



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WE HAD A GREAT POLITICAL ASSEMBLY!

Many “great” Rotarians and their guests assembled to hear three outstanding candidates for State Assembly District 21 respond to challenging questions.

The Challenger was member DAVE PRICE and the responders were RICH GORDON...JOSH BECKER... and YORIKO KISHIMOTO. The questions posed by DAVE can be found near the bottom of this epistle, along with a comment or two by the Reporter.

STUMBLING TO THE STARTING LINE to lead the Pledge was illustrious Past President (1973-1974) ROBERT “Bobby” BULMORE... (Also self-named, “Toro Mas” for those of you who speak another language.)

KAREN SINGER was inveigled by President RALPH into inviting our members to introduce their “Guests” as follows:

- WES GARDINER... Warren Poole
- ANNETTE GLANCKOPF... Karen Routt
- WALT HAYS... wife, Kay
- GINNY LEAR... Christina Chu, Zach Landes, and Sue Hartenbaum
- DICK MANSFIELD... wife, Ellie
- ROGER SMITH... Richard Hackmann
- BOB SMITHWICK... Monica Koch
- STEVE PLAYER... wife, Nancy

VISITING from STOCKHOLM was Andy Jacobi who introduced his guest, Finn Bodemar

(More later about our special guests Lyra, Judith, and Gery.)

DARYL SAVAGE opening remarked that “Magical people can tell great stories.” (She quickly added that she is not one of them.) However, she did share what it takes to give an effective speech.

“Stand upright...look at everyone...believe what you say and say it with passion and conviction...vary your pace and pause frequently...emphasize key words...be conscious of your body language.” And last, Smile and Thank Your Audience”... which DARYL did most graciously!

And “Our thanks to you, Daryl!” We can now expect the best from all of our future presenters...at least those who were present for your presentation!

THE STEVE and STEVE SHOW!

Once again our intrepid FUND RAISING GALA PROMOTERS approached the lectern to regale the members with a hearty “BE THERE!” Where and when you might ask. (I remember it as the once-upon-a-time YWCA building on

South Alma...6 pm on Saturday April 24th. For those of you new to the community, make a point of asking one of our Co-Chairs...STEVE EMSLIE or AUDREY RUST for the address) or just go to At Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma Street in Palo Alto.

THE “STEVE PLAYER AUCTION” of 12 cupcakes was won in a slam-dunk by bidder extraordinaire, ROGER SMITH. The winning bid, and a contribution to the Charity Fund Drive, was two sawbucks. ROGER then presented the cupcakes to JOYCE CUSICK in honor of her many contributions to the well being of the Club. A most appropriate gift to an outstanding Rotarian! Way to go, ROGER!

PRESIDENT RALPH ADDED THE FROSTING ON THE CUP CAKES by announcing that this year’s fundraiser would undoubtedly be the ‘GALA-EST’ ever! 100% attendance will insure that it will, in fact, be the afore said “gala-est!” Which leads into why we go about the business of raising funds every year...

LEANNAH HUNT INTRODUCED the recipients of two of this year’s six awards...Gery Yearout from Lytton Gardens and Lyra Ghose & Judith Gable from the Cleo Eulua Center. Our contribution allowed Lytton Gardens to purchase a much needed state-of-the-art walker, while our support of Cleo Eulua helps to fund their vital youth therapy program. It was obvious from the enthusiasm of the recipients that our fund raising proceeds are highly valuable contributions to the community. Remember that at this year’s auction and bid often and high...or high and often, as the case may be!

BACK TO TODAY’S PROGRAM...THE 21st ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CANDIDATES



Following the three candidates’ Opening Remarks, Moderator DAVE PRICE posed the following questions:

Do you support the High Speed Rail program?

Where do you stand on the State’s education program...“The Race to the Top?”

What would your position be regarding the salt ponds development in San Mateo County?

Are you in favor of the legalization of marijuana?

How would you propose to reduce the State's deficit?

You are all democrats... What issue makes you different?

Each candidate concluded with "closing remarks."

The questions were most appropriate and the responses excellent. However, you had to be there to sense the difference in each candidate's demeanor and underlying qualifications. It was clear to this observer that we have three quality aspirants in this race. If you could not attend, try to make another event and support the candidate of your choice.

We probably all agree that these are extremely important times for our local area, our State and our Nation. This program was an outstanding way to engage all of us in thinking about the future. Thanks to the Program Committee for another timely and informative presentation!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

April 19 – "How will you use your influence? Women, Men, Money and Social Change", Christine Larson, Knight Fellow speaker and published author.

April 26 – "State of the City", Jim Keene, Palo Alto City Manager.

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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Presidential L.A.S.T. G.A.S.P.

(Let's All Stand Together, Giving All Support Possible)

**From: The Spirits of Galas Past, Present, and Future
Past President Mike, President Ralph, and
President Elect Mike**

**Come One, Come All, but Please Do Come
Saturday, April 24
to the**

Palo Alto Rotary Annual Charities Fund Raiser

"Notte Italiana!"

Your Committee has done its best – a more casual evening, good wine, easy parking, and lots of great auction items!

Now we need you to do your best.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

P.S. Be a "*Scrooge*"! Make needy Paly Altans happy this year!!

And God Bless You All, Everyone!

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Forgot your checkbook or won't be at Rotary on Monday?

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