Opportunity" training session. It will be held on Sunday, August 26 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Ming's Restaurant, 1700 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. RSVP (650) 688-0427. To review preparedness actions you can hear recommendations for assembling a disaster kit.

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

BRIAN STEEN introduced a colleague and the speaker, Audrey Rust.



Since 1987, Audrey Rust has served as CEO of the Peninsula Open Space Trust, first as executive director and currently as president. Under her leadership, POST has worked successfully in partnership with public agencies and private landowners to bring permanent protection to many thousands of acres of open

space lands in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. She cited basically five factors which contribute to success in open space preservation. First is departing from the confidentiality culture of the past to a culture of partnerships, such as that which achieved the HP property purchase for open space preserve. This project was achieved through a partnership between POST and Semper Virens. She believes partnership really work, especially in a state like California where the goal is public usage.

Another point is that it takes a great deal of persistence to overcome the problems that arise, particularly in family situations concerning land. The partnerships also need to have a high degree of flexibility with the people involved in the project. Of course, timing is all important. You need to learn how to be there first with a positive outlook.

PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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

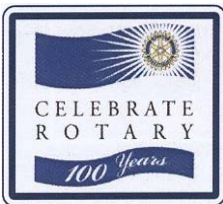
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

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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