

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

**Weekly Newsletter**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 13 - Allan Satoloff, the New JCC in Palo Alto**

**July 20 - Col. Felter, Origins of Insurgency and Terrorism**

**July 27 - Greg Rosston, Economic Policy in the Obama Administration**

## OPENING

President RALPH ADAMS began this first meeting of the new year by a spirited reciting the "Declaration of Independence" in honor of the Fourth of July.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROB LANCEFIELD said that this was the last meeting in Palo Alto for Bob Whitehair, who is moving to New York.

PRESIDENT RALPH wanted to thank everyone who put on the debunking party for The Phantom leader MIKE COUCH. He considered it an outstanding event with good facilities, good food, and a great program. HAL MICKELSON was an incomparable MC. Others on the committee for this event were IRIS KOROL CASH ALAEE, LE LEVY, RUTH SCHNEIDER, JOYCE CUSICK, and BILL BUSSE. Also a well-practiced chorus consisting of LE LEVY, DAYRL SAVAGE, JOYCE CUSICK, JOHN KIDD, HAL MICKELSON, and BRIAN STEEN. It was a lot of fun.

PRESIDENT RALPH started off by recognizing JOYCE CUSICK as Secretary of the Club; the award is in the mail.

Also up for recognition was the Board of Directors for the coming year:

KEVIN CURRY,  
STEVE EMSLIE,  
TOM GRACON,  
E. J. HONG,  
KELLY MORARIU,  
BRIAN STEEN,  
JUDITH STEINER.

Also, we have lost our Treasurer, MIKE McMAHON, for he is now President Elect. RALPH is looking diligently to find another Treasurer.

It's great to see HIG HIGGINS back with us after a siege of illness. He is now at the ripe age of 92.

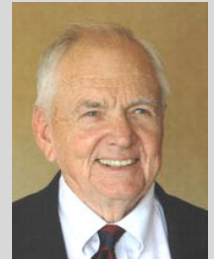
July is the birthday month to two other attending Rotary members: GEORGE FITZGERALD, MIKE McMAHON, and GEOFF ZIMAN.

## PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Two members volunteered to join the President's Club.

STEVE EMSLIE is slated to become the Deputy City Manager.

Congratulations STEVE. JOHN O'KEEFE joined in honor of a great debunking party.



## PRESIDENT RALPH'S VISION

Continue on to be one of the top two clubs, do worthwhile things, and have fun at the same time provide leadership in "Service above Self."

Support awareness of Rotary values.

Plan! And have everyone involved.

Support Rotary 5 Way Test, 4 ways plus 1 - fun.

"Fit-not lost" new members as the Class of 09/10, and be one of the top 2 Rotary clubs in "Tech Savvy."

One of the main issues facing the club is the raising of money to support our projects. A task force will be established for this purpose.

## "RALPH ADAMS IS LEADING THE WAY"

Was a rousing song authored by none other than our LE LEVY and John Philip Sousa.

## ENDOWMENT FUND

SAM WEBSTER made an impassioned plea for members to contribute to support our Endowment Fund. "Only 20% have contributed so far. This is not a free ride. It's not right not to do it. Do what you have to do-and do it right!"

## TOWN HALL SESSION

Each table had the opportunity to deliberate on the issues facing the club, and to report the results of their discussion. The tables reported on a wide variety of suggestions, which demonstrated the imagination and commitment of club members to Palo Alto being in the top 2. Most of the comments centered on the main issue of raising money. There were also comments about other administrative and technical issues. There were too many ideas delivered on a tight schedule and the space to present the results in an orderly fashion. It was a good way to get everyone involved.

## NEARBY MEETING PLACES

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