



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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President RALPH ADAMS started the meeting by calling on D-Day Veteran DAVID NEGRIN to lead the salute to the flag. After a break, VICKY CHING, finding no visiting Rotarians, had the following members introduce their guests: YORIKO KISHIMOTO - her father Yasud Kishimoto; WALT HAYS - his friend (and, subsequently, successful State Assembly Democratic candidate) Rich Gordon; BOB McCOWAN - his friend Sam Gordon (unrelated to Walt's friend).

DICK FREEMAN, our "We Care" representative, advised that GARY FAZZINO was currently in Stanford hospital recovering from pneumonia. Gary continues to improve daily, albeit slower than he would like, but the course is steady and upward. Once his strength improves, additional treatment for multiple myeloma will be resumed. Gary and Annette are very optimistic about the future and his complete recovery. They greatly appreciate the concern and caring of club members. For latest reports on Gary's condition, contact STEVE PLAYER at 725-5509 (Office). Dick also reported that CHALMERS SMITH is expected to recover sufficiently from his recent hip joint replacement to be at the June 21 meeting.



Opening remarks by CHARLES CHENG started with a reminder that May temperatures had been exceptionally low before turning to brighter prospects. He concluded with a thoughtful poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

LE LEVY aided our President to induct new member RON SHAPER.



JIM SUTHERLAND gave a very positive report on the Stanford Area Boy Scout Troop 5 that our club sponsors. The following picture shows members of that troop taking part in the Annual Memorial Day Grave Decoration. Scouts from many units in the Pacific Skyline Council placed flags on every grave in the military cemetery in San Bruno.



JIM reviewed the extensive proposed troop outdoor activities for the next year. These included family camping, backpacking, bike camping, snow camping, rock climbing, wilderness adventures, Camporee participation, as well as attending the local Council's High Sierra Camp Oljato in the summer.

GINNY LEAR then announced a first for our club – having a team lead by STEVE EMSLIE compete in the City's Annual July 4 Chili Cook – Off. This event will be held at Mitchell Park. Ginny encouraged members to get involved and sign up to assist in this exciting event. At this point our honorable president was heard to mutter the dubious wisdom "If the chili isn't hot it is not chili!"

This was followed by a good round of financial collections. The President's Club was swelled by: JOHN KIDD for vacationing and having a granddaughter graduate in Salt Lake City; BRUCE LIEDSTRAND for having to spend 2 months in Paris; CASH ALAEE by visiting his homeland, Iran (not accompanied, so he stated, by any young ladies); BRUCE SWENSON for spending three weeks in Israel, Jordan and the Greek Islands as well as having four grandchildren in N. Carolina; YORIKO KISHIMOTO for her daughter Maya receiving the Young Advocate of the Year Award from Planned Parenthood. In addition, BILL LOVE generously gave \$890 to the PA Club Endowment Fund in celebration of a related birthday number and LAURIE LISTON honored the arrival of his ninth grandchild with a \$1,000 donation. GAIL HILSTROM was welcomed back from an extended absence.

GLORIA HOM reported that the last social event in Menlo Park was successful, interesting, and enjoyable. She then reminded everybody of another upcoming social event to be hosted by JEAN and MIKE COUCH. It will be at their home (26790 St Francis Road, LAH) on Thursday, June 17 from 5 – 7 PM. Those members whose last names fall in the range A thru G are expected to bring hors d'oeuvres. The rest are expected to bring a bottle of wine.

MIKE COUCH had to interrupt the meeting to be able to remind members that we will be "dark" for the lunch meeting on June 28 because of the traditional presidential debunking dinner taking place that evening. It will start at 6 PM at **Michaels At Shoreline** in the Mountain View Baylands. Cost is \$50 per head and a tough Army/Navy contest can be expected.

YORIKO KISHIMOTO introduced our speaker, the distinguished Professor Ron Davis, a world leader in the development of biotechnology specializing in the

recombinant DNA and the application of genomic methodologies to biological systems. Dr. Davis has been recognized by his peers with many high honors and awards, including the prestigious Dickson Prize in Medicine. He directs the Stanford Gnome Technology Center. Starting with a review of the extraordinary technological gains related to examining and understanding the human genome, Dr. Davis went on to explain how it might be possible to completely revolutionize the whole concept of how diseases are diagnosed and therapies developed and delivered. We were lead to imagine a small inexpensive instrument that could give an instantaneous picture of the complete health of an individual right in the doctor's office. The impression was given that this was not just a pipedream but something that, using Silicon Valley expertise, could now be seriously considered possible through the merging of biology and solid state physics.



### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

#### **[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)**

- June 14 – New Member Talks: KAREN KIENZLE, DAVE PRICE, & KATIE SEEDMAN
- June 21 – Cary Rosenzweig, IMVU, “Why a Virtual Dress is More Real Than a Box of Tide: Notes from the Virtual Front Line”
- June 28 – De-Bunking of Commanding Officer Ralph Adams at Michael’s at Shoreline from 6:00 to 9:00 PM (The lunch meeting is DARK)
- July 5 – DARK, Observing Independence Day
- July 12 – Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, “San Jose Airport Today”
- July 19 – Dr. William Dement, Stanford University, “Sleep Disorders”
- July 26 – Bob Scott, Stanford University, “The Gothic Enterprise: A Guide to Understanding the Medieval Cathedral”

### **NEARBY MEETING PLACES:**

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