



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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May 26 - Dark - Memorial Day Observed No Meeting

June 2 - Axel Merk ~ What's next for the Economy and the Dollar?

June 9 - New Member Talks ~ Dennis Boyle, Andy Coe, and Pieter Kark

OPENERS:

PREZ ROB called on CALEB BOWMAN to lead us all in the Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered, as usual.

OPENING REMARKS:

RALPH ADAMS reminded us that words have the power to hurt or to heal. Words like true, fair, beneficial, fellowship, integrity, and those in Rotary's Four-Way Test, have a special meaning and should be taken literally and in an ideal sense.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Rotary visitors and guests were introduced by MONICA DEVINCENZI. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting.

Visitors (Hosts) were-Annie Bunten and Kristin Molano (CASH ALAEE), Stephanie Shin (NANCY PETERS), Jack Adler (LE LEVY), David and Cam Murzelli (SKIP HOYT) and Jaher Fontahi (BOB SMITHWICK). Also, two visiting scholars from Taiwan, Jung-Fa-Tsai and Ming-Hua Lin, who are being tutored in English (really American) conversational language usage, were the guests of DICK FREEMAN, as was Corkie, his wife.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MARK HEYER announced his forthcoming move to Panama. In fact today's meeting was his last with our club. Why Panama? One asks. MARK recited all the positive attributes: a new nonmilitarized democracy, a vibrant, prosperous and growing economy, a beautiful remote location for MARK's new house, which soon will

be under construction. MARK plans to become a writer in this idyllic location. His E-mail address and phone number will remain the same. Good luck MARK, you will be missed, but we'll come down to visit when the house is finished.

JACK WOODSON asked club members to all contribute to the club's P.A. Rotary Endowment Fund. "We're looking for 100% participation," he stated. And don't forget to sign up for the Legacy Circle Celebration to be held on June 4. Call TODD LEWIS with your RSVP.

THE PROGRAM:

Our distinguished guest speaker for today's meeting, Dr. John Bunzel, was introduced by SKIP HOYT. Dr. Bunzel is a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, and a former member of the US Civil Rights Commission. Some locals remember him as the president of San Jose State University.

To start, he jokingly reminded us that we were going to miss all the W. bumper stickers. While declining to make predictions on the presidential race, he was confident that it would be between Obama and McCain. Bunzel felt that moderates would be an important component of the voting mix, since his view was that the voters in the primaries represented their party's extremes, Liberal Democrats and Conservative Republicans. He felt that most states were really "purple", neither "blue" nor "red". Clearly Obama represented a change in his view, at least for starters. He predicted that young voters, 18 to 30 will represent an important element in the election.

Thanks for you informed insight, Dr. Bunzel.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

When the smog over Los Angeles lifts, UCLA.

OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES

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