



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CONGRATS PREZ MIKE McMAHON !!

CALL TO ORDER

PREZ MIKE called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM, not bad for a new guy.

OPENERS

PREZ MIKE called on ED DANGLER to lead today's Pledge, which was enthusiastically rendered by all especially by the Vets who were asked to salute during their recitation.

VISITORS and GUESTS

Visitors and guests were introduced by JIM SUTHERLAND. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting.

Guests (Hosts) were: Kevin Nead and Mackenzie Wehner, both medical students and guests of NANCY PETERS; Derrick Britt (TODD LEWIS); Jenna Kanger (SHERRI SAGER) and today's speaker Bill Sherry and his assistant, David Vassarlink. A warm welcome was rendered to all our guests.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



TRISH BUBENIK reminded us of the need to recognize the new beginning of a person who had overcome a serious setback and had exerted a great effort to

recover. She cited her knowledge of a friend, Michael, who was injured severely by an improvised explosive device during his military service and consequently suffered blindness. His recovery inspired the origin of Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic about forty years ago. Thanks TRISH, for this inspiring story.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The word is out - CHALMERS SMITH is doing well. Keep it up, CHALMERS.

We received a firsthand report from SAM WEBSTER that GARY FAZZINO is continuing to improve. Hopefully, we'll be seeing him before too long.

STEVE EMSLIE reported that the Chili Cook-Off that he recently helped manage was a great experience that

allowed the team to learn improvements. He promised to go for the gold next year. We are looking forward to your event, STEVE.



SAM GORDON was inducted into the Club as a new member sponsored by BOB McCOWAN. Welcome SAM and congratulations! Now you get to pick your committees.

THE PROGRAM

Today's speaker, Bill Sherry, was introduced by DIANA DIAMOND. Bill is the Director of Aviation at the



newly renovated San Jose Airport and in that role supervised its complete remodeling at a cost of 1.3 billion dollars. Bill's role included the review of the architectural design and construction for Terminal B, the decision to demolish

Terminal C, and the design of the renovation of Terminal A.

Bill presented a complete photographic record of the current appearance of the new airport with all its innovation and modernity, which was recently dedicated as a symbol of Silicon Valley. The building designs were particularly impressive with their high ceilings and long expanses, punctuated by strong works of art. Another objective, which apparently has already been accomplished, was to provide 40 commercial establishments, 20 of which would be restaurants and the other 20 being shops that would serve the needs of travelers.



The subject of the length of the walks received discussion and questioning. Bill mentioned that there were three essential limits to the distances that were laid out: 1) the distance from the entrance to the terminal to the ticket purchasing locations was limited to 1,000 feet; 2) the distance from the ticket purchase location to the boarding gates also was limited to 1,000 feet and 3) the distance from the arrival gates to the luggage pick-up locations, again limited to 1,000 feet. The total essential distance is 3,000 feet. With minor exception, according to Bill, these limits have been achieved.

In summary, SAN JOSE now has a world-class airport, which is commensurate with its role in other aspects of the activities in Silicon Valley. Thanks Bill Sherry for a most illuminating talk.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

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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