



HIGH GEAR

Rotary Club of Burlingame

August 2, 2010

Doug McGeorge, Editor

THE PLEDGE: Charlie Rosebrook

THE INVOCATION: The flowery Pierre Bouquet

SUNSHINE: Condolences to Jennifer Pence for the loss of her Grandmother

VISITORS

Past President **Walt Ramseur** introduced District Governor **Bill Koefoed** and San Mateo's own past Assistant Governor **Rosemary Azem**.

It also seemed like visitor week with the very newly svelte **Joe Cohn** showing up for the second week in a row. Ask Joe how he lost 35 pounds. And **Mike Harvey** too – what did we do to deserve all this attention? Can't be the Zzzzzzzzell!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's meeting is at the Steelhead Brewery where we can shoot pool, drink beer and enjoy yummy hors oeuvres. **Charlie Rosebrook** reminded us that the Brewery is our great benefactor in providing all the beer for our booth at Art in the Park. Let's support them in kind.



Speaking of pools and beer, **Karen Key** wants to put out a reminder about the annual club barbeque at the Larson manse in Menlo Park. Put it on the calendar, you pay for it anyway. September 8, beginning at 3:30PM for you sports fans. Tennis, volleyball, pool, ping pong and karaoke plus **Horwitz'd** beef Della **Lucchesi** -- a bargain at \$50.

After takething your \$50, Karen giveth. She introduced Rotary beneficiaries **Linda Carlson**, Director of the Women's Recovery Association and Shelter Network Development Director **Chris Cantor**. They also happen to be neighbors in the building on Chapin and they are very worthy recipients for the help they give thousands of families on the Peninsula. They are grateful for us and we them.



President Zell continues to acczellerate the fattening of the budget at the expense of the members. A mere six\$25 fines makes one President's Club membership. Since Linda Carlson called out **Will Holsinger** from the podium for dawdling on his iPhone he was forced to join. Likewise **Sonja Knudson**, who at least extracted some conditions from the Zellous one. The week of the Chef Throwdown the club will remain dark. Calendar the 23rd of September 23 at Kohl Mansion for that one-- a generous contribution from Laura Held. **Tom Chakos** also joined, something about the bell needing some polish.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rotary scholar Katherine Nunez left a few wet eyes as she gave an inspiring talk about how the attention from the Rotary Scholarship committee and Jennifer Pence changed her life. She has since risen to the challenges of the academic world as well as having inspired her father to greater goals. She has finished BHS with honors and is on her way to UC Santa Cruz. We look forward to having her back to report on her experiences.



PROGRAM

Katherine's talk was a great introduction to **Mike Heffernan** who introduced former Burlingame Rotarian **Tom Mohr**. Tom took the interim job as President of Canada College and was then hired as by far the best candidate to succeed himself. Tom is a great spokesman for the inestimable value of the Community Colleges as a California resource. As he said, they take the top 100% of high school graduates. Their mission is to teach basic intellectual skills, prepare students for the workplace, (e.g. fire, police, nursing), and prepare transferring students for four year colleges and universities. Tom's greatest disappointment is that upon arrival, 70% need remedial classes.



Community Colleges serve over 2 million students annually versus 350,000 for the State College system and 225,000 in the UC system. They turned away 250,000 students this year due to budget cuts. 40% of science and math grads begin in the Community College system.

Forty percent of the students are Latino. Probably due to the need to work to support themselves or family, just twenty five percent get their certifications or AA degree (Editor is proud to have an AA degree). Forty percent of all students have their fees waived. It costs just \$2700 per year in Community College versus \$25,000 for the State system and \$29,000 for the UC system.

Drrrawing

Philip Larson proved once again there is a free lunch.

From Shari Kriger of the Belmont Rotary per President Dennis.

"I wanted to share with all of you that a long-time member of the Belmont Rotary passed away recently -- and her family wanted to be SURE that other Rotary groups were aware. Apparently Mary Lou South was active at one time in the Burlingame club -- and maybe others that we don't know about. In any event, services for Mary Lou are scheduled at 3:00 pm this coming Saturday, August 7th at Sneider and Sullivan and O'Connell Funeral Home, 977 So. El Camino Real in San Mateo. Our former member, Rev. Bob Paulus will be officiating. Mary Lou was a TERRIFIC Rotarian -- and we already miss her a lot! FYI, her family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations to the Mary Lou South Memorial Scholarship be made in care of the Belmont Rotary Foundation, PO 448, Belmont, 94002. (We don't mean to sound too self-serving, but Mary Lou was very bullish on our scholarship program. She would definitely approve.)"

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- August 9, 2010 **IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE VENUE CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK.**
Summer lunch at Steelhead Brewery – 333 California Dr. in Burlingame, (650) 344-6050
- August 16, 2010 Sloane Citron, Founder and Publisher of Gentry Magazine
- August 23, 2010 Bill Koefoed, District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 21, 2010 **Cruise the Nile in SAN FRANCISCO – Rotoplast to Egypt Cruise**
More information: http://www.rotary5150.org/documents/clubevents/Cruise_Flyer_2010.pdf
Contacts: Peter Lagarias (415) 460-0100 x11 or Beth Huber (415) 456-4411
- September 1, 2010 **Rotary Means Business**
Contact: Dave Hyman – dave@epcatering.com or 650-365-3731
- September 12, 2010 **Rotoplast International – Bocce Ball Tournament, BBQ & Auction**
More information: http://www.rotary5150.org/documents/clubevents/bocce_flyer.Davis.2010.pdf
Contacts: Peter Lagarias (415) 460-0100 x11 or Beth Huber (415) 456-4411
- September 23, 2010 **Chef Throwdown**
More info: <http://www.burlingamerotary.org/index.cfm?display=pages&pageid=6426&sub=k>
Contacts: Sonya Knudsen – 650-400-6164 or advivumus@yahoo.com and Perry Paraskevas – 650-344-6724 or pparaskevas@insabc.com

NEWS

District 5150 August Newsletter

<http://www.rotary5150.org/newsletters/Rotary5150AUG.pdf>

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