

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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G O G I A N T S !!

and Halloween Celebrations too. (Same Colors)

CALL TO ORDER:

PREZ MIKE called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Way to go PREZ MIKE, you must be an engineer! The meeting started with lots of fun and energy!

OPENERS:

PREZ MIKE called on PREZ MIKE to lead today's Pledge. He got an enthusiastic response from all present, especially the GIANTS fans. (Ed.: That's everybody, I bet.) The Pledge was followed by a resounding rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," led by BRIAN STEEN and GINNY LEAR.

VISITORS and GUESTS:

The visiting ROTARIAN at today's meeting was Lou Leardini of the Menlo Park club.

Guests (ROTARIANS) were: Dan Dykwel (ROB LANCEFIELD); Molly Flynn (GINNY LEAR); Ron Lynn, today's speaker (STEVE PLAYER); Elliott Wright (WALT HAYS); Susan Lutter (CASH ALAEE); Andrew Pierce (DAVE SMULLIN).

A warm welcome was rendered to all our guests.

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening remarks were delivered by LE LEVY on the subject of Elections. LE cited the fact that despite voter dissatisfaction with the performance of their elected officials, they are almost always reelected. He cited the 2008 California elections and the 2010 primaries of last June. In 2008, of 109 incumbents running for State Senate and Assembly and for Congress, all were reelected. Nevertheless, we should all vote in this 2010 election, and especially for Proposition 20, which will result in new district lines being drawn by independent voters, an essential for achieving more open and fair elections. Good advice, Le!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New President's Club members included:

DICK FREEMAN in recognition of ISRAEL ZEHAVI's designation as an Honorary Member by the club's Board. DON LANGENDORF celebrating a new great grandchild and his 85th B'day. DON contributed to the Rotary Foundation as well in recognition of these significant events; AUDREY RUST upon receipt of the Athena Award; NICKNICHOLS for bothering everyone with his unworkable ballot idea; and KAREN SINGER for the great article in Monday's Chronicle on her return to black belt kung fu!

NINA MOORE announced a grand holiday party at Vicky Ching's house on December 7. Be sure to be there!

DICK FREEMAN of the We Care Committee reported that WES GARDINER is doing well. DICK suggested that you call Dianne, WES' wife, first before calling him.

BRIAN STEEN introduced our newest new member, ELLIOTT WRIGHT, who was formally inducted by PREZ MIKE. Welcome aboard ELLIOTT!

EX-PREZ RALPH ADAMS reminded us that October is the Big Push month for The Rotary Foundation. If you kick in \$200, you not only get some new jewelry (a Double Sustainer pin), but you also receive a raffle ticket for every \$20 you contribute. If you need more information, just contact BERT ROSE. However, your checks

should be made out to "The Rotary Foundation" and can be sent to Treasurer CASH ALAEE, BERT ROSE, or in a pinch, to PREZ MIKE. Just do it now, you can finish reading the Pinion later.

DICK FREEMAN informed us that the 2010 Entertainment Books are no longer valid. The currently available 2011 Entertainment book is now valid and could reap up to \$11,000 in savings. The book costs \$30, of which \$6 is retained by the Club; a holiday present for all concerned.

THE PROGRAM:

Today's speaker, Ron Lynn, was introduced by STEVE PLAYER, who preceded his introduction by first auctioning off a \$45 ticket for this next Arizona game for \$45 to DICK MANSFIELD....What a deal! He also announced the Big Game event on November 15, when a visitor from the Berkeley club will be at our meeting.

Now to our speaker, Ron Lynn is an assistant coach of the Stanford football team, specializing in defense, in which he is prominent. He cited his extensive experience - 25 years coaching in pro-football and then returning to college football, where he has spent over 20 years.

Ron began his presentation with a film clip of Stanford's game against USC of last week, in which both teams looked like winners (Stanford won). He then cited the Stanford team's talent with a 7/1 record, and the excellent chance to represent the Pac-10 in the Rose Bowl. The last time for Stanford was 2000. The team is highly talented and geographically diverse, coming from a number of states, Canada, and one from overseas. He praised the intelligent, resourceful, dedicated players that comprise the Stanford team.

Ron also described the routine he followed before the season begins. During the first week of practice, which is dedicated to physical training and conditioning, there isn't a ball on the field. Ron also had an unsuccessful (three) attempt(s) to get his younger son to give up basketball and baseball in favor of football. His son prevailed. I HOPE STANFORD DOES, TOO.

Thanks Ron for a very interesting talk!

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Want to stay in shape? Try these Exercise Calorie activities: Running around in circles - 360 calories, Making mountains out of molehills - 500 calories; and if you're not yet exhausted, Dragging your heels - 100 calories.

ADJOURNMENT:

PREZ MIKE adjourned the formal meeting promptly at 1:30 PM. We've got to get the hot dogs out and get ready for the FINAL game of the World Series!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 8- Joe Simitian, "Disconnected: Is Democracy Still Doable?" Have the American public and the institutions that represent them reached such a level of alienation that conventional notions of democracy are still viable?

November 15 - STEVE PLAYER - BIG GAME SOCIAL W. BERKELEY CLUB (Palo Alto))

November 22 - New Member / Old Member Talks. Members TBA.

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