



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**June 16 - Martin E. Hellman - Soaring, Cryptography, and Nuclear Deterrence**

**June 23 – Genie Z. Laborde – Gaining Rapport in Business – Influencing with Integrity.**

**June 30 – (Regular Lunch Meeting Will Not Be Held) Debunking Celebration of Rob Lancefield's illustrious reign as 2007/2008 Palo Alto Rotary President. Held at Illusions restaurant, 260 California Ave, Palo Alto from 6 to 9 pm**

## OUR NEW MEMBERS...A TREMENDOUSLY TALENTED TRIO!

Coordinator of New Member Talks, WES GARDINER, once again produced three of our community's finest, who in turn presented something unusually unusual about their life journeys. (WES ALSO MADE A PRESENTATION... a "C" note to Prez ROB to pay for membership in the President's Club. This magnanimous gesture was an attempt to atone for being someplace else on Debunking Evening... a "gesture" certainly open to others who will be missing in action June 30th.

## OUR FIRST NM WAS DENNIS BOYLE



DENNIS grew up in Midland, Michigan, the oldest of seven children known affectionately as "the Seven Boyles." According to his youngest brother, his parents kept producing children until they got it right. (The baby of the family must be some impressive person if he is six kids better than Dennis.) Fast-forward to a degree from

Notre Dame...to a masters from Stanford...to being a founder of one of the world's most outstanding product design firms, IDEO. IDEO has 300 on its staff here in Palo Alto and 300 others around the world. Dennis has been involved in products for HP, Apple, Palm Computing, etc. and is now designing products related to health care delivery systems.

Mrs. Dennis Boyle comes from a family of 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Together with Dennis's six siblings their reunions take over the Costco Store in Cincinnati...or something like that. His thanks to YORIKO and WALT for sponsoring his membership. And thanks from all of us for joining our "Rotary By Design" program... SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

## NEXT UP WAS "THE RETURN APPEARANCE OF ANDY COE"



ANDY first joined on 27 July 1998 and at that time was sponsored by DIANA DIAMOND and WALT HAYS. Ten years later, following a hiatus in Annapolis, he has return to the fold thanks to STEVE EMSLIE, SHERI SAGER, and GEORGE FITZGERALD. (A hiatus: A combination of blue crab cakes, oysters and Chesapeake clams.)

So, why did ANDY and his family leave Palo Alto and why did they return? Major reasons for leaving...it was time for a change and wife Liz's relatives lived in Annapolis. A great life for a few months...a home on Chesapeake Bay complete with a boat and plenty of hiatuses. Then came the snow shoveling and a realization that folks in Maryland...especially the Governor...are very conservative politically...and otherwise.

Why return? Two events. Liz had a business trip out West and was re-infected with California-itis. And then when their son, Ryan, met up with old time classmates from JLS who were touring D.C., nostalgia set it big time.

As a result, ANDY and Liz prepared a list of pluses and minuses, comparing East vs. West. It was no contest! "It's good to be back where we agree with the bumper stickers and have a newfound sense

of community.” Andy is currently the Chief Government and Community Relations Officer for the Stanford Hospital.

A hard earned lesson shared with MARK “We’re moving to Panama” HEYER, “DON’T SELL THE HOUSE!” They’re glad to be back and ANDY says we don’t have to worry about a third ANDY COE “new member talk” 10 years from now! We’re delighted you, Liz and Ryan returned home!

### **LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, WAS PIETER KARK.**



“PIETER” is spelled the Afrikaner way, since he was born in South Africa. An early journey to Boston, then to Oxford where he and his fellow ruffians had to climb the wall

when they returned after hours. A common occurrence it seems. Then back to Boston and Harvard Med School...on to practice medicine at Mass General...a stint with the National Institutes of Health in Washington followed by 12 years of teaching neurology at UCLA. It’s not over yet, folks...by any means.

Off to LSU and then the Syracuse Hospital. Somewhere along the way he became interested in medical ethics and worked to change the legal aspects of who has control over one’s life and death.

### **AT A MOMENT OF GREAT INSIGHT**

PIETERr realized that he had been an over achiever, not for himself, but for his father. Ah ha! By his own admission PIETER was a very arrogant man. And that led him to yet another career. At present both PIETERr and his wife are AVATAR\* masters, and as we can attest, he is no longer an arrogant man. Quite the contrary. We’re delighted to have another master of human relationships in the Club. You, the reader, are probably also one! Check with your father!

\*AVATAR (Sanskrit meaning “Someone who relieves suffering in others.”)

**BACK TO THE BEGINNING! IT WAS A FAST START** and in my confusion I missed our Pledge maestro’s name. But fortunately you know who you are. Great job!

### **ANDER VASQUEZ DID THE HONORS**

And there was still more confusion on the part of your humble scribe as you will see below. The list of Visiting Rotarians and Guests given to yours truly reads as follows:

**VISITORS:** Toro Murayama, who I believe was a Visiting Rotarian here to introduce his father-in-law and translate during the “Change of Banner” ceremony. (It seems our Prez is seriously challenged Japanese languagewise.” Toro’s father we learned was R.C. Tokamachi from Migata, Japan. Welcome, or however it is said in Japanese! WE ALSO KNOW that AUDREY JACOB introduced TONY CARRASCO’S guest and RALPH ADAMS introduced someone’s son-in-law. Well done, I think!

### **VISITING IN SOME CAPACITY**

Were John D. Seaman...Andrew Huyshans (?)...Rick Raybin and Taher Fatehi. Welcome and thanks to your mystery hosts for inviting you.

### **CONGRATULATIONS LINDSEY AND LARRY**

On receiving your Blue Badges! At least I think that was what the blur of bodies was all about. Our illustrious President certainly keeps things moving.

### **NEXT UP WAS TONY CARRASCO**



With **OPENING REMARKS**. TONY’s theme was the relationship between most of us and the less fortunate in this world...and the 4-Way Test. Consider the following:

IF YOU HAVE money in your wallet and in the bank you are in the top 8% of the world’s wealthiest.

IF YOU WAKE UP healthy you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of

starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in this world.

IF YOU HAVE EATEN within the last 2 days you are more fortunate than 8% of the world's population who have not.

TONY CONCLUDED by acknowledging that the majority of the people in this world do not have the luxury of even considering the 4-Way Test. We are certainly among the fortunate few who can and do. Very humbling indeed. Thanks for the reality lesson, TONY!

### **PRESIDENT ROB WELCOMED ELYSES BELANGER**



Who is principal of Green Oaks School. As most of you know, Green Oaks students are recipients of the dictionaries we contribute to honor our guest speakers. Elyses thanked us for the recent Rotary Foundation Grant of \$2,017. The grant is for special books to help those with reading deficiencies. She reported that the test scores are improving...that they have 100 new students and that there are many applicants for the related teaching positions. As Pres ROB said, "This is one of the best things that we do!"

### **"THE DEBUNKING WILL BE AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT!"**

in the words of IPP ART STAUFFER. Our official greeter approached the podium wearing a most peculiar hat...and implored all attendees of the Debunking Gala to consider wearing something they have acquired during their excursions abroad...or not. The "Let's Bring Rob Back Down to Earth" event will have an international theme of some kind. The dinner on Monday evening June 30<sup>th</sup> will cost \$50 per attendee. The tariff includes wine and a fabulous meal, topped off with baklava.

YOUR SCRIBE HAS BEEN PRIVY to the private party preparations and can attest to the fact that this Debunking, EMCEED by Hilarious...yet humble...HAL, with songs by learned Lyricist LELAND will be among the best of the best. Break all other engagements and world adventures and join the frivolity. You won't regret it! Bring your checkbook Monday. If perchance you forget, an I.O.U. will be accepted!

### **AUDREY JACOB JOINS THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB!**

In honor of her son Jeremy's graduation from high school, and more importantly his decision to go on to college, AUDREY joyfully became one of our near year-ending Prez Club Members. All you other parents, grandparents and great grandparents of graduates consider joining the President's Club! Remember you graduated once upon a time. It was undoubtedly a life-changing event for which you would gladly have paid \$100. Tis' past time to pay the piper!

### **NEARBY MEETING PLACES:**

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