

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUG.30 - JOHN ETCEMENDY, Provost at Stanford, on: "Why U.S. Universities are the Envy of the World (and can we Maintain Our Advantage?)"

September 6 - DARK, Labor Day

September 13 - Rich Casey, Los Altos Rotary, "Child AIDS Prevention in Africa"

Visitors and guests were introduced by President MIKE McMAHON. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting.

Guests of Rotarians were Rene Morgan, DON MORGAN; John Barton, WALT HAYS; Mike Baird, RICK RAYBIN; BenThrelkeld and Kate Pascal, DAVE SMULLIN. Welcome to all our guests.

SUE HARTENBAUM for opening remarks had placed index cards with questions at each table. She asked volunteers from the audience to suggest answers, before she told her thinking



about the questions: What? Why? How? After some audience response, she divulged that she felt these questions could be related to personal qualities and the role we all play in life. Rotarians are frequently asking these questions. That is what makes Rotary unique.

DICK FREEMAN, of the We Care Committee, reported that JIM BAER is doing quite well now. He is in a hotel and working again. There still are some difficult procedures ahead for a full recovery.

BRIAN STEEN asked us to save the date, Sept 11th. This is an opportunity to participate in the next hands-on service project. This is a joint project with the Palo Alto Kiwanis Club. New playgrounds are being developed at the Hoover school ground. The exact time to assemble is yet to be determined. Please sign up for this project as soon as possible.

CHET DOUGLAS stated his right to say what, and when regarding next Sunday's social at Terry and MIKE's home. He said that their home is a real delight to see. The décor is eclectic with original art, paintings, rugs, and wall hangings. Come for the social hour, which is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. You will be most welcome.

DON MORGAN advised me by e-mail that he had joined the President's Club in honor of his wife, Rene, but in the rush of his new member talk had overlooked making the announcement.

ROB LYMAN introduced this week's edition of outstanding new member talks. As SAM WEBSTER put it after the

presentations, "This Rotary Club has a tremendous amount of talent."

ROSEANNE FAIRTY was introduced as a "house jumper" for all the houses she has lived in. She grew up and later married in the historic town of Weatherby, Connecticut. Her families were



boating enthusiasts; and she spent her summers up and down the New England coastline. After graduating from Drew University, she was a marketing officer in the New York banking world. That was not enough. After receiving a MBA at NYU, she was in the banking business in Florida, and then moved to Virginia. Volunteer work was her avocation. Not

only that, she became an expert glass blower. The year 2000 is when they moved to California. There were two children who are now out of the nest. She is currently working for Wells Fargo Bank.

DONALD MORGAN was born in Houston Texas, lived in a dozen states and had two stays in Japan. Over his father's objection, he spent 4 years at Harvard, courtesy of the ROTC.



Following Harvard he was a Navy airman stationed in Japan, flying unwelcome electronic surveillance missions around communist Asian countries. He then spent 42 years with the same law firm in Washington DC. During that period, he worked with many clients on many subjects of national interest with extensive interaction with both government and non government officials. During that

time, he also spent 5 years in Japan. He cited an example of his work regarding the problem of CFLS, and their effect on the ozone layer. The move to Palo Alto occurred in 2008. Interests are SF Opera, reading, tennis, and grand parenting.

CHRISTINA CHU's family is from Taiwan. Following her father's passion, they are restaurant owners in Los Altos. However, one of her brothers is autistic; and it has been a learning experience for the family. Another brother is a Hollywood film director. From an early age, CHRISTINA was interested in ballet dancing, and went through the UCLA dancing program. Next on the agenda was all the action in New York City.



However after the 9/11 attack, she decided that she would rather be here in California with her family. She now sells real estate.

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