

The Explorers Club Northern California Chapter

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Palo Alto Richard C. Wiese Eve Nilson

The new President
and a student grantee
reported

Richard Wiese, our new Club President, is spending his weekends traveling to the chapters of The Explorers Club. May 31, was our turn. There was a goodly turnout to meet him at the Leibowitz' Garden Party and our Palo Alto Dinner Meeting.

Richard is energetic and is developing an agenda to rejuvenate the club. He wants expanded participation, greater recognition, more publications, an insightful web presence, and more members inclusive of all explorers and young students too. It is a real challenge, for The Explorers Club is steeped in traditions developed in earlier times when conventions were different than now. It is his hope, as the second centenary approaches, to retain the nobility of the established high standards and to shape them to today's spirit.

Richard is approachable and sincere. His talk was brief, as an introduction, but he welcomed any questions and responded with understanding. He is willing, even anxious, to change what should be to make the organization compliant to its members and a service to the country.

One means to do so is to use the upcoming celebration of our first 100 years. He has a plate of projects which can culminate in this 2004 event. You will hear more about them, like the concept of a trio of ECADs in London, New York and San Francisco. If you



Dan and Rusy Liebowitz, our hosts at a garden party before the May meeting, with Richard Wiese, The Explorers Club President.

have not done so, please contact Lesley or Richard with your ideas.

Eve Nilson, a Robert Lewis Stevenson High School Senior, presented a slide show about what motivated her to apply for a Club Grant and what she did the first year, in Brazil. Under speaking circumstances where many might wilt, she retained her calm and was quite informative.

President Wiese was impressed too. He presented her with a framed plaque-his first to a student grantee-and offered to have her talk published in the Journal!

Eve was off to a second grant-Summer, closer to the Amazon, the following morning. She carried the good wishes of the audience for continued luck.



Eve Nilson at her slide presentation for the Palo Alto dinner meeting.

The annual Explorers Club Picnic will be on Angel Island on June 22.

The Angel Island Picnic has become a recent chapter tradition. It is a time to kick back, enjoy being in the Bay area, talk with fellow explorers, climb a mountain, or just feast on burgers and hot dogs. We want to have food for everyone who shows up, so please PLEASE **please**, let us know if you think you will be coming. And, for weather, hope for a sunny day, but pre-

pare for normal SF summer (cold and foggy) since the weather can change quickly when you are on the water.

Last year we erected John Roscoe's polar tent. This feat was complicated by the Park Service prohibition against using tent stakes on their manicured lawn for fear that a stake may rupture a water line. This year will be more tame. We will have some of Bonita Chamberlin's Afghan jewelry for dress-up or for purchase.

The next official meeting will be in September. Please contact Steve Smith if you want to be a speaker or know of someone who would be good to invite. We had an outstanding program this year, and we hope to duplicate the effort next season. It takes considerable work. Don't be shy; step forward and help. This is your club!

See you on the Island or earlier on the Cordell Explorer.

—Lesley Ewing, FN'93

The island can only be reached by ferry or private boat. Bob Schmeider's *Cordell Explorer* will depart the Berkeley Marina's Dock "L" on June 22nd, Saturday morning, promptly at 8:30 am. It will return in the late afternoon. No charge for this ferrying service; limited space for bikes.

Visitors arriving on private boats are charged a day-use fee, but that fee is included in the ferry ticket cost. Visitors may arrive by ferry from Tiburon (415) 435-2131, San Francisco (415) 773-1188, Vallejo (707) 643-3779, or Oakland/Alameda (510) 522-3300.

On weekends, ferries depart Tiburon on the hour from 10 am to 5 pm. Return to Tiburon from Angel Island hourly from 10:20 am to 5:20 pm. (\$5.50 rt adults; \$4.50 rt children; \$1.00 bikes.)

Ferry service from San Francisco, on the Blue and Gold to Angel Island leaves Pier 41 PROMPTLY at 9:45a or 10:10a. It returns from Angel Island at 12:50p, 3:00p or 4:40p. The trip takes 30 minutes to an hour depending upon other stops. (\$10.50 rt adult; \$5.50 rt children under 13; \$1.00 rt bikes)

Date Saturday, June 22, 2002
Place Angel Island
San Francisco bay
Time All day picnic; midday food
Cost \$20 (by June 19).
Plus your transport!
(\$25 if posted afterwards
reach Steve at (925) 934-1051) or
<nauticos@oceanearth.org>

No reservation form this month.
Please reserve by email (or phone)
promptly

Bring a friend. Maybe even a potential new member!

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