

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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PREZ MIKE called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 PM. good going Prez! He then led the pledge, which was followed with enthusiasm by all present.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

Visitors were introduced by PREZ MIKE . There was one visiting Rotarian, VIBHAY SINHA from Bombay, India. (Ed.: Now called Mumbai.)

Guests (Hosts) were Joel Sadler (DICK BUSH), Oliver Coolidge (RICK RAYBIN), Steve Zientek (PREZ MIKE), Wife Joan McCowan (BOB McCOWAN), Yulin Lee (GLORIA HOM), Rashmi Bagchi (TRISH BUBENIK), also today's Speaker, Dr. Shelly Fisher Fishkin.

OPENING REMARKS:

PREZ MIKE called on BILL FOGARTY to present opening remarks. BILL spoke about Rotary's Four Way



Test and its interpretation by Mark Twain in his autobiography. They were perfectly compatible, however Mark T. added one more regarding personal FAULTS. In short, don't try to hide them - It's more trouble than it's worth!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RICK RAYBIN announced the forthcoming dessert, coffee and wine event to be held from 7-9 PM on Wednesday, February 23 at The Borel Bank, 245 Lytton Ave., PA. Call ROB LYMAN before Feb. 16 since space is limited. Robert Grant of Grant & Gordon, LLP will be on hand to offer some gift-giving tips. Sounds good.



The President's Club has three new members due to fortuitous events in their lives: SALLY TOMLINSON, MARK STEVENSON and JOAN PLASTIRAS. Welcome, gang !!

AUDREY RUST announced preliminary plans for the April 9 fundraiser. More details/tickets will be available at next week's meeting.

STEVE PLAYER auctioned off some truffles to BILL LOVE for the bargain price of eighty-bucks. I bet they didn't last too long at his table.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Beauty is in the eyes of the beer holder. Also, a bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk, is a work station.

CORRECTION

"Last week President Elect SHERRI SAGER donated \$100 to the President's Club to recognize GEOFF ZIMAN being honored by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce as the American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year."

THE PROGRAM:

Today's Speaker Dr. Shelly Fisher Fishkin, was introduced by JAYNE BOOKER, who announced the



topic of her talk, "The Mark Twain Autobiography" published one hundred years after it was written, a width decreed by the author. Dr. Fishkin has apparently devoted Mark Twain's works to her lifelong study referring to "Huckleberry Finn" and several other titles. Mark Twain is very highly esteemed in other countries as the most

definitive American. His autobiography has been published in 57 languages. He is quoted or referred to by many authors, not only Americans. For example he is quoted, "Suppose you are an idiot, and suppose you're a member of Congress, but then I repeat myself." Or one repeated by President Obama, "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it."

(Ed.: I'm ordering the autobiog. as soon as I finish this piece.)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 14: Larry Gerston, on "California Challenge, 2011: Now What"

February 21: Hans Steiner, on "ADD: Driven to Distraction"

February 28: Leeor Neta, on "A Second Chance for East Palo Alto Youth"

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