



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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"It is not well-known but Pinion Reporters, occasionally, are able to have access to the innermost thoughts of the club president. So that you know what he goes through and to give our members a new perspective on Monday's meeting, here is a random view of the meeting as seen in the mind of our esteemed club president:

Noon: Do hope I can get through another meeting without embarrassing myself. What on earth is ROB LANCEFIELD doing? He is supposed to be greeting people not twisting their arms for Foundation money. I will get him to make a pitch for the Foundation later in the meeting. Maybe I should also remind members to look in their folders for more information about contributing to the Paul Harris Foundation. Sure hope PETER GUENTERMANN taking the lunch money today manages to balance the cash OK. I wonder if we should have a lunch money audit committee. Oh dear, its time to salute the flag. Let's call on LARRY BAILEY. He is a safe bet to do it well. GEOFF ZIMAN is writing the Pinion. He sometimes writes some off-the-wall things. Hope he doesn't do so today.

They have now had enough time for idle chatter. Betta get this show on the road. KEVIN CURRY has been on my back about the room arrangement. Let us see what the members think about a 90 degree rotation. Zap! A split decision. Typical! If a say that I will take it under advisement, it might sound presidential. That reminds me to bring up the election. What a neat way to squeeze \$5 out of SAM WEBSTER. Pity I couldn't get more.

KELLY MORARIU is going to introduce visitors. Only one Rotarian visitor, Marilyn Carson, but a retired educator all the way from Indonesia. Members with guests included TOM GRACON with Erie Mills who is scheduled to speak to us about Opera Life in February; ANNETTE GLANCKOPF with Annette Stenger; LINDSEY NORTH with Luisa Buada, Kathleen Alexander and Aaron Lones; HERSH DAVIS with mortgage broker Jerome Seive; BOB WHITEHAIR with Erik Piller and Jim Warring; PETER GUENTERMANN with Riccardo Forleo. Shirley Barker from Foothill College was also there to assist the speaker. Sure wish we could bring in some more good-looking ladies instead old gray-headed guys.

HAL MICKELSON is going to give opening remarks. Now there is someone who gives the club a touch of class. Nice job bridging from first lawyer job to respected California playwright William Saroyan, and quoting very appropriate passage from "The Time of Your Life". Must not forget to tell people about the children's books in Spanish that we have bought for the group to take to Oaxaca in early February.

Time for STEVE PLAYER to make a pitch for the BIG Game meeting on November 17. Usually a fun event starting by hosting the visitors from Berkeley in the bar at 11:30 AM. I wonder if anyone will buy me a drink that day? I hope that JOHN KIDD didn't mind Steve ragging on him about the Big Game Program only costing 50 cents on the day he played in it way back when.

Must remind folks that the IDEO visit with DENNIS BOYLE takes place on Thursday. Seems like a big day for PETER GUENTERMANN. Learned he has brought a club flag for us from the European Rotary Golf Championship. Perhaps I should have fined him, but maybe it would not be right. Time for the speaker. Oops! Nearly forget some things. Must acknowledge NICK NICHOLS who wants to make half president's club donation to promote a former star pupil who is seeking a position. Hope someone can help, because if they do Nick says he will come up with the other half. We need the money. Also got to give ROB a few minutes on the RI Foundation. Now for the speaker. No, wait a minute. I need to tell the club of my visit to the EPA Senior Center with LARRY BAILEY to see our charity money at work really helping to feed needy people.

Now RELAX a bit and safely hand over to ANNETTE GLANCKOPF to introduce the speaker, Dr. Judy Miner, President of Foothill College. Hope the members are paying attention because Judy has some pretty impressive programs. Don't see anyone dozing, and it is so embarrassing when they do. Noticed the college tag line – One college, one community, one world. Some highlights of interesting talk: Real help for people wanting GED; New buildings; Significant concentration on being green and doing good things environmentally; Importance of remedial classes; Outstanding child development programs; Workforce Preparation; Instructing 4,000 apprentices in 9 unions; Mentioning outstanding book – "Not a Genuine Black Man" by Brian Copeland; Sometimes overwhelmed by students applying validating the relevance of their courses; Cubberly (Middlefield) Campus challenges; Importance of lifelong learning; Bracing for State budget cuts.

Help it's 1:28 PM. Best shut this thing off to avoid trouble. Just remembered I need to remind people about our next FEED THE HOMELESS date of Wednesday, November 19. Talking about presenting a dictionary in EPA is an easy way to give the speaker a warm feeling. Benefits not just a child, but a whole family.

Glad this meeting is over without making a fool of myself. It is challenge with that sharp unforgiving group out there. Only about twenty more meetings to go before I can relax as a PP. Now for my siesta!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

November 10 - Lee Hockstader - The Great Unmentionable: Immigration and the Next President.

November 17 - Steve Player officiates- The Annual Big Game Exchange with Berkeley Rotary Club

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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