



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## LET'S BRING BACK THE SKIPPER!

Following the effervescent leading of the Pledge of Allegiance by E. J. HONG, we once again butchered the singing of "Happy Birthday"...this time for the May birthday celebrants. Our Ad Hoc Committee of one is recommending that we send a limo to Walnut Creek to transport our one time pianist, SKIP HOYT, back to good old Palo Alto, so he can help us hit a few of the right notes. **Hear, Hear!**

**ED DANGLER INAUGURATED A NEW FORMAT** by introducing Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians from the back "40" instead of the time honored position at the podium. Way to go Ed!

### Here they are!

Visiting Rotarian and speaker, Dolores Carr, from the San Jose Club

Rotarians who brought guests:

MIKE COUCH...Laura Gardner (Apparently no relation to WES)

LELAND LEVY...Jack Adler (Retired Attorney)

HIG HIGGINS...Steve Higgins (Hig's son)

DICK MANSFIELD...Ellie Mansfield (Dick's bride)

DARYL SAVAGE...Jay Boyarsky (Asst. District Attorney SCC)

BOB SMITHWICK...Monica Koch (Bob's Monday Chauffer)

Speaker Dolores Carr...Husband John

## "WE CARE" GURU DICK FREEMAN ANNOUNCED

that a card was being passed around for Rotary members to write a "get well" greeting to GARY FAZZINO.

## FOLLOWED BY GENIAL SAM WEBSTER

**ANNOUNCING** that GARY has assured him that Gary is "not dying yet!" In fact, GARY has made plans to attend the college graduation of his and Annette's three year-old twins. First, however, comes a bone marrow transplant and a bit of chemo. PRESIDENT RALPH suggested that we all send e-mail greetings to GARY. (Hi GARY...this is a non-e-mail greeting from the editorial staff. "We expect to see you at a Rotary Meeting soon! Fond regards from all of us!")

## CALEB'S MOM (and all you other Moms) WAS/WERE HONORED WITH TODAY'S OPENING REMARKS



On Mothers' Day Mrs. Bowman noted the absence of her son and doubted very much that he would compose a poem in her honor. She was mostly right as he shared the well known tribute to all mothers... "M" is for the many things she gave me. "O" means that she's only growing old. (Aren't we all)? "T" is for the tears she shed to save me. (A questionable pursuit)

"H" is for her heart of purest gold." (At today's price, that is certainly a priceless attribute) "E" is for her eyes with love light shining. (Perhaps a bit dimly at her age) "R" means right, and right she'll always be. Put them all together; they spell "MOTHER," the one who means the world to me!" It was obvious to all that CALEB's heart is in the right place! And thanks, Mrs. Bowman, for being the All-American Mom!

## PRESIDENT'S CLUBBERS

Our first donor was ROMAN KAGARLITSKY, the proud grandfather of granddaughter, Olivia. Congratulations, Roman and Valentina!

Second was the venerable SAM WEBSTER, who re-upped in honor of an outstanding group of Webster-ites. It seems that many of his granddaughters and grandsons have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, which has led Sam to invest in Phi Beta Kappa keys. Way to go SAM...you can add that production effort to your pistachio and mandarin success stories.

## PARTY TIME!!!

On June 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of MIKE and Jean COUCH, we will have a **Rotary Social!** Put it down as a warm-up to the Debunking ten days later. Both events you will not want to miss, if you enjoy fellowship and laughter. More info will be Pinion-ized, as those dates draw nearer. Incidentally, don't forget to inform your spouse and/or special friend.

Also, Past President MIKE has assembled an array of highly qualified ex-military types to debunk/cashier our outgoing Commander-in-Chief at Michael's Restaurant on June 28.

## A JOINT BLAST!

Genial JACK WOODSON announced an upcoming tour and social gathering with the Menlo Park Club. The tour will be of the MENLO ATHERTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, and will be led by school principal, Mathew Zito, a MP Rotarian. Mathew will be accompanied by the building's construction coordinator, and PA Rotarian, RALPH ADAMS. Following the walk-through of this outstanding architectural and cultural addition to our local area, we will have a social gathering at Mike's Café, a few blocks down Middlefield Road. PUT IT DOWN! It's another can't miss event. It will start at 4:30 May 26<sup>th</sup>. The no-host bar and yummy appetizers will cost \$10. Our thanx to Glorious GLORIA HOM for coming up with the idea and organizing the event!

## PROGRAM NOTES

Once again we were treated to an election-time event designed to help us sort out the most qualified candidate. With STEVE EMSLIE handling the time clock, DIANA DIAMOND introduced the Santa Clara County Attorney, Dolores Carr, and her challenger, Attorney Jeff Rosen.



**DIANA noted that the County processes 45,000 cases a year...**and that there are 500 employees and the budget is \$85 million annually. (I don't know about you, but that is rather mind-boggling information.)

**Following their opening comments...**Carr "*Experience counts*" Rosen... "*Violence in the County is the overriding issue*" DIANA presented some very challenging questions including:

*“Do you support the death penalty?  
When can juveniles be charged as adults?  
What questions do you have for each other that challenge  
the other person's standard of ethics and morality?  
Is it appropriate to withhold cases from certain judges?  
When is DNA analysis proper?  
How will you cut \$11.7 million from your budget?”*

**Following the formal program, the floor was opened for questions, which included:**

*Where do you stand on the three strikes law?  
What specific budget cuts will you make?  
What social services cuts are you in favor of?*

**Our thanks to the Program Committee** for another outstanding and timely program!

**President RALPH closed the meeting** with thanks to Cashier ROSEANNE FAIRTY, and set-up guru, STEVE MADSEN

**An Addendum:** In our previous meeting, TRISH BUBENIK contributed to Palo Alto Rotary Charities thanking the Rotarians...and in some cases their spouses...who took time out to read to the Blind...to wit: DICK FREEMAN, VICKY CHING, DAVE THORNTON, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, JUDY KLEINBERG, DANA TOM, GEOFF ZIMAN, KAREN SINGER--and Ann Ziman and John Singer. Thanks on behalf of TRISH and the reading impaired.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

May 24 – Bob Hertzberg, former chairman of the California Democratic Party, “California Forward, No Choice but Change: How California Forward is developing responsible bipartisan governance reform to make California work again”

May 31 – Dark (Memorial Day)

## NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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