

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 7 - New Member Talks: Dennis Burns, Bruce Gee, Audrey Rust

December 14 - West Bay Opera - Holiday Celebration

December 21 - Club Assembly, President Ralph Adams Presiding

December 28 - DARK, Actually Sparkling and Bright with Holiday Cheer

Frequently Asked Questions about the Monday, November 30 Meeting

Who was in the reception area?

MARK STEVENSON was taking the lunch money. DICK MANSFIELD was taking care of visitors. RICK RAYBIN and PP MIKE COUCH were greeting.

Did the meeting start on time?

What do you expect from a Club President with a military background?

Who lead the flag salute?

ROB LANCEFIELD did the honors and even got the group to sing a spirited rendering of "My Country 'tis of Thee."

Were there visitors?

MICHAEL LOVE found that there were no visiting Rotarians, but introduced the following who had guests: AUDREY RUST (Nina Nowak); LE LEVY (Michael Repka); PAM BRANDIN (Chaiti Chatterjee); GINNY LEAR (Eliane Neukermans) and BOB SMITHWICK (Christina Cienfuegos)

Were there any opening remarks?

MIKE McMAHON dazzled us with a description full of superlatives about Dubai – extremely opulent, highest, largest, etc. ending with a contrasting challenge to the army veterans about an upcoming football contest.

Was there any progress reported on Rotary Foundation giving?

MIKE COUCH reported that although we have exceeded our goal, sixty members of the club had not contributed anything this year. To emphasize the rewards for giving, MIKE presents Paul Harris Pins with numerous sapphires (= additional \$1K donations) to JOHN O'KEEFE, KAREN SINGER and DAN

QUINN as well as, with special thanks for her outstanding work in maintaining the club records, to JOYCE CUSICK.

What is with Entertainment Books?

DICK FREEMAN made a final plug to members to buy Entertainment Books to help swell the club coffers.

Are there any Party Time prospects?

CASH ALAEE reminded members of the forthcoming Holiday Party kindly hosted by BRIAN STEEN and his wife, Sandy, at their home (877 Moana Court, PA) on December 15 from 6- 8:30 PM. Those with last names beginning with A through L should bring food for 8 people, the rest should each bring 2 bottles of red or white wine; and everyone should have fun. CASH would appreciate additional offers of help.

Did anyone step forward to join the President's Club?

AUDREY RUST generously made a donation in honor of our speaker, Cole Wilbur, for his contributions in preserving our environment.

Any other business?

MIKE McMAHON reminded the club that at the December 21st meeting there would be a formal election of Directors for next year.

How about the speaker?

LEN ELY introduced his friend and confidante, Cole Wilbur, formerly CEO of the Packard Foundation. The many boards and foundations with which Cole was associated were enumerated by LEN. As Cole proceeded into his talk on Climate Works – Real World Solutions, it became apparent that Cole has an outstanding and clear perspective on the environmental challenges currently facing our world; and how they might be alleviated. He illustrated his address by presenting a very clear PowerPoint presentation that included an array of quantitative measures. The key point that was made concerned identification of where significant differences could be made in the most efficient, least costly manner. The club seemed to appreciate the value of Cole's systematic approach with the Climate Works organization and his clear explanations.

NEARBY MEETING PLACES

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