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Kiwanis celebrates 62nd year in Los Altos

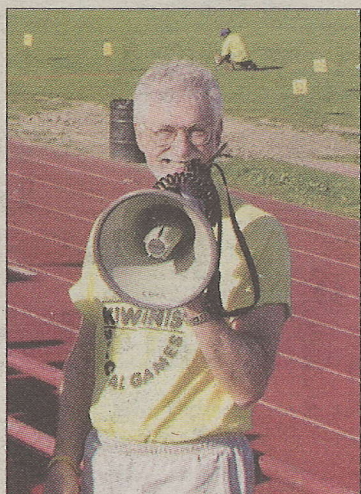
President hands out awards to dedicated members

Town Crier Report

The Los Altos Kiwanis Club celebrated its 62nd anniversary at the club's annual Installation Dinner Sept. 19 at the Garden House at Shoup Park. Outgoing president Laura Bajuk described highlights of the year and presented tokens of appreciation to her fellow officers, committee chairs and board members.

Bajuk presented the club's Kiwanian of the Year award to Jan Masters and the Kiwanis International and Division 34 Lifetime Membership awards to Art Carmichael for his many years of service. Previous recipients of Lifetime Memberships include Peter Bergsman and Howard Bischoff.

Installation of the 2009-2010 officers and board included comments by incoming president Donna Cedervall, who spoke of her goals to add members, develop new service projects and promote fun activities. In addition to Cedervall, new officers include Bajuk, President-elect Jan



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS KIWANIS CLUB

Peter Bergsman, shown here at the Kiwanis Special Games, received Division 34 Kiwanian of the Year honors.

Fong, Secretary Patricia Parfett and Treasurer Paul Van Buren. Howard Bischoff, Jim Flynn, Bob Galen, Sue Markuson, Diana Ritter and Douglas Roberts make up the new board of directors.

At the regional level, Bergsman received the Mort Korengold Award as Kiwanian of the Year for Division 34 at a Sept. 27 Division 34 barbecue and installation of the club's new Lt. Governor, Mike Akana. The Kiwanis Club recognized Bergsman for his

more than two decades of dedication to the community, especially for his efforts in support of the Special Games, the Los Altos Pet Parade and the Kiwanis Tree Lot.

"In all my years as a Kiwanian, I have never known anyone so generous of his time and talent, and so completely selfless in his efforts for his community and his club," said Howard "Buzz" Thayer, past president of the Los Altos club, of Bergsman.

Bergsman is the third member of the Los Altos club to receive the Korengold Award since its inception in 1983. Previous Los Altos recipients include Walter Chronert (1985-1986) and Raymond Skitt (1990-1991). Division 34 includes clubs from San Francisco to San Jose.

Kiwanis Club of Los Altos was founded in 1947. The club sponsors the Los Altos Pet Parade, the Special Games and the Kiwanis Tree Lot, participates in local and regional service projects and provides grants to other community programs and college scholarships.

For more information, visit losaltoskiwanis.org.

Town Crier looking for spooky Halloween stories

October is here, which means Halloween is right around the corner. And so is the Town Crier's annual spooky stories contest.

We're offering storytellers of all ages the opportunity to weave a Halloween-themed story in under 400 words. We are awarding first-, second- and third-place honors to the authors. First-place authors will receive a prize.

Subject matter is wide open. The story doesn't have to be scary, nor should it be gory or in bad taste. Send stories by Oct. 20 to Editor Bruce Barton at 138 Main St., Los Altos 94022, or e-mail bruceb@latc.com.

We will run as many stories as we can in our Oct. 28 Halloween edition. Stories not in the print edition will run online at www.losaltosonline.com.

Peninsula Democrats offer talk on Afghanistan

The Peninsula Democratic Coalition has scheduled history professor and author Robert Crews of Stanford University to speak on "A Perspective on the War in Afghanistan and the Options Facing the

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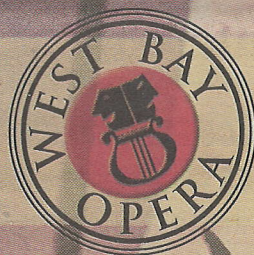
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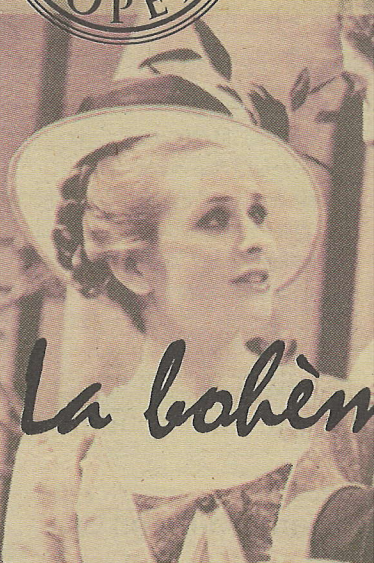
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