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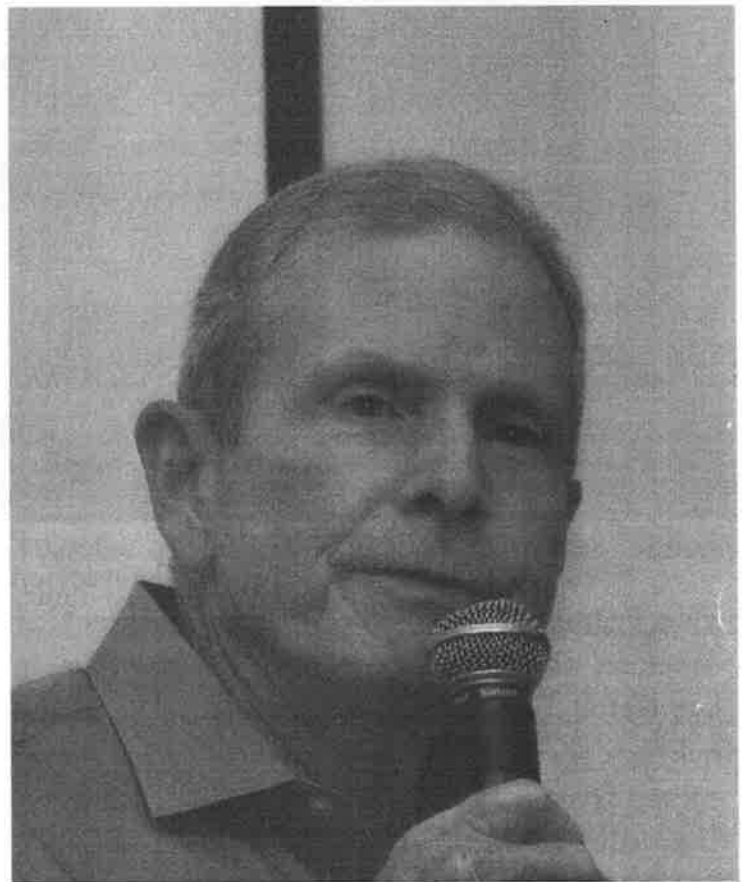
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL & SUPPORT FOUNDATION OF LOS GATOS



Ellen Manzo, Board Director of the *Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation*, introduced the three members of today's panel.

Major General Kent Hillhouse is President of the Foundation. Graduating from San Jose State, he served with the 11th Armor Cavalry Regiment in Viet Nam. On returning to the US he served with the 91st Infantry Division (training), eventually becoming its commander, and finally retiring after seven years at the Pentagon with many awards and decorations.

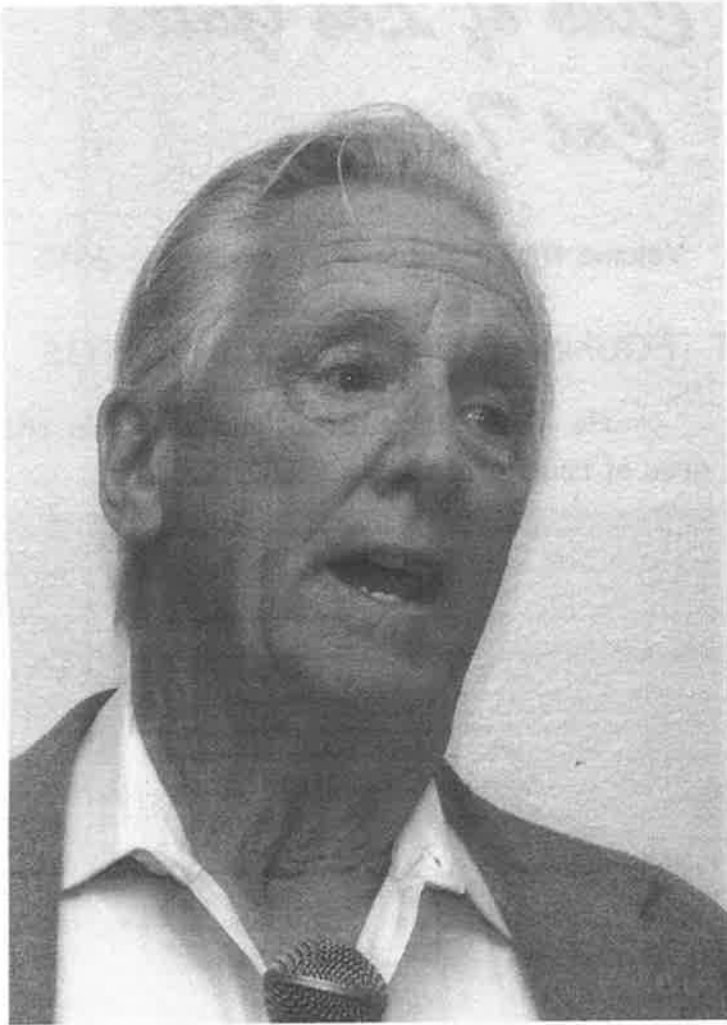
He lives in Los Gatos and works in the area of real estate.



The Club's own **Mike Frangadakis** is a Board Director and Founder of the Foundation.

He served with the 44th Medical Brigade in Viet Nam and is now on active status with the California State Military Reserve. Mike is very active in serving in many areas of veteran support, especially with Operation Yellow Ribbon supporting the Fisher House in Palo Alto.

A member of the Club since 1991, Mike is also in real estate in Los Gatos.



George Hall is the Veterans Foundation Vice President, and Founder and President of Maxicon General Engineering Contractors in Los Gatos. George was not able to serve in the military personally, due to medical reasons, but comes from a strong military family with a father who served in Korea and father-in-law a Pearl Harbor survivor. He is a long time member of the Club and is particularly known for managing one of the muscle crews in the annual Great Race.

George's son **Ryan** is an Army Ranger who recently returned from Afghanistan. He has had five individual deployments there and in Iraq. Ryan will tell us about the San Jose Veterans Service Center August 25.

The panel answered many questions

from the audience, and spoke of the difficult time vets from Viet Nam had when they returned.

One area that was emphasized was the employment of returning veterans. There are many reasons to hire a veteran. Military men are some of the most highly trained and skilled members of the workplace. From senior officers to highly skilled technicians, they represent a resource of great value to American business and society.

Thankfully public attitude has turned around completely since Viet Nam, when a returning veteran could be spat upon by those opposing the war. Now we constantly hear appreciative comments about those who volunteered to give their all in defense of their country.

Part of that appreciation is demonstrated by the efforts to erect a memorial to veterans in Los Gatos. The Foundation has spearheaded that effort, and they are currently redoing plans for placing the memorial on the front lawn in civic center.



Avis La Grone is back from helping distribute some 2400 soccer balls to schools in Viet Nam. The kids are most grateful to trade in bags of garbage for real soccer balls. Now the challenge is to get decent playing fields.

See electronic page 5 for sister Rotary club meeting places/times, member information, and ROSTER UPDATES. See page 6 for new member photos.

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Meeting

Presiding
President Rodger Griffin

Pledge
Tom Dodge

Inspiration
Don Callahan

VISITING ROTARIANS — Kathy Murtfeldt
Paul Johnson, Almaden Valley
Richard Clarke, Almaden Valley

GUESTS

Larry Lisser
Diane Chandler
Jack Chevlon (Ron Letterman)
Alfredo Baccery (Rami Wazni)

Don Allari had the sad duty to tell us our dear friend Jim Lyon passed away just this morning. Jim had three dragons chasing him at once — colon cancer, Alzheimer's, and leukemia. Don is a long time friend and a cousin of Marion's. He has been bringing Jim in to meetings for some time — Jim most anxious to be at EVERY meeting. During today's meeting it was mentioned that Jim had been awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Memorial details later.

WE CARE — Andrea Lee

Andrea reported that Marianne Beddeson is now at home, but has a way to go for full recovery.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Lloyd Grant, Sandy Bocks, Kathy Murtfeldt and Tom Dodge were celebrants, with Andrew Howard an honorary celebrant for moral support. Others not shown are Art

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Aug 11 Club Assembly — Rodger Griffin
Aug 18 Teen Challenge — Scott Nessel
Hosted by Charlie Erekson
Aug 25 San Jose Veterans Service Center
Ryan Hall — Charles Erekson will introduce
Sep 1 "Santa Cruz Sea Odyssey" — Dan Haifley

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 14 San Jose Giants Luau Night
Aug 25 Homeless Brunch — St. Luke's, 9 am
Sep 22 Annual Club Barbeque — Oak Meadow

Beddeson, Bob Mistele, Rosemary Pierce, Beth Smith and Chris Trapani.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Rodriguez reminded us that next Tuesday is DELIVERY DAY for the *School Supplies Project*.

Next Thursday is ice cream at the Harvey Knoernschild's.

Tina Orsi-Hartigan is back from a week in Barcelona. \$100 for a great time.

John Pencer worked very hard for very few fish in Montana. \$20 (or \$40).



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MONDAY

PALO ALTO
Ming's Restaurant
1700 Embarcadero Road
MILPITAS
Embassy Suites Hotel
901 E. Calaveras
SCOTTS VALLEY
Hilton Hotel

*All meeting times 12:15 pm
Unless noted otherwise*

Los Gatos Lodge
50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd

TUESDAY

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Historic Adobe Bldg.
Moffett Field
SANTA CRUZ Sunrise
7:15 am De La Viera Golf
CAMPBELL / S.J. West
Eastfield Ming Quong Ctr
251 Llewellyn Ave
SUNNYVALE
Lookout Rest. Muni Golf
GILROY Elks Lodge
2765 Hecker Pass Rd
FREMONT
Massimo's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

SUNNYVALE Sunrise
7:00 am Le Boulanger
LOS GATOS Morning
7:15 am Los Gatos Lodge
50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd
SAN JOSE Summit Ctr
4th & San Fernando
CUPERTINO
Quinlan Comm. Center
WATSONVILLE
Elk's Lodge
MORGAN HILL
Morgan Hill Comm. Center
FELTON / San Lorenzo
Mt. Hermon Ctr. / 7 am

THURSDAY

SAN JOSE Sunrise
This club no longer meets
ALMADEN VALLEY
Boulder Ridge Golf
1000 Old Quarry
SANTA CLARA
Hilton Santa Clara
4949 Great America Pwy
SAN JOSE EAST
Ranch Golf Club
4601 Hill Top View

FRIDAY

SAN JOSE North
HP Pavilion Arena
SARATOGA
Community Center / 12 n
SANTA CRUZ
Elk's Lodge / 12:10 pm

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