

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**December 20:** West Bay Opera, Holiday Program

**December 27:** Dark

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

There was one visiting Rotarian, the District 5170 Governor, Roger Hassler.

DICK BUSH introduced his guest: Nancy Bardsley, visual aid setup; STEVE MADSEN, his wife, Nancy; and RICK TIPTON, Roberta Rhudy.

## OPENING REMARKS

DONALD MORGAN, as a newcomer to Silicon Valley, was inspired by its contribution to the way things are done now. For example, legal briefs are no longer typed with carbon copies and delivered, but are done on a computer and e-mailed to the court. Education is an important factor in being successful. He quoted Bill Gates talking to high school students about 20 years ago. "Life is not fair." You are expected to accomplish something in life before you can feel good about yourself. School is not real life. Real life is when you go to work every day.



## POLIO WALK

District Governor Roger Hassler thanked everyone for their support of the recent polio walk, and gave an update of the progress that has been made in the polio project. In 1985 when the polio project was begun, there were 350,000 cases in 125 countries. Reported so far in 2010, there are 821 cases of polio in the world. There is still work to be done to stop the spread of polio in the Congo.

Roger also announced a party to honor Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Saddle Rack Restaurant in Fremont, 1:00-3:00 PM.

## ENDOWMENT FUND

JACK WOODSON kicked off the annual drive for the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund. This is a private fund used by the Palo Alto Club to fund local worthy projects. Circulated at the tables were pledge cards. If each member of the club contributed \$200 the time required to reach the goal of \$1,000,000 would be reduced from 24 to 10 years.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE WHEATON was presented with a Paul Harris Award.

MIKE COUCH thanked those who signed up for the book presentation at Green Oaks Academy. He needs transportation for someone to pick up the books. Please contact Mike.

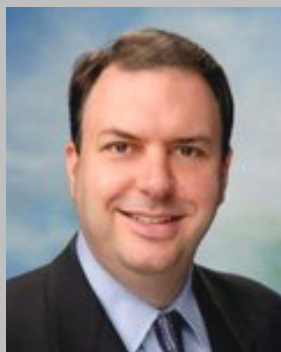


## THE PROGRAM

Today's program was another new and long-time member talks introduced by ROB LYMAN.

DICK BUSH used a video presentation, beginning with a map of Michigan, where he grew up. His startup spirit began at the age of 10 by collecting and processing maple syrup. After graduating from Michigan State University, where he was driven to be the best in athletics, academics, and anything else, he spent a number of years as a design engineer on radar equipment. However, he decided to get involved in computer networking, and then founded six startup companies in Silicon Valley. His family consists of a wife of 33 years and two children. He has a personal hobby of cycling. He is currently working with Stanford School of Engineering to help students with developing startup ideas.

MIKE REPKA's field is law-estate planning-real estate. Born in North Carolina to a marine sergeant, the family moved around considerably, including a few years in Pittsburgh and New Jersey. It was in New Jersey where he stayed long enough to work his way through school and to get his law degree. After working with a large law firm for a number of years, and being transferred to California, he decided he liked the personal contact of a small firm. He, with a partner, opened a small firm here in Palo Alto. He said he was excited to join Rotary.



BOB BULMORE is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Californian. He was born in San Francisco and rode his bike across the Golden Gate Bridge on the first day it was opened. He spent 3 years in the infantry during WW 2. He then went to San Jose State on the GI Bill. It was in San Jose where he met his wife. What brought him to Palo Alto was the purchase of an Eichler Home. He spent 25 years working at the Palo Alto Savings and Loan. In his retirement years, he has travelled a good deal, including 27 trips to Hawaii. They call him "Slasher Bob" at tennis.



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