



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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From time to time, your Pinion Reporter is privileged to gain an insight into what goes on inside the club president's head during the weekly meeting. Here is what was gleaned of your president Ralph Adams' thoughts this week.

Here we go again. Only fourteen more meetings left. Glad that someone reliable like DICK MANSFIELD is on point duty for visitors. It is comforting to have a banker, CHAITI CHATTERJEE, collecting the lunch money. I see MIKE COUCH and ED DANGLER greeting people; so we are off to a good start. Seems STEVE MADSEN has gotten the projector set up nicely again. We are lucky to have someone to do this so efficiently every week. I see GEOFF ZIMAN is doing the Pinion. I hope he doesn't come up with anything too scathing or weird this week. I'll get BRUCE SWENSON to do the flag salute because he will do it smartly. Wish I had a couple of good drill sergeants to lick this mob into shape. Let's see how they do singing "happy birthday" to those celebrating this month. Oh, better break here while I am ahead.

OK, enough chat. I will give DICK FREEMAN fifty eight seconds for important We Care Committee points, and asking people to sign get well cards for ANDY COE, ISRAEL ZEHAVI and INGE ANGILETTA (in Seattle having hip surgery). Now let us have KATIE SEEDMAN do the visitor introductions. JUDY KLEINBERG has political prospect Josh Becker; DARYL SAVAGE has Charter School principal Vicki Schultz; MIKE McMAHON has Elder Care Consultant Sue Hartenbaum. I guess Sue might have a few possible clients in the club. Visiting Rotarian Candace Roney is a Hospital Administrator from San Jose.

I wonder how someone with a name like CASH ALAEE came to be the Club Treasurer. He, certainly, knows how to present interesting opening remarks – clever way to combine a vivid description of the seven emblems of the Iranian New Year on the first day of spring (Vernal Equinox) with Rotary's Four-Way Test.

Let us have STEVE EMSLIE and KATIE SEEDMAN back to promote the Annual Fundraiser, *Notte Italiana*, to be held Saturday, April 24. I sure am glad they are strongly encouraging sign up because if we do not get good attendance, I will be toast. STEVE PLAYER really does a splendid job of whipping up enthusiasm with his auction of first Italian biscotti to DUANE KALAR for \$40, and then Italiano Chocolates to MIKE COUCH for \$60.

Speaking of MIKE C., he does such good work with the Gunn Interact and the YCS group. Nice to see three representatives – Alicia Gregory, Sophia and Bo. What an

amazing array of activities and fundraising Sophia and Bo describe! It seems these include a 2 hour Princess Cruise on the Bay for \$30 on April 18 and a send-off at Great America on May 15 for \$35. I am sure that MIKE C. would be happy to provide anyone interested with more details. Although they have collected considerable sums, they really need our support. It is tremendous that they are going to represent Interact of the World at the Annual Rotary Convention in Montreal at the end of June.

I will now let BILL JOHNSON talk about the hard-working Charitable Allocation Committee, whose members include MIKE COUCH, DAVID NEGRIN, LEANNAH HUNT, DICK FREEMAN, GEORGE NEWTON, IRIS KOROL, ART STAUFFER, ROB LANCEFIELD and MARCIE COX. Who would have thought that giving away \$34,000 would be so difficult? We are going to hear more about the different worthy recipients at future meetings.

I need to let TRISH BUBENIK draw attention to the flyers on each table regarding the Blind and Dyslexic Record-A-Thon taking place on April 19-21 from 9 AM to 8 PM at 2445 Faber Place, Suite #103 - just round the corner from Ming's. This is another event that deserves our support.

Now, before it gets too late, I'll get NANCY PETERS to introduce our speaker, Dr. Shashank Joshi (and his assistant, Erica Weitz). Thank goodness, I can now, at last, get on with eating my fruit plate lunch.

I am glad Nancy didn't dwell too long on the speaker's credentials, as a well-qualified specialist on dealing with stress from Stanford. I am amazed how Dr. Joshi very effectively covered many topics related to tackling the problem of suicides by young people in Palo Alto. It seems that there are so many aspects to this problem – how we have to accept stress as an everyday factor – what symptoms we have to look out for in our young people – the factors that push them over the edge – the critical interactions – how to make intervention in time-effective parenting – connection with caring adults – involving the teachers building models of collaboration – how we have to build resilience in our children – reaching and teaching. It was good to get the impression that there are many professionals working together on the problem, and that there is a project called Safety Net to refer to on the City of Palo Alto website. I must not get carried away and lose track of time. There is just time for one question from JUDY KLEINBERG where Dr. Joshi gave his opinion that social networking is neither a good or bad influence. He stated that, generally, the incidents of youth suicide are not on an increase in the country.

Phew! Managed again to end the talk on time. Seems I got through this one without a serious hitch. Don't know how a Navy man will manage next year. This is a testing process. At ease – Dismiss!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

March 29 – “Plans for the *Great Park*”, Reed Holderman

April 1 – Martha Kanter Luncheon at Flint Center, 11:30 to 2:00, Reservations required

April 12 – “ June Primary Debate”, Assembly candidates Kishimoto, Gordon, and Becker, Moderated by Dave Price.

April 19 – “How will you use your influence? Women, Men, Money and Social Change”, Christine Larson, Knight Fellow speaker and published author.

April 26 – “State of the City”, Jim Keene, Palo Alto city manager.

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