



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CALL TO ORDER

President MIKE began the meeting to order at 12:19 pm by calling on KAREN KIENZLE to lead the Pledge. He resumed the meeting at 12:30, when at his request DICK MANSFIELD introduced the following visiting Rotarians and guests, all of whom received applause.

Visiting Rotarians were Roger Hassler, Governor of District 5170 and Angie Hassler, District Ambassador.

Guests (hosts) were John Berg (GINNY LEAR), Ben Threlkeld (DAVID SMULLIN), and Bern Beecham (IRIS KOROL).

President MIKE welcomed returning member BERN BEECHAM and gave him back his Blue Badge.

REPORT OF WE CARE COMMITTEE

DICK FREEMAN said that ISREAL ZEHAVID was still ailing, experiencing balance difficulties, and asked those in attendance to sign a get-well card in circulation at the meeting. JIM BAER was reported to be back at home from the hospital and making progress.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

President MIKE called on ANDY COE to give opening remarks. ANDY said he had long admired John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach at UCLA, and particularly liked that Wooden described himself as a teacher, as well as a coach. He then regaled the audience with recitations of several "Woodenisms", brief homilies on proper behavior and attitudes, some humorous, all tending to inspire and teach.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRISH BUBENIK joined the President's Club to honor fellow member DENNY BOYLE for exceptional service for the blind.

GEORGE FITZGERALD announced that he now chairs the Programs Committee. He thanked his predecessor, JUDITH STEINER, for her leadership. He asked that all members regard themselves as de facto members of the committee, and be on the lookout for really good speakers. He requested those present to fill out questionnaires on how they liked previous programs, as the results of prior questionnaires had proven informative and helpful.

President MIKE reported for ANNETTE GLANCKOPF that those interested in participating in a Rotary visit to Sao Paulo should see her at the close of the meeting.

THE PROGRAM

Setting the stage for the introducer and the main speaker, President MIKE reviewed the structure of Rotary, with 1,230,000 individual Rotarians, 33,000 clubs on five continents in 200 nations, organized into 531 Districts, with our District 5170 having 58 clubs in nine areas, with each area led by an Assistant Governor, GINNY LEAR for our area.



GINNY LEAR introduced our District Governor, reviewing a long list of Rotarian roles he has filled, saying that he and his gracious wife, Angie, were always the first to volunteer, for everything that came along.

Roger Hassler, Rotary District 5170 Governor, presented the "District Governor's Talk". Saying he was in a very special place, he explained that Angie, who accompanied him to the



meeting, and he had their first date at Ming's in 1977. He added that then, as now, Ming's has the very best chicken salad (now on the menu as Ming's Famous Chicken Salad).

He reviewed the schedule for the forthcoming year of District activities and celebrations, as well as the national conclave in New Orleans. He urged members to attend all the events, particularly Red Badge members, but Blues too, as Rotary was changing and there would be much of interest to learn, while obeying the first rule of Rotary, to have fun. An avid baseball fan who has visited 34 Major League ballparks, he especially promoted attendance at the District-wide fellowship Evening at the Oakland As on August 21, beginning with a tail-gate festivity.

Commenting on his attendance earlier in the day at our Board of Directors meeting, Roger applauded everything he had learned that the club is doing. He complimented the Club and the whole District on their financial support, in the forefront of Rotary worldwide. While Rotary membership overall is growing, it has been static in the District. Roger urged those present to be alert for opportunities to recruit new members, seeking gender and other diversity, and youth.

He reported that Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio in four previously heavily afflicted countries were nearing success, with a sharp decline in incidence of new cases over the past year. He urged continuing financial support of the efforts, particularly by Red Badgers, so they could say one day in the

future that they had helped rid the earth of the scourge that is polio.

He complimented former President RALPH on a great year and expressed confidence that President MIKE also would have a great year. He handed MIKE a present from another club he had visited, for auctioning next week to get fund raising rolling, and in return received a libation from Beltramo's to pass on to the next club on his schedule.

Roger concluded by presenting double sustainer award pins to RALPH, MIKE, GINNY LEAR, and WALT HAYS for exceptional performance as Rotarians.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

August 9 – **Gerald Uelmen**, Former Dean Santa Clara University Law School, *California's Dysfunctional Death Penalty Law*

August 16 – **Mark Garcia**, Lieutenant (retired), Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Primary Undercover Agent for the FBI's Operation "Matrix", *Are We Winning? (and the answer will surprise you)*.

August 23 – **New Member Talks:** CHRISTINA CHU, ROSEANNE FAIRTY, and DON MORGAN

August 30 – **John Etchemendy**, Provost, Stanford University, *"Why U. S. Universities are the Envy of the World (and Can We Maintain Our Advantage?)"*.

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

[Palo Alto Rotary - Meeting Information](#)