



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER

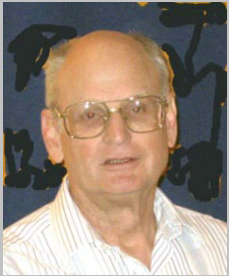
PREZ RALPH called the meeting to order at 12:19 PM.

OPENERS

PREZ RALPH called on DAVE PRICE to lead today's pledge.

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks were offered by JIM SUTHERLAND, who spoke on the "benefits of plagiarism." In his experience, he found that it's far superior to copying, since it has the advantage of being edited at least twice. He also extolled efforts to understand "life," since it's essential in understanding "death." He ended by pointing out that "if it's free, it's advice; if you pay for it, it's counsel; and if it helps you, it's a miracle."



VISITORS AND GUESTS

Visitors and Guests were introduced by DICK BUSH.

Visiting Rotarians (Club) were Kelly Roos (Santa Clara) and Bonnie Welling (Menlo Park).

Visitors (Hosts) were Rosanne Fairty (ROB LANCEFIELD), Monca Eva, (BOB SMITHWICK), and Mary Greenwood (GINNY LEAR).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEVE EMSLIE and STEVE PLAYER auctioned off some goodies:

"Homemade" Brownies went for eighty-bucks a table (not bad for addicts), and a four-ticket series for the Celebrity Forum for ninety bucks. STEVE PLAYER ran out of time, but there should be more Celebrity Series tickets available at the next meeting.

PREZ RALPH introduced four new members of the President's Club; and they all announced (bragged about) their good fortune, SHERRI SAGER, CYRILLE BETANT (new job in San Francisco), BEUCE GEE, and TOM GRACON (new grandkid).

In recognition of his services and long-term dedication (40 years), longtime Rotarian, WARREN HIGGINS, was declared an Honorary Member of the Palo Alto Rotary Club by PREZ RALPH.

The PREZ also called attention to the long-term service of our distinguished member, SAM WEBSTER, and to the 53rd anniversary of SAM's 39th birthday.

GINNY LEAR announced the musical comedy night to be held on Friday, February 26, called "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." It's only \$35 a person and includes the show, parking and dinner. SEE GINNY NEXT WEEK FOR TICKETS.

THE PROGRAM

GINNY LEAR introduced today's speaker, Mary Greenwood, Chief of the Public Defender's Office in Santa



Clara County. The office was established in 1965 in response to the new Constitutional amendment guaranteeing all citizens the right of legal representation when they were called to appear in court. With so many citizens, the costs were excessive and a legal body was established to ensure their

representation. The same right holds true for people who were mentally deficient.

Ms. Greenwood was first appointed as an Associate Public Defender at the age of 24, and has seen the office grow from a few attorneys to the present number of over 200, plus some investigators. They handle about 200,000 cases a year, some routine, like drug enforcement actions, and some extended.

It was a very interesting topic, which led to many questions for Ms. Greenwood.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Elections are held in November because it's the best time for picking out a turkey.

ADJOURNMENT

PREZ RALPH adjourned the meeting a 1:32 PM.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

February 8 – Marilyn Yalom, *400 Years of US History through Cemeteries*.

February 15 – Mike Wallace, *Lincoln's Greatest Speeches*.

February 22 – Michael Gennette, *Autism*.

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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