

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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THE QUIZ OF THE MONTH...

TODAY'S PRESENTATION WAS TITLED, "TAKING AIM AT THE PRESIDENT"

Was the perpetrator Johnny Wilkes Boothe? Or was it Sarah James? Or was it Squeaky Fromm? See the correct answer someplace below? The right answer is worth one point.

DID WE HAVE ANY GUESTS? the correct answer is...
"YES." If you got it right, give yourself one point!

Where were the following guests from? Blair Stewart...Marj Bonsall...Sabine Decker
YOUR CHOICES ARE Palo Alto University Club...Campbell...Augsburg, Germany. **YOU GOT IT RIGHT** if you said, *"in the order listed."* (Three points possible).

DID WE HAVE ANY GUESTS OF ROTARIANS? One point if you said, yes!

WHO BROUGHT

Charlie Scandlyn...Tommaso Poggiani...Geri Spieler...Barbara Pressman...Bruce Pressman...Cindy Threlkeld?

A CLUE OR TWO...Who was from Milan? What couple were guests of VICKY CHING? Who was the guest of BEN THRELKELD? Who was the speaker?
Give your self a point for each correct answer.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT FROM MILAN, TOMMASO, gave an excellent report on his experience at Stanford and was extremely grateful for having received the scholarship. Quiz question...This scholarship was provided by what international service club? Good for two and a half points.

WAS IT ROB LANCEFIELD, who presented Charlie Scandlyn a check for \$8,700, made out to the Ravenswood Education Foundation...and if so, where did the money come from? If you said "yes," and it was from last year's Fund Raiser, give yourself 8.7 points.

THE BONUS QUESTION IS "HOW MUCH DID THIS YEAR'S FUND RAISER RAISE...IF A FUND RAISER COULD RAISE FUNDS?" Was it \$500,000...or \$34,752.21, not including the megabucks raised at today's meeting? If you guessed half a million you were off by \$465,247.79. In which case, **Do not pass "Go"...do not collect \$200."** (It seems to me that this weird Pinion keeps getting increasingly weirder.)

LIVE AUCTION NUMBER TWO

There were a number of valuable items left over from the Fund Raiser and our two in-house auctioneers (who shall go nameless for quiz purposes) raised a few more bucks. **Auctioneer No. 1** auctioned the following:

A tape of original *"Songs of Palo Alto"* by LE was won by JOHN KIDD

Chu's gift certificate...JIM SUTHERLAND
Palo Alto Creamery...ROB LANCEFIELD
Il Fornaio...LIZ KNISS

Auctioneer No. 2 raised mucho mas dinero by auctioning exclusive varieties of vino from New Zealand, Italy, Oregon and Napa Valley.

Nice going guys! Approximately 420 additional clams were added to our local charities coffers. Congratulations one and all!

Now the quiz question...Were the auctioneers STEVE PLAYER, LE LEVY, TODD LEWIS, OR HAL MICKELSON? If you got it, right give yourself 2 points.

DICK "I really do Care" FREEMAN has a Quiz Question.

Who needs a ride to our Rotary Meetings?

Is it SAM WEBSTER, ALICE FAYE OR ISRAEL ZAHAVI?
This is a five pointer...unless you guessed Alice...then take minus two points! If you got it right and are willing to participate call Dick at 650.493.9024

"ENOUGH OF THIS WEIRD QUIZ, TELL US ABOUT THE PROGRAM"

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF introduced our speaker, Geri Spieler, by noting that she was a super sleuth and master researcher.

Geri shared the details of what led up to the attempted assassination by Sarah James of President Ford in San Francisco in 1975. The background included the Patty Hearst fiasco, J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI, the SDS, spying 101, secret agents and double agents, and a new gun.

The actual attempt was at the St. Francis Hotel. Sarah fired at close range, but her new pistol had a misaligned gun sight and the bullet missed by six inches. As a footnote, Sarah James served 30 years in prison before being released.

As a tie-breaker in the quiz, had President Ford been killed, who would have been our new president? Was it Spiro Agnew, Dan Quayle, Nelson Rockefeller, or John Adams?

If your answer was either Spiro, Dan, or John, give yourself a big fat zero. If not, put yourself down for 1/2 of a point.

THAT'S THE END OF THE QUIZ. Total your score and send it to this Pinion's Recorder. The winner will receive a mystery prize!

TOTAL SCORE _____

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 18 - Bill Draper: "Generational Venture Capital"

April 25 - Sid Espinoza: "State of the City"

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