

CENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER

ROTARY CLUB OF PALO ALTO



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TRIVIA

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #1

Rotary International recently published which of the following updated worldwide membership and club numbers?

- A. 1.2M members and 35,000 clubs
- B. 1.2M members and 46,000 clubs
- C. 1.4M members and 35,000 clubs
- D. 1.4M members and 46,000 clubs

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #2

Which of the following is not a PARC Sister City on the City Hall Sister Cities of Palo Alto sign post?

- A. Albi, France
- B. Enschede, Netherlands
- C. Linkoping, Sweden
- D. Oaxaca, Mexico
- E. Palo, Philippines
- F. Takamatsu, Japan

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #3

At the time of our Centennial Celebration next April, Rob Lyman will have been organizing and hosting our New Member Talks for?

- A. 6 years
- B. 10 years
- C. 13 years
- D. 18 years

correct answers: d, f, c

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #4

In 1922, the year our club was founded, who was the President of the United States?

- A. Howard Taft
- B. Woodrow Wilson
- C. Warren Harding
- D. Calvin Coolidge

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #5

What was the average annual U.S. income in 1922?

- A. \$5,462
- B. \$4,434
- C. \$4,817
- D. \$3,143

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA #6

Which one of the following food inventions was patented in 1922?

- A. Wonder Bread
- B. Eskimo Pie
- C. Popsicle
- D. Velveeta Cheese

correct answers: c, d, b

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Cash Alae	Ginny Lear
Betsy Bechtel	Hal Mickelson
Trish Bubenik	Steve Player
Anne Cribbs	Karen Rohde
Steve Emslie	Ken Sanchez
Bruce Gee	Dana Tom
Rebecca Gerald	Sally Tomlinson
Linnet Kwok	Charlie Weidanz

If January is the month of change,
February is the month of lasting change.
January is for dreamers ... February is for doers.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

The PARC Robert Smithwick Vocational Scholarship Program is named after long-time Palo Alto Rotarian, Dr. Robert Smithwick.

California currently boasts 116 Community Colleges that serve 1.8 million students, and Dr. Smithwick is widely credited for its formation and success.

Dr. Smithwick was a dentist by trade. He was also a ham radio operator and a charitable community activist, devoted to improving health and education locally and abroad.



California Community Colleges

Dr. Smithwick served as "Vice Director of the California State Health Department" under Governor Ronald Reagan and then on "The White House Council on Health" under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Our PARC vocational scholarship program is entering its 15th year of giving. Through this worthwhile charitable program, our club has touched the lives of 140 local community college students and total scholarship awards have added up to approximately \$240,000.



Our scholarships are specifically "needs-based" rather than "academic-based". Which means funds awarded from the scholarships can certainly be used to help pay tuition and to buy textbooks, but equally importantly, it can be used to secure groceries, pay rent, and keep the electricity on.

Most notably, Dr. Smithwick was the founder of the Foothill/De Anza Community College District, which became the model of the entire California State Community College Program.

During our Centennial year, and every year, we have much to be grateful for, inspired by, and proud of, as we recognize the deep impact that our club's meaningful fundraising efforts have had on others, both locally and worldwide.

OUR AUCTION NEEDS YOU

As the Valentine season approaches, we ask you to consider sending a little love to our Centennial Auction.

In honor of our 100 year anniversary, we've set our charities fundraising goal for the year at \$100,000.

The Centennial Auction is a key element of our annual fundraiser, which supports all our charitable programs for the coming year; Local Grants, Vocational Scholarships, World Community Service, and Youth Programs.

An easy way you can help us reach our goal is by donating items to the Centennial Auction. Sally Tomlinson is our hard-working auction chair and she would love to hear from you. Sally can be reached at sallytomlinson@tomlinsonmail.com

ITEMS WE'D LOVE TO RECEIVE

- Vacation Homes
- Gift Certificates
- Wine
- Delicious Dinners
- Homemade Desserts
- Experiences / Tours / Special Events
- Surprise Us!