

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**October 12 - Joseph Grundfest, Stanford Professor of Law and Business, "Financial Markets, Now What"**

**October 19 - Jim Baer, CEO Premier Properties & Chop Keenan, CEO of Keenan Land Company"Pro and con on Measure A: the proposed Palo Alto business license tax, on the November ballot.**

**October 26 - Teru Kuwayama, Knight Fellow at Stanford**

### **OPENING**

BOB SMITHWICK led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **A TRIBUTE TO WARREN THOITS**

BILL LOVE paid special tribute to long time member, former president and community supporter, **WARREN THOITS** who passed away last week.

### **WELCOMING VISITORS AND GUESTS**

ANDY COE introduced visiting Rotarians including: Charles Shoemaker (Sunnyvale) and Richard Starke (Lloydminster, Canada) and guests including: Michael Love and Vivek Carrasco (BRIAN STEEN), Nancy Shepherd (JULIE JEROME), Cristina Cienfuegos (BOB SMITHWICK), Jim Bayer (WALT HAYS) and Dick Bush (MIKE COUCH).

### **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

Visiting Rotarian Richard Starke asked for assistance for the mother of a Rotary Scholar (the scholar has taken ill and is at Stanford Medical Center). The mother is visiting from Germany. If you speak German or you would like to help please call ANDY COE.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BRIAN STEEN expressed appreciation to Rotarians who volunteered to do planting and landscape work at Hoover Park last week.

MIKE COUCH introduced new member MARK STEVENSON, invited everyone to attend the Rotaract-Rotary Social on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Borel Private Bank, and encouraged 100% participation in The Rotary Foundation Program.



### **THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB**

AXEL MERK joined the prestigious club by celebrating completion of a high elevation marathon at Lake Tahoe.

AXEL and his wife, HANNA, also created matching funds for first time contributors to The Rotary Foundation. Contact MIKE COUCH to leverage your first time contribution.

TRISH BUBENIK is a repeat member of the President's Club. She honored WARREN THOITS as a long time supporter of The Red Cross and his father who was a founding member of the local organization. TRISH also celebrated her new position as the new leader of the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. KELLY MORARIU also joined the Club on the news her brother has returned from serving in Iraq.

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

WALT HAYS and MARCIE COX



Spoke about World Community Service and projects in Mexico, India, Haiti and Afghanistan. Film producer, BILL BUSSE, created an animated slide show demonstrating the projects, people and opportunity to build friendships abroad, as well as with fellow Rotarians. Oaxaca travelers included ANNETTE GLANCKOPF and Tom Ashton, RUTH SHNEIDER, MIKE and Terry McMAHON, GEOFF and Ann ZIMAN and MARCIE COX and husband Jim. The next project is targeting Haiti.

### **FINAL REMARKS**

Just to see if anyone was watching, Opening Remarks by ROB LYMAN became Final Remarks today.



The subject was complaining and how we can turn what appears to be negative energy into taking responsibility and creating positive action.

### **NEARBY MEETING PLACES**

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