



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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The first meeting of the New Year started in the normal pattern. Visitors were signed in by DICK MANSFIELD; Members were greeted by SAM GORDON and DAVID NEGRIN; SUE HARTENBAUM collected lunch money; E.J. HONG hovered over the new sign-in system; STEVE MADSEN provided the set-up. President MIKE McMAHON led us in the flag salute.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

After the socializing time, President MIKE welcomed Rotarian Dean Merritt from the Shanghai club. GLORIA HOM introduced her guest, San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Liz Lee.

## OPENING REMARKS

In his opening remarks, SCOTT GLISSMEYER used the theme of the New Year being a time for improvement and thinking differently. He suggested nine promises for happiness. There was serious discussion about the starting time for the Orange Bowl Football Game. (Your correspondent is unaware, though, of any bets being placed on the outcome of the game!) [Editor's note: What a great game that was!]



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

JIM SUTHERLAND announced that the Annual Rotaract – Rotary Mixer/Dinner would be held next Monday evening, January 10 from 6 – 8 PM at the Tresidder Student Union at Stanford. A separate notice has been sent out to members about that event detailing mentoring opportunities. Those interested in this key Rotary activity should contact RICK TIPTON (rtiptn@gmail.com).

President MIKE reported that CHESLEY DOUGLAS, SUE HARTENBAUM and GEORGE FITZGERALD accompanied him to the Rotary Roundtable with RI President Ray Klinginsmith over the weekend.

WALT HAYS joined the President's Club in honor of his son receiving a Masters Degree, and GEOFF ZIMAN did the same to honor the safe arrival in December of his daughter's ninth grandchild (phew!).

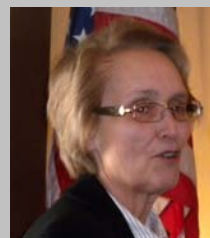
AUDREY RUST and SHERRI SAGER worked together at the podium to drum up support for the important Annual Fundraiser, which this year will be a Barbecue Bash. The date will be Saturday, April 9. As President-Elect, SHERRI has a special incentive to make this affair a financial success. They are looking for major items for the auction, as well as identifying sponsors. Cost will be \$75/head. Already three tables of 10 have been spoken for. In order to keep our lunch cost at the same level, it has been decided that rolls and dessert will no longer be included in our lunch fare. Consequently, AUDREY and SHERRI have seized on this opportunity to raise funds (and awareness of the fundraiser) by auctioning off enticing desserts at future meetings.

SAM WEBSTER spoke fervently about the importance of the endowment and the need for every club member to support it. He pointed out that we are a club of successful people and, because of that, the endowment deserves to be supported by more than one third of the members. He urged everyone to contribute something this year.

SAM was followed by CASH ALAEE, who was looking for volunteer support for the Palo Alto High School downtown parade being held at 4:30 PM next Saturday to honor their highly successful sports season this year. Help is needed with the staging and bodies are wanted for the street corners (yikes!) In addition, financial support would be appreciated. Make checks payable to the Rotary PA and CASH will send on a combined check to the city.

GEORGE FITZGERALD pointed out the third quarter 2010 program survey results distributed on each table and requested members to fill out the survey for the fourth quarter programs. Not surprisingly, new member talks continue to be a favorite and this was our program today.

## THE PROGRAM



ROB LYMAN first introduced KAY WILSON. KAY spoke of growing up in Lakeland, Florida, and how her career developed into City Planning. Along the way, she had gone from being a Florida 'Gator to a Stanford Cardinal.' Her account included a

description of a family incident involving a pet alligator. After having her own city planning firm for 20 years, she has ended up in her current position, since 2007, as Director of Community Outreach in the Office of Government and Community Relations at Stanford University. In this position, she was pleased to be working closely with ANDY COE and SHERRI SAGER. She also expressed appreciation for the club sponsorship by WALT HAYS, and mentoring of ANNETTE GLANCKOPF.

Following KAY was CHAITI CHATTERJEE, who had grown up in Calcutta (now known as Kolkata), India.



She comes from a family of Rotarians. Both her father and grandfather were Paul Harris Fellows. Although she had visited the US before, she came here permanently in 2001 in an arranged marriage. Almost accidentally, she joined the Wells Fargo Bank in

2003, and is now an investment banking consultant there – a job she greatly enjoys. She has two sons, aged 8 and 10, who she described as giving her extreme stress and absolute joy.

The meeting ended up a little earlier than usual because illness had, unfortunately, prevented BILL LOVE from giving his mature member talk.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

#### [Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

January 10 – Bob Bowlsby, Athletic Director – *Stanford Athletics*

January 17 – Dark, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed

January 24 – Angelo Izama, Knight Fellow

January 31 – Stefan Frantz, Sloan Program – *Environmental Progress in China*