

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 7 – DARK: Labor Day

September 14 – Rotary District Governor, Loren Harper

September 21 - Russell Hancock, "The State of Silicon Valley"

OFFICIAL GREETER:

The Official Greeter(s) for today's meeting were JIM SUTHERLAND assisted by Upward Delegate, PREZ ADAMS, both Greeters Extraordinaire.

OPENERS:

PREZ ADAMS called on HIG HIGGINS to lead us all in the Pledge, followed by "My Country tis of Thee," both of which were enthusiastically rendered by all.

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening remarks were delivered by JULIE JEROME



who offered some energy-saving tips like turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth, wrap gifts for the kids with comic's paper, turn in coat hangers and lastly, *use small font print whenever possible. (Ed.: I don't mean to be joking.)* JULIE's opening remarks were in perfect synch with our guest speaker's

topic.

VISITORS and GUESTS:

Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced by DENNY BOYLE

Visiting Rotarians were: Florence Buatois and Nancy Ducos, both of the University Club.

Guests (Hosts) were: Claude Ezran (ROGER SMITH), Ramona Ambrozic (RICK RAVIN), George Tingwald and Barbara Ralston (both guests of GEORGE FITZGERALD), Anna Valencia (SCOTT GLISSMEYER) and Nina Nowak (AUDREY RUST).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KELLY MORARIU announced several vacancies for council and commission seats in Palo Alto government. She cited the Public Art Commission as an example.

BRIAN STEEN announced the Hoover Park event scheduled for Friday, October 2. Call Brian for details. ISRAEL ZEHAVI joined the President's Club in honor of the arrival of his ninth grandchild. Can he still afford it?

HAL MICKELSON then went around from table to table, exacting revenue from anyone who took a trip, overseas \$50 bucks, domestically \$25 bucks, to a local movie, no charge.

ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK gave a contribution to welcome his first child. Congratulations!

DAVID NEGRIN had a birthday last Saturday; and since he took his family to see "Wicked" and then to a fancy dinner, he couldn't afford a non-obligatory contribution. He gave a buck/yr anyway.

THE PROGRAM:

Today's speaker, the renowned Professor Donald Kennedy, was introduced by GEORGE FITZGERALD. Prof. Kennedy, who was recently the president of Stanford University, spoke on climate change, which judging from his remarks, he considers to be one of the top, if not the top problem facing our planet. He cited an ancient Greek philosopher-scientist Irinius, measured the imprint on the air breathe as 2 parts/million - far its current estimate 2,000 years later. leaders in our regard it as less significant than the economy or health issues.



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Prof. Kennedy spoke of two possible solutions, providing we have the will to change, by adapting to climate change, or mitigation in which we try to mitigate climate change with government action around the world. He mentioned the developing nations, the so-called BRIC countries, Brazil, Russia, India and China as being particularly significant, since they have large and expanding economies. However, he did not lose sight of the fact that our own country is the largest contributor to the current crisis. A key milestone is the upcoming international conference this fall in Copenhagen, which hopes to improve on the Kyoto protocols.

A very timely and meaningfully educational talk. Thank you Professor Kennedy!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK: A sign on the lawn of a rehab center said: "Keep off the grass."

NEARBY MEETING PLACES

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