



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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ROB LYMAN led the Pledge followed by singing "America".

## WHO'S VISITING



MONICA DEVINCENZI introduced visiting Rotarians included Peter Guentermann from Buckiteay, Ginny Lear from Los Altos & Selem Chaudhry from Pakistan.

Guests were Molly McMahon (proud father MIKE), Melissa Baten Caswell (DANA TOM), Lindsey North (WALT

HAYS), Kaeche Luabird (NANCY PETERS), Marie Fox Ellum, Audrey Hurley & Judy Miner (MARTHA KANTER) & Pat Burt (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF).

## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLOR



NANCY PETERS introduced Ambassadorial Scholar **Kaeche Luabird** who eloquently described her experience in the cultural exchange program.



## WHATS GOING ON

MIKE COUCH invited us all to the Rotaract Mixer on Thursday from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Mid Peninsula Bank at 420 Cowper in Palo Alto



IRIS KOROL reminded us to sign up for the June 26th Debunking of President ART to be held at The Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Avenue at 6:00 pm. Please send \$50 per person (includes valet parking, dinner, wine & an entertaining tribute to

Art) to MIKE McMAHON, 3923 Grove Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or bring your check to the Club by June 15th.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 28 –Dark, Memorial Day

June 4 - Celebration of Life - Video produced by Bill Busse and Dick Freeman - highlighting the lives of past members.

June 11 - Ramon Myers - Crucial issues to both China and the US,

Dr. Myers's talk will be based on a book titled *The Struggle Across the Taiwan Strait: the divided China problem.*

June 18 - Three New Member Talks (Sven Strohbund, Scott Glissmeyer, Larry Bailey)

June 26 - Debunking of the President - Tuesday Evening (no meeting Monday)

DICK FREEMAN is organizing the visit to honor past members at Big Basin on June 10th



VIC ROSASCO discussed the work of the Palo Alto Endowment Fund. The goal is to have 100% participation.

SALLY TOMLINSON enlightened the Club on Palo Alto Vocational Scholarships.



## PRESIDENTS CLUB PRONOUNCEMENT



ALEX MERK celebrated the birth of his 3rd daughter (4th child) by joining the President's Club for the 3rd or 4th time this year. Congratulations!

## THE PROGRAM



DIANA DIAMOND introduced **Professor Michael Kirsh** & his topic - **“Failure to Complete College: Implications for California’s Grim Economic Future.”**

This was an informative & sober wake-up call to the effect of the changing demographics in California & the impact on our educational system & future labor skills base. As the minority population increases, the access to education grows in the community college system. While enrollment has few barriers, completion rates are significantly below 4 year colleges. Since the minority population is growing so rapidly, this means fewer skilled workers for the intensely competitive market facing Silicon Valley.



## PALO ALTO ROTARY

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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

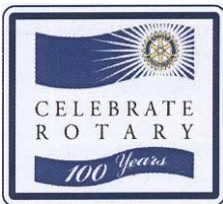
Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

### FRIDAY

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

San Carlos: Piaceri’s Restaurant, 727 Laurel Street, San Carlos 12:15

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