

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 26 Jim Keene, City Manager, "State of the City"

PREZ RALPH called on BILL JOHNSON to lead today's Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered by most members.

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening remarks were offered by DICK BUSH, who described his early years when guys like Edward R. Murrow talked about the horrors of WWII, his series called "See it Now" and how this had such a negative impact on future generations. He also described his personal experience, which indicated how, as he aged, he became more negative about the future and the problems he was leaving to his descendents. Sound familiar? DICK, also cited essays by Josh Rindberg, who had a more positive view on the world to come.



"Remember, tomorrow will be a better day," he predicted. And it's often been true. Let's live it.

VISITORS and GUESTS:

Visitors and guests were introduced by DON MORGAN. Visiting Rotarians (Club) were Rick Nelson (Elizabeth City, NC), Art Adams (Los Gatos Morning) and Fred Morse (Oakland - incidentally the third largest Rotary club in the world with about 350 members). Guests (Rotarians) were Sue Hartendon and Christina Chu (GINNY LEAR), Monica (BOB SMITHWICK), and Ron Shapera (LE LEVY). Also, introduced by GEORGE NEWTON were Marcia Hodges of Big Brothers and Sisters, and Linda Chin, Molly Hale, and Renate Henry Claisen all of Abilities United.

The latter two organizations are recipients of this year's grants to organizations that serve the community. Marcia Hodges of BB&S, spoke of the very positive influence their members have on younger kids going through familiar

obstacles. Also Molly Hale of Abilities.... demonstrated the benefit our grant played in the development of a wheelchair that can be used for water therapy. The grant amounts were \$5,000 and \$1,000



respectively.

And of course, today's speaker, Christine Larson, was introduced by DON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BILL BUSSE started the distribution of a get-well card for JIM BAER. He had a bike accident recently and became hospitalized. BILL tells us that he's improving. Hurry back JIM!

NANCY PETERS announced that this year Ambassadorial Scholarships would be limited to those involving academic pursuits. There are several very qualified, talented candidates so far. NANCY will need help in their evaluation that is scheduled to be completed in May. Call her if you can assist.

*Auctioneer HAL MICKELSON got ninety bucks for a bag of cookies and in getting the bidding wars started. They turned out to be sweets. (Good, I tasted them.). **ALL OF THIS IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD THIS COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 24th. REMEMBER - Y'ALL COME !!!!***



THE PROGRAM:

Today's speaker, Christine Larson, introduced by ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, who cited her extensive journalistic and authorship background. Her articles have appeared in the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, and in numerous magazines and other periodicals. Also, her book is scheduled for publication on Mothers' Day coming up shortly. Christine's latest topic of interest concerns the influence of women's involvement in our country's and in the world's economy. In recent years, women have received the right to vote, to own businesses, to seek corporate jobs, and to start small businesses, all with impressive results. For example, jobs held by women that pay more than \$100,000 a year have increased four-fold over the past ten years. Also, 22% of all two-job households cite the women as having a higher income than her spouse. These are very impressive statistics, especially during the current economic crisis. A natural question concerns the impact of this involvement by women on the development of children. Here again, the picture looks promising. Raising children in most two-job families is no longer a mother-only responsibility - it is now a family function with more father-involvement. However, the impact on the child-bearing rate remains to be researched. The 2.1 birthrate per woman for sustained growth is not now being met - in our country, it's more like 1.7. Anyway, a fascinating talk. Thanks Christine!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

The roundest knight in King Arthur's court was Sir Conference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

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