

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 27 - Linda Thor, Chancellor of the Foothill-DeAnza College District, "A Newcomer's Perspective on California Higher Education: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

October 4 Walt Hays, Art Stauffer, and Cindy Russell, "World Community Service"

October 11 Gloria Hom and Ginny Lear, "State and County Initiatives"

BILL BUSSE wondered out loud why he might join the President's Club. How about two recent reunions, or a trip around the Great Lakes, or a visit to Alaska and Denali National Park? He settled for Denali and a flight around Mt. McKinley complete with fabulous photographs, which are for sale to help offset the costs of the President's Club.



Way to go, William!

PRESIDENTIAL THANKS TO CHRISTINA CHU, STEVE MADSEN, KATIE SEEDMAN, DICK BUSH, and BILL BUSSE

CHRISTINA for handling the cashier duties...STEVE for room set-up...KATIE for Welcome Desking, DICK for greeting...and BILL for Pinioning!

NEW MEMBER TALKS BY JOCELYN VILLARUZ AND MARK STEVENSON

Our interim introducer, ROSEANNE FAIRTY, noted that Jocelyn loves singing, ballroom dancing, and has recently taken up golf. Are you kidding?

JOCELYN brought slides (and daughter, Vanesa)



to assist in her New Member presentation. Jocelyn started by wondering out loud what her life could have

been had she taken a different fork in the road. She

might have been a piano teacher instead of a nurse. She could have stayed in the Philippines instead of coming to the US. Thanks to Mom, she opted for nursing and a first job in Texas...60 miles south of Lubbock...if such a place exists.

"It was the best decision I ever made as I became an expert in ER, OR, and general nursing. Got restless...off to San Francisco...lost near Woodside...a call to Stanford Hospital... a job...currently Nurse Manager for the Specialties Clinic. Thanks again,Mom!"

Vanesa was born in 1985 at just under 9 lbs. Yikes! 12 years ago Jocelyn and a friend set up an indigent hospital in the Philippines for which she continues to raise funds. She has her life in balance, and to prove her point, Jocelyn and daughter, Vanesa, treated us to a rendition of *"It's a Wonderful Life!"* Thanks Jocelyn and Vanesa...we all agree!

NEXT UP WAS MARK STEVENSON



MARK has been a Rotarian for 25 years and gives most of the credit to his Dad, a Pittsburgh Rotarian...a Club President...a District Governor...and a Polio Plus Coordinator. During his travels, Mark has been a member of Rotary Clubs in Santa Fe Springs, Tacoma #8

(for you newer members the number after the club name indicates when in the order of things it was inducted into the Rotary family), Seattle #4, and San Francisco #2.

Careerwise Mark was a banker...worked for TWA, then back to banking when his wife obtained her MBA from USC...currently with Union Bank. One of Mark's favorite pursuits is to make up at Rotary Clubs in foreign lands...probably one of the great aspects of being a Rotarian. Welcome aboard, Mark. Our only question is how have you logged so many years as a Rotarian, and still be younger than all of our members, except perhaps CALEB BOWMAN and DERRICK BRITT?

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