



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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OFFICIAL GREETER

The Official Greeter for today's meeting was ROB LANCEFIELD, Greeter Extraordinaire.

OPENERS

PREZ MIKE called on LE LEVY to lead us all in the Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered, as usual.

OPENING REMARKS

ROB LYMAN delivered Opening Remarks and reminded us of the mutual benefits of the Student Exchange program. In his case, he not only witnessed the close association of his son, Richard, with visiting student, Lars, but also had the pleasure of inviting the visitor into his family for various events, trips, etc. Lars had never driven a car before, but he got a ticket for cutting off a police vehicle and, of course, driving without a license! But that's how close students can get to their quasi families.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Rotary visitors and guests were introduced. We had one visiting Rotarian, PAUL ANDRUS from the Big Apple. Visitors (Hosts) were Sumbul Ali-Karamali (JUDITH STEINER), Riccordero Torliew and Dave Thornton (SCOTT GLISSMEYER).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Berkeley Rotary Club representative, Dick Erickson, graciously and remorsefully delivered "The Ax" to STEVE PLAYER and LE LEVY, who promised to return it with minimum delay. Our plan is for The Ax to feel at home in Berkeley, and to avoid these needless transportations.

CASH ALAEE announced the upcoming holiday party now scheduled for next Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the home of LIZ and RICK KNISS. A-M, bring an appetizer, N-Z, bring WHITE wine. We also need setup and cleanup folks. Just show up.

Some sad news - MARTHA KANTER's husband, Carl Brown, passed away. Memorial services will be held at the Flint Center on Thursday, Dec. 4th, at 2:00 PM.

PREZ MIKE has a new grandson named ISAAC, who jumped out into the world after his mother was in the delivery room for a full twenty-six minutes. The PREZ is joining the President's Club. Sweet deal.

KEVIN CURRY announced preliminary plans for our big fund raiser to be held next March 21. KEVIN's plans include an auction, a drawing, and ENTERTAINMENT. We're shooting for big bucks this time around, but most of all, it's a FUN d raiser.

WALT HAYS announced the continuation of our water project in India, which this year is sponsored by the PA Rotary Club. That's right - our club.

PREZ MIKE informed us that with our continuing contributions of dictionaries to 2nd grade students in EPA, our lunch price may change. He wasn't clear whether it was going to change to a buck, or go up by a buck. Stay tuned.

At next week's meeting, we'll be thanking the staff at Ming's. Try to attend for this significant holiday expression of our good will.

JACK WOODSON finally qualified for his Blue Badge. Congratulations JACK. What took you so long?

Former Prez ROB LANCEFIELD reminded us that next Sunday, Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor day. It's been 67 years, and some of us are still around.

DICK FREEMAN will have Entertainment Books for sale at the Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 meetings. They're a sweet deal. Try one.

THE PROGRAM

PREZ MIKE subbed for WES GARDINER, and introduced our new member speakers, RICK RAYBIN and DENNIS SHEEHAN (MIKE McMAHON, you're not getting off that easy).

RICK RAYBIN gave a brief introduction to his background. He's from Jacksonville, FL and spent much of his youth there, living at a place on the riverfront, and becoming proficient in tennis starting at an early age. He attended Bowdoin College as a pre-med student, but switched to Economics and received his MBA from Columbia University. He came to SF and joined a very prestigious law firm, while continuing to perfect his tennis skills (he's now a 4.0, so watch out). His career, ever evolving, included real estate investing and now includes personal finance consulting as the head of his own firm in that field. With such a well-rounded and diverse career, he should be a real asset to our club. Welcome, RICK!

DENNIS SHEEHAN is from Buffalo, NY, and lived in Saratoga Springs, NY, as a member of an Irish-American family, and has four siblings. He attended the renowned St. Bonaventure College as a pre-dental student. He then transferred to Notre Dame University. After graduating, he joined Corning Glass, and spent fifteen years with the company living in four different states. He happily now lives among us with his family consisting of two kids, a son and a daughter. We're pleased to have you, DENNIS. When St. Patrick's Day comes along, we'll be anxiously waiting to hear you bellow those great Irish songs.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The roundest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

December 8 – Gary Richards – “Sometimes traffic is so bad you just have to laugh”

December 15 – Juliette McDonald – Holiday Celebration with singing and lots of holiday cheer

December 22 and 29 – No meeting. Enjoy the holidays and have a Happy New Year!

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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