

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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IT WAS A VERY NEWSY MEETING

We heard stories from Jay Thorwaldson about the Top 10 Stories in his storied 50-year journalism career.



We heard news from new member ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK (Pronounced Mikolajczak) about the values of vocational training as related to the "Objects of Rotary."

We heard who our President Elect-Elect will be...big-big news...along with related Officers Elect-Elect and Board Members

Elect-Elect...or something like that.

And how about a vast number of announcements covering everything from transportation needs to memorial services to dream bars to funding needs to a trip around the world that netted \$1,000 for the Endowment Fund when converted from the Dubai "Durham" to American "Buckeroos."

Not to mention a newsy "Club Survey" follow-up and the usual news about visiting newsworthy visitors and guests. Such as: Rotarian Ray Silva from San Jose and Sabine Decker from Augsburg, Germany.

How about our guests, you ask? Gerry Mack was a guest of SAM GORDON, and Carroll Harrington of VICKY CHING.

ALSO MENTIONED IN THE HEADLINES WERE:

ROSEANNE FAIRTY is a baker of some note.

AUDREY RUST needs "Fine Wine" for the April 9th Auction

CASH ALAEE is looking for bigger Auction contributions.

KATIE SEEDMAN is selling Fund Raising tix.

DUANE KALAR received a "three ruby" Paul Harris pin.

TOM GRACON reported a drop in the average age.

DICK FREEMAN of the "We Care Committee" is looking for transporters for ISRAEL ZEHAVI

ROGER SMITH once again won the bakery prize



Rob Jack of University Club fame introduced our Rotary Scholar from France, Thomas Tartiere. Thomas is currently studying "Clean Energy Development" at Stanford. (He is a grateful Rotary Fellowship recipient.)!

HERE'S THE REAL NEWS:

HAL MICKELSON captures 100% of the vote in his bid to be Club President in 2012-2013.

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS selected for 2011-2012 will be: E.J. HONG...Secretary

CASH ALAEE...Treasurer

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Directors...JANE BOOKER, GINNY LEAR, TODD LEWIS, KATIE SEEDMAN, JUDITH STEINER, ARNE STOSCHEK and JIM SUTHERLAND...

BILL JOHNSON, THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER/OWNER OF THE PALO ALTO WEEKLY DID THE INTRO HONORS.

Prior to the formal introduction, Brock Winstead, from Senator Simitian's office, presented Jay Thorwaldson with a Commendation/Resolution from the California State Senate. Brock mentioned in passing that it was appropriate to make the presentation at our meeting as "Rotary is the heart of the community." Hear, hear!



BILL did an outstanding job of introducing Jay. Jay is perhaps his most celebrated journalist. As most of you know, Jay has recently retired from the Weekly, but is somehow writing more articles than ever.

By way of background, BILL noted that Jay began his journalistic career as a student writing for the Los Gatos High School paper. He went on to San Jose State, the Palo Alto Times, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and finally the Palo Alto Weekly. According to BILL, not only was Jay an outstanding reporter, but he also had the gift of foreseeing the future. In 1977... long before the Internet, e-mail, Google and Facebook...Jay predicted that in the not-too-distant future 80% of the public would get 80% of their news from electronic sources. He came close.

"In addition to being an inspirational editor Jay is a scuba diver, off-road vehicles, home remodeler, Harley rider, environmentalist and a true humanitarian."

Jay shared with us the "TOP 10 STORIES" he has covered



over his 50-year career as a writer. The most poignant had to do with the many suicides of teenagers in Palo Alto.

It was obvious that Jay has had a very rewarding career in the news field. We were most fortunate to have BILL JOHNSON tell us about Jay's life and to hear the stories that made his life so

interesting. Thanks again to the Program Committee for its continuing success in bringing us outstanding programs.

Note: A celebration of BILLY ALHOUSE's life will be held on March 10th at 2 pm at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 14 CASH ALAEE, "Reflections on Iran"

March 21 Chris Longhurst, "Data-Driven approaches to improve health & healthcare"

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