

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 31 - Don Kennedy, Dealing -- or not -- with the Climate Crisis**

**September 7 – DARK: Labor Day**

**September 14 – Rotary District Governor, Loren Harper**

### **AN INSPIRED CHANGE OF SCENE**

**Prior to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance** we were treated to an essay by DICK FREEMAN. His subject was the American flag and it's meaning to this nation and its citizens. Well done, Dick. I propose that we add it to our web site so that all members and visitors can share in the inspiration we all experienced at today's meeting!

### **FOLLOWING SOME CONFUSION REGARDING PROTOCOL...**

SCOTT GLISSMEYER presented the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for Club Officers and Board Members. (Later in the meeting the nominees were unanimously elected.) They are:

President Elect.....MIKE McMAHON

Board Members...KEVIN CURRY... STEVE

EMSLIE...TOM GRACON...E.J. HONG

KELLY MORARIU...BRIAN STEEN...JUDITH

STEINER Treasurer.....CASH ALAEE

**Congratulations one and all, especially to our illustrious President for finding a "Cash" expert!**

### **A ROUSING REPORT ON RULES...RECOMMENDATIONS...REMINDERS...AND REQUIREMENTS.**

Membership Chairperson and new member, Ginny Lear, reporting on behalf of the Committee, shared the following membership info regarding:

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Potential members need to attend 3 meetings.

Two personal references will be required.

Sponsor to introduce potential member to the President, two past presidents and two Board Members...at least!

The sponsor will be the new member's mentor.

Red Badge/Blue Badge requirements have been updated.

Review on our website.

#### **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Rotary International has modified attendance requirements to 50% for each 6 month Period.

We are currently above average, but have room to improve by visiting other clubs, which counts toward our average. Just let Joyce know.

Internet Make-ups are now possible. Again, see this website for details:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/MakeUpMissedMeetings/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

### **WHAT? NO VISITING ROTARIANS?**

However, we did have Guests of Rotarians who were ably introduced by CHARLES CHENG. To wit:

MIKE COUCH ...Dick Bush

BOB McCOWAN...Cindy Wilbur

TRISH BUBENIK ...Cindy Jackson

WALT HAYS ...Piero Colonna (Jerry's grandson, perchance?)

WALT HAYS ... His lovely wife, Kay

### **PRESIDENT'S CLUB GROWS**

ROB LYMAN joined in honor of a family adventure...with wife Nancy, their two boys and assorted friends they attempted once again to scale Mt. Whitney...this time with total success including making an equally successful return to the low lands.

DICK MANSFIELD was accepted into membership for some strange reason. My copious notes say "Hotel in Miami." Ahh...The mystery was been solved. It had to do with a contribution from Roger in honor of DICK MANSFIELD'S many years of dedicated "Fund Raising" service. This including an extraordinary effort on Dick's part to see that Roger came up with a "Hotel in Miami" after an earlier bidder finked out. Congratulations to you both!

WES GARDINER made a President's Club contribution in remembrance of AL KENRICK'S widow, Mae, who passed away recently.

### **A GREAT PROGRAM on CALIFORNIA HISTORY**

Following an introduction by GINNY LEAR, we were treated to a most interesting presentation by ARCHAEOLOGIST...Mark Hylkema.

Although Mark's talk was billed as "Early Palo Alto...Ohlone Indians" he shared 18,000 years of Indian history noting that the first Europeans didn't arrive until 240 years ago. The Spanish, looking for a safe harbor, discovered San Francisco Bay and met the local residents, the Ohlone People. The Indian population in our area was only exceeded, numbers wise, by the Aztecs in Mexico. They had developed a life style well suited to the area dining on acorns and insects. What they were not well suited to was the white man's diseases which utterly decimated our native ancestors. A very interesting presentation by an excellent presenter. Thanks once again to the Program Committee for providing yet another outstanding program.

### **NEARBY MEETING PLACES**

[Palo Alto Rotary - Meeting Information](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org)  
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