



# 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 ANDY COE to lead us all in the Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered, as usual.

## OPENING REMARKS

Environmentalist WALT HAYS spoke of the omnipresent, daunting problem of climate change, fresh water supply shortages, similar global problems and the need for all individuals to do their part in reversing, or at least mitigating the impact of our current practices. Thanks for giving it to us straight, WALT.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Rotary visitors and guests were introduced by KEVIN CURRY. There were two visiting Rotarians, Arne Christensen from Koldinghus, Denmark, and Al Eggermont, from Marshall, Minnesota.

Guests (Hosts) were Philip Dah (PREZ MIKE), Ginny Lear (BRUCE SWENSON), Audrey Rust (WALT HAYS) and Katie Seedman (PREZ MIKE).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Club enthusiastically sang "What a Wonderful Guy", a tribute to SAM WEBSTER, with lyrics by GEORGE WHITE, BOB THIELE, and LE LEVY. Sam deserves an encore.

TRISH BUBENIK left fliers announcing a Red Cross benefit dinner to be held on Thursday, April 30 at MacArthur Park. Call TRISH to sign up and ask for details (in that order).

Philip Dah described the many and varied contributions to our community that are made by InnVision, from permanent and temporary housing (for the homeless), contributions to the local food closet and other means of reaching out to a community that's hurting. Help out, guys and gals. Contact [www.innvision.org](http://www.innvision.org) for details on how you can help. Thanks Philip for this important information.

ROB LYMAN joined the Presidents Club (twice) for recently making partner at his firm, Johnson Lyman Wealth Advisors, and to celebrate his recent qualification as a bonafide Foster Care provider. We'll let you know when we can't handle our kids any longer, ROB.

GINNY LEAR, a very active member of our community, was introduced as our newest New Member, by GLORIA HOM. Welcome GINNY! Watch out, we've got great plans for you.

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, thanks for the flag from the Tunis Rotary Club.

CASH ALAEE was congratulated as the recent winner of the prestigious Tall tree Award. Congratulations, CASH, keep the tree growing.

## PROGRAM

PREZ MIKE introduced today's speaker, Jeffry Walker, the Executive Director of the Community School of Music and Arts, which since its inception in 1968 has served the community with its varied offerings. Current enrollment including its school programs is about 14,000 with students ranging from pre-school to 90 year olds. Jeffrey stated in response to a question that 1/6th of the Center's budget is dedicated to providing scholarships and for the purchase of musical instruments.

With all of that, we still have a long way to go - California ranks near the bottom in the US in terms of funding for the arts. Compare that, Jeffrey stated, with Venezuela, which has 125 youth orchestras and 30 symphonies.

But with the inspired leadership of Jeffry Walker, we can progress rapidly. He's a 2-year transplant from Connecticut, who has a mission in his current position. Thank you, Jeffry!

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

No matter how hard you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### [Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

April 27 – TRISH BUBENIK, Red Cross – “Be Red Cross Ready”

May 4 – Harold Luft, Director of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute – “Thinking Differently about Health Care Reform”

May 11 – Dr. Robert Sapolsky – “Stress and the Brain”

May 18 – Colonel Joe Felter – “The Origins of Terrorism and Insurgency”

May 25 – Dark – Memorial Day Observed

## NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

### [Palo Alto Rotary - Meeting Information](#)