



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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## PLEDGE AND TUNE-UP

PRESIDENT ART invited WES GARDINER to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Collaboration of the work of songwriters JOHN PIERPOINT (1859) and LE LEVY (2006) allowed us to sing an updated version of 'Jingle Bells'.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS



KEVIN CURRY had the honors to introduce Visiting Rotarians: KEN BRENNER (Palo Alto University), MARK KAPNER (Austin, TX) and TOM HANSEN (San Jose). Guests included ROB LYMAN, SVEN STROHBAND and STEVE MADSEN.

## OPENING REMARKS



CASH ALAEE was kind enough to step in at the last minute for under-the-weather JOHN KIDD. In quick thinking about today's energy resources topic, CASH did a great job of relating the magnitude of large forces and how Rotarians make a positive difference.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARB MITCHELL and volunteers are eager to deliver 200 dictionaries to eager school children this Wednesday. If you would like to volunteer, call BARB, or contact her at [b\\_mitchell@mac.com](mailto:b_mitchell@mac.com).

DAN QUINN offered us another opportunity to serve the homeless on December 20th.

VIC ROSASCO asked us to support the Club's Endowment Fund.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 18: Members of West Bay Opera, who will sing (and possibly ask us to help out) on some popular opera arias and favorite holiday songs**

**December 25: Dark (actually, bright, gleaming, and happy with holiday good cheer, but no meeting nevertheless)**

NINA MOORE and LIZ KNISS were honored for a fabulous Holiday Party. A BIG THANKS! to all the volunteers.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE NOT JUST ONE HOLIDAY GIFT - BUT A GIFT EVERYDAY - ALL YEAR LONG ? THAT'S AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK. EACH TIME IT IS USED IT'S ANOTHER GIFT. YOU WILL BE THOUGHT OF ALL YEAR LONG. THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR SALES. SEE DICK FREEMAN FOR DETAILS.

Interested in learning about the Rotarians Single Club? Contact Marlene Cowen at [cowntwo@aol.com](mailto:cowntwo@aol.com).

Hot Tickets! Wednesday, January 3rd, Santa Clara Marriott, Rotary International President

William B. Boyd. Contact President Art for details on how to see 'the President'.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

LE LEVY introduced former Mayor, current City Councilman and Rotarian, BERN BEECHAM. As Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply Conservation Agency, and Liaison for the City Council, BERN represents the interests of local residents to protect our area's water supply.



The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is owned by the City of San Francisco, but provides the water supply to 2.5 million people in 29 cities. Two-thirds of those



customers live outside of San Francisco. This sets up a challenging environment to oversee the control of the system by San Francisco. The 80 year old system is badly in need of a \$4.3 billion reconstruction. The gravity system that brings water 250 miles from the Sierras to the Bay actually generates electricity.

Earthquakes, drought and the melting of the snow cap present perilous risks for the area to maintain water and solid waste control systems in a healthy environment. BERN presented a clear picture of the challenges ahead. We are fortunate to have BERN representing us

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## OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

### TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15

Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 12:15

### WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:15

East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

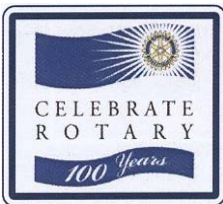
### THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

### FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

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