

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**April 5 James MacGregor, Biz Journal Editor, "The future of job growth in Silicon Valley"**

**April 12 Assembly Candidates Kishimoto, Gordon, Becker, "June Primary Debate" moderated by Dave Price**

**April 19 Christine Larson, Knight Fellow Speaker and published author, "How will you use your influence? Women, Men, Money and Social Change"**

**THE PLEDGE** was ably led by DICK FREEMAN, followed by the introduction of visitors and guests by ROSEANNE FAIRTY.

LIZ KNISS, Rich Gordon

GINNY LEAR, Christine Chu

LE LEVY...friend Ron Shapiro

TOM GRACON: Brian Gracon, Ren'ee Gracon, Gary Gracon

BOB SMITHWICK... introduced his driver, Monica

**DICK FREEMAN** spoke up for the We Care Committee. He wanted to express how much **ANDY COE** appreciated all of the messages from members of the club.



**"TOUCHING SOMEONE TODAY"**, was the intriguing subject for Opening Remarks by **BETSY BECHTEL**. It is a message for parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors. It's about the influence we have on the life of a child, and what is seen and what is felt when we are not looking. We are seen as "taking care" by baking a cake, helping someone who is ill, working in the yard, working on the house, or many other special

things that help others. Try touching the life of someone today.

**STEVE AND AUDREY** are still requesting additional items for the upcoming fund raising auction on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Look in your cellar for a good vintage, bring a bottle, or any other idea with a reasonable price. For example, **PETER GUENTERMANN** earlier donated his one-and-only tee shirt from his golf championship for the auction.

Tickets to the event are available at the table at the entrance to the room. **AUDREY** declared that you are in trouble if you don't buy a ticket. Please stop by for your ticket. The ticket price was reduced by popular request.

**HAL MICKELSON** was again at the podium to work his magic to auction off some goodies made by the legendary **Ellie Mansfield**. They are called **Holitachen**, and are unique.

**HAL** is also looking for hosts for the "good times" visit of five people from the interior of Brazil, who will be touring Northern California and around Stanford on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Tour guides and

drivers are needed. Please call **HAL** if you did see him after the meeting to work out the details.

As a Deputy Assistant Fine Master, **HAL** asked for a fine of \$20 for the pelican picture in the Daily Post, but was unable to close the deal with **DIANA DIAMOND** or **DAVE PRICE**.

**JIM BEAR** joined the **PRESIDENT'S CLUB** because he had a surprise success in helping the selection of a Prom dress for a teenager in the family, by using the internet.

**APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with Under Secretary of Education...MARTHA KANTER**, will be held at the Flint Center on the De Anza Campus. All of the tickets have been sold. Your tickets and parking pass should have been sent to you via e-mail.

**RICK TIPTON** received a Paul Harris Award with two blue stones.

**CARL KING** introduced our speaker for the day. He was Reed Holderman, who provided us a glimpse of the plans for "Great



Park." Over the years the Siemperivums Fund has acquired land for preservation, resulting in four state parks, 35,000 redwood trees planted, 23,000 other trees planted, and 60 miles of hiking trails.

They would now like to connect the dots to finish the work of natural land preservation that others have started by acquiring additional properties, and put them all together with the existing protected parcels into one great park managed by a single organization. If this is not done soon, subdivisions will take over, and valuable natural resources will be lost.

Of course this would require a great deal of money that would need to be raised. It would also require the cooperation of the several non-profit organizations already in the area, lumber companies, and several government agencies. It would be based on a best land use plan. Lumber harvest would continue on a controlled basis.

There are approximately twenty landowners that would be involved, of which six are major landholders. There are many details to be worked out, including how the land will be acquired, who will administer the Great Park, what will be the management strategy, (a model for this situation is Yellowstone Park), and how will the park be maintained.

## NEARBY MEETING PLACES

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