

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 29 Nov Mark Blumenkranz, M.D. Stanford Hospital Vision Center

December 6 New Members / Old Member Talk, MICHAEL REPKA, DICK BUSH, BOB BULMORE.

December 13 Kevin Skelly, PA Superintendent of Schools, "Palo Alto Education: Navigating the Iceberg"

Call to order: PRESIDENT MIKE McMAHON started the meeting at 12:17PM. MIKE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Visiting Rotarians: Arne Christensen, from Koldinghus Denmark, is visiting his daughter and grandchildren here in Palo Alto.

Rotarians with Guests: CASH ALAEE introduced Susan Lutter, retired Advertising executive. DAVE SMULLIN introduced Andy Pierce; and DICK MANSFIELD introduced his son, Bob Mansfield, who is visiting from Modesto. GLORIA HOM reintroduced PA Rotary member, MITCH MILLER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JIM SUTHERLAND asked members to consider buying Christmas wreaths from Boy Scout Troup 5.

MIKE announced the PA Rotary board meeting for Tuesday, November 23 at 8:00AM. MIKE also reminded us to support the Every Rotarian humanitarian program. Checks should be given to BERT ROSE.

ROGER SMITH made a good attempt to auction four Stanford basketball tickets, but found no buyers. In good Rotarian spirit, ROGER instead donated \$200 to the Rotary Foundation.

Holiday Party: NINA MOORE presented details for this year: singers, lots of food and fun, no charge; we need volunteers. Tuesday December 7 at VICKY CHING's house. Please sign up.

BILL BUSSE gave a We Care committee report. Most importantly, the AXE is going back to Berkeley. PA Rotary members are to go to Berkeley for the presentation. JIM BAER and BILL recently had lunch. BILL reported JIM is doing well, recovering from his bike accident. He's working on creating a new service station at Alma and Litton.

DICK FREEMAN promoted the entertainment books saying **MONDAY THE 29TH, IS THE LAST DAY FOR SALES.** STOP BY AFTER THE MEETING AND LOOK THROUGH AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF SAVING\$. THE BOOK IS \$30.00. THERE ARE \$25.00 DOLLARS WORTH OF SAVING\$ ON THE COVER ALONE. REMEMBER THE SAVING\$, AND THE CLUB KEEPS \$6.00.

PROGRAM

ROB LYMAN introduced our three members for their biographical presentations.

First up was SAM GORDON, who was sponsored by BOB



McCOWAN. Sam was born 50 miles outside of Manhattan. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and later in life, married Annie, also a Penn Graduate. He took a regular commission in the Navy as an electronics officer. The Navy took him to Cape Canaveral as part of the Polaris Program.

He then went to Lockheed and came to Palo Alto in 1962. With the 1969-71 economic downturn, he left Lockheed to work for EFHutton and retired in 2009, surviving 9 corporate buyouts from his original EF Hutton job. He's since been an active community volunteer, working with the Ronald McDonald House and the San Jose Tech Museum. He's currently president of the Stevenson House, a below-market senior housing provider. Sam has visited all continents and over 100 countries. He's become an adventure photographer.

SUE HARTENBAUM, sponsored by MIKE McMAHON, was the middle child in a family of seven. Her father was an artist and entrepreneur, and her mother was her role model. Always an intuitive educator, Sue received a doctorate in Adult Education from USC. She has three children, with one daughter working as an attorney for Wal-Mart. She's here to help others and is looking forward to helping with



Palo Alto Rotary programs.

DUANE KALAR joined PA Rotary in 1971. He grew up in Fresno County and was active with the FFA. He first came to Palo Alto in 1954, first going to Stanford and then USC. He later taught at USC as an Associate Professor. He



joined the Air Force, and served as a Captain and dentist in Anchorage, AK. Skiing became a lifetime passion. He's also an avid hunter. Duane was the first endodontist in Palo Alto, and started a dental liability insurance company. He's long been active in real estate development and venture capital funding. Duane has two children here in Palo Alto and enjoys his five grandchildren. He's a

generous contributor to the International Rotary Fund and encourages other Rotarians to do the same.

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