## Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

November 2 – Alain Endoven, Marriner S. Eccles Professor of Public and Private Management (Emeritus) in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University, Medicare and Medical Insurance

November 9 – Craig Harding, Tesla Motors and the Future of the Electric Car.

November 16 - Sara Abbasi, Education in Pakistan

Mister Lyle and Mister Nick say I must make nice report but I no write English good. I try. You excuse.

Find Ming's OK. DICK MANSFIELD take names at door. Many visitor today. CHARLES CHENG, MIKE COUCH and ART STAUFFER greet. BARBARA MITCHELL take food money. President RALPH ADAMS ring bell loud. SHERRI SAGER find flag and lead salute. LEANNAH HUNT introduce two Rotary visitors from Norway, Oslo St Hallvard Club – David and Sidsel Addison. Describe as mixed. ANNETTE GLANKOPF bring Karen Holman; BRIAN STEEN bring Michael Love; BOB SMITHWICK bring Christina Cienfuelos; GINNY LEAR bring Chaiti Chatterjee; CHARLES CHENG bring Nina Duong and Xinpeng Huang (Stanford students from China representing an organization called Technology and Education Connecting Culture, building student exchange with performing valuable projects); MIKE COUCH bring Emily Negrin (DAVID NEGRIN granddaughter), Sophia Jiang, Sonia Ran (they talk later).

LINDA STEELE open remarks. Five lessons from Abilities United. Think flock geese flying vee formation. Birds get uplift with common goal. Better alignment with flock. Lead group sometimes get tired. Honk from back encourage leaders at front. Two stay with sick/disabled.

RALPH ADAMS add analogy – group only move as fast as slowest member.

BOB SMITHWICK made Honorary Member. Everyone stand. Much applause.

STEVE PLAYER make plug for Big Game exchange, November 18. Return loser axe to Berkeley Club. Note date for much fun. SAM WEBSTER say wife Kim much embarrassed by generous people like ROGER SMITH. Give another \$800 to Club Endowment.

JOHN OKEEFE say rich old men table want remember late WARREN THOITS by nice sum to Club Endowment also.

MIKE COUCH say 87 no give/pledge to Rotary Foundation. Please still want more. Introduce young ladies best Rotaract in world. Talk about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) five day camp. Change lives, learn much, make good friends. 180 attend from Bay Area. Another Rotary Foundation benefit.

ART STAUFFER introduce speaker Teru Kuwayama, Stanford Knight Fellow. Born Manhattan. Much distinguished. Many awards. Belongs organization Lightstalkers – Sharing network of people who do inadvisable things in sketchy places. In last 10 years he go most dangerous places in world, even front lines in war. Make home in Pakistan NW frontier area, Kashmir and Afghanistan. He mainly show amazing pictures of soldiers, poor people, refugees, much destruction and garbage of war. Describe coldest war in world in Kashmir at 15 - 22,000 feet and 50 degrees below zero. He talk about complications of conflict in Afghanistan and many different factions in country. Not optimist for outcome. Believe take long time.

DICK FREEMAN say where else you spend \$30 and give \$6 Rotary. Buy Entertainment Book. Could save \$16,000. Great gift for person don't know what to give. See Dick. He take order now. Hope you like.

## **NEARBY MEETING PLACES**

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