



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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PLEDGE

In honor of Veteran's Day, Colonels HIGGINS and WEBSTER led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS & GUESTS

JIM SUTHERLAND introduced visiting Rotarian Fred Morse from Oakland.

Guests included: Eliane Neukermans (JERRY ELKIND), Gregg Betts (ROGER SMITH), Michael Repka (MIKE COUCH), newly elected City Councilman Greg Scharff (ANNETTE GLANCKOPF), Anne Trela (AUDREY RUST), Philippe LeConte (MIKE COUCH), Cristina Cienfuegos (BOB SOUTHWICK), Maura McNurlty (STEVE EMSLIE), Debra Van Duynhoven (KELLY MORARIU), Chaiti Chatterjee (MIKE COUCH), George Bechtel (BETSY BECHTEL).

OPENING REMARKS

SALLY TOMLINSON honored veterans who have served our country and asked us to consider what makes our country great including our freedoms and innovative spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICHAEL LOVE, sponsored by BRIAN STEEN, was welcomed as a new member.

STEVE PLAYER announced the Holiday Party on December 15th at BRIAN STEEN'S home and the Big Game trip to Berkeley on Wednesday, December 18th.

Annual Charity event Co-Chairs AUDREY RUST and STEVE EMSLIE asked members to mark their calendars for April 24, 2010. A committee meeting for anyone interested will be at 7:00 am on November 20th at Scott's Restaurant.

BRUCE GEE and JIM SUTHERLAND encouraged members to use the new and improved Club Web site.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

ARNE STOSCHEK joined the President's Club to honor the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The first shipment of the books has sold out. But don't worry, the re-supply is here. Where else can you find thousand of \$\$\$avings and make a donation to our Rotary Club? The books are \$30 and \$6 stays with the Club. A perfect gift for personal use from hotels to Baskin Robbins. Now that's an "Offer you can't refuse". See Dick Freeman for details after each Club meeting.

PROGRAM

Today's speaker was Craig Harding, Corporate Counsel of Tesla Motors. Tesla has grown as an electric car maker to 500 employees. The company sells directly to customers and its sports car model sells for \$109,000 and costs \$4.50 to charge the batteries for a 244 mile range. Currently located in San Carlos, the company is expanding to a 370,000 square foot facility in the Stanford Research Park. 800 cars have been sold thus far. The next model will be a four door sedan to be delivered in 2012. The anticipated cost will be \$57,000 and is projected to equal the cost of a Ford Taurus after consideration for tax breaks and the cost of operation.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

November 16 - Sara Abbasi, Education in Pakistan

November 18 - Big Game Exchange with Berkeley Rotary Club in Berkeley at His Lordship's Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710-1610

November 23 - Heather Owen, Assistant Coach, Stanford Women's Basketball

November 30 - Colburn Wilbur, Climate Change

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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