

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

**Weekly Newsletter**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**August 3 - Sharon Tennison, US and Russia Relations**

**August 10 - Managing General Partner, Bill Neukom, SF Giants**

## **ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TERRORISM...IS A BIT SCARY!**

Following Col. **SAM WEBSTER'S** introduction, his fellow West Point Grad (albeit some 49 years later)... **Col. Joe Felder**...took us through a mock West Point class on the subject of terrorism...we discussed the multitude of reasons why people join...and where it goes from here.

*(During Sam's introduction he mentioned that Col. Felder once had General Noriega in his periscope! It seems the Navy is beginning to affect our "senior colonel". He may have been thinking telescope.)*

**Joe led us through a typical West Point classroom discussion on terrorism.** It was obvious that there are many reasons people become terrorists, which makes the challenge to neutralize their cause rather daunting. The bottom line is that *"there is no silver bullet for addressing the many grievances."* The grievances include revenge for past real or imagined wrongs...lack of respect for one's culture...the need for the weak to challenge the strong...economic deprivation...religious fervor...hate...and greed... among others. A complex problem for which *"we must find voices that resonate with the terrorists."*

**The encouraging side** is that our West Point grads and other military men and women are coming to understand the complex nature of this movement and will be more able to effect strategies for change.

**Joe's presentation was followed by excellent questions from Rotarians.**

**President RALPH concluded by noting that what Rotary does has an impact**...we build bridges with people who don't look like us and provide safe havens and sustenance for the needy. Another outstanding program! Our thanks to "General" ADAMS for inviting Col. Felder.

In retrospect our Opening Song was most appropriate..."***My Country 'tis of Thee!***"

## **WHO WAS HERE!**

Our esteemed President **noted** that since he paid a fine for "almost" forgetting last week, he would hereafter start the "official proceedings" with Introductions. Good idea...the second "Introductions" omission is reportedly big bucks...a double President's Club contribution.) Hold it Newt! Didn't the meeting start with ROGER SMITH presenting Opening Remarks instead of Introductions? Stay tuned!

**OPENING REMARKS did in fact come before the Introduction of Guests.** This is obviously no big deal, but it seems our visitors should know they are officially at a Rotary Meeting before we officially begin. What he said!

**DENNIS SHEEHAN** approached the podium to thunderous applause and welcomed the following:  
Walt McCullough a **visiting Rotarian** from San Mateo  
**Guests of Rotarians:** Tiffany Chung...KATIE SEEDMAN (Tiffany ably assisted Katie at the Cashier's Table) Fred Haslet.....RALPH ADAMS Jay Boyarsky....DAYRL SAVAGE Ed Murphy.....BILL BUSSE. Lorne Doty.....DICK MANSFIELD

**ROGER SMITH OPEN REMARKED** with what he thought was a good joke. It went something like...An Italian friend told ROGER that he honeymooned in Italy some 50 years ago. *"So, what are you going to do for your 50th anniversary?" "I'm going back to Italy to get her!"*

**ROGER continued by sharing a poignant poem.** It was about how fast our children grow up and whether our time was well spent with our young offspring. The answer will come when you ask them now, *"Won't you come and visit and talk with me?"*  
The poem, was written by ROGER's wife, Judy Kay, during an early morning walk.

## **IT WAS DE Déjà vu ALL OVER AGAIN!**

President RALPH and Past President MIKE re-welcomed Dave Price into the fold. DAVE, as you might recall, was a member during the time he launched, made profitable and sold the Palo Alto Daily. Following his "retirement", he has once again returned to Palo Alto and started a competing paper, the Daily Post. Welcome home, DAVE! We hope the Post doesn't become too successful necessitating a third try.

## **PRESIDENT'S CLUB...NEW MEMBER**

DICK MANSFIELD...who does duty as our guest signer in-er...rose to announce that he and Ellie have now been married for 50 years. Congratulations D & E!

**And speaking of roses, here is a related story.** A couple had spent the evening celebrating their 50th anniversary. The next morning a friend asked the gentleman where they had gone. He paused a minute and said..."*Let's see, it has a long stem, thorns and a beautiful flower.*" His astute friend said, "Rose" after which the celebrant turned and said, *"Rose, where did we go last night?"*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUCH**

**BRUCE GEE is scheduling a Website Committee Meeting.** Their challenge is to upgrade the site so that it is easier to use, current at all times and most of all "fun."

## **Do You Have a Good Travel Agent?**

President RALPH noted that the classification "Travel Agent" is open. Go for it!

## **Fund Raising on the Fly...**

A book about the West Point Class of 2002 was auctioned off by RALPH **"I'm no STEVE PLAYER"** ADAMS. ROGER SMITH out bid himself by going from \$100 to \$200 for the addition of RALPH's autograph. The \$200 went to the Rotary Endowment Fund. Way to go, ROGER!

## **Rotary Endowment...**

If you haven't done so, consider writing a contribution check to our Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund. Proceeds will forever and ever go to our local charities. A great way to go.

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