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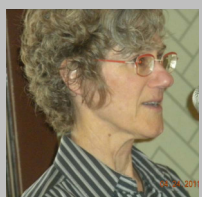
The incoming crowd was well handled by DICK MANSFIELD noting visitors, and SAM GORDON taking lunch money. It seems that members are now happy to use the electronic sign-in, without needing E.J. HONG's friendly coaching. President MIKE McMAHON started the meeting with the customary flag salute. He then invited the several former Mayors of Palo Alto who were present to stand and be recognized.

Visiting Rotarians acknowledged included Sabine Decker, Attorney from Ausburg, Germany (sadly her last visit to us); Candale Roney, Hospital Administrator from San Jose; and Klaus Heinemann from Gualala, California (former member). Members with guests were GINNY LEAR with Mary Cabanski (trademark attorney) and CHRISTINA CHU with Katherine Rudolph Bose (long time friend).



In his opening remarks, DAN DYKWEL paid tribute to other local organizations that are engaged in assisting our youth to form connections with adults. He specifically named Youth Community Service (YCS) with their 20-year award; Adolescent Counseling Service, who in 35 years have touched 35,000 teens and adults; Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), giving every child a voice; and The Media Center, helping to inform, empower, and act.

New member KRISTIN WU, an estate planning and corporate attorney from New York, proposed by WALT HAYS, was inducted into the club. Welcome KRISTIN!



SALLY TOMLINSON recognized her hardworking Vocational Scholarships Committee - BRUCE SWENSON, CALEB BOWMAN, DANA TOM, DAVID NEGRIN, DON LANGENDORF, ED DANGLER, JACK DORGAN, JOYCE CUSICK and JULIE JEROME.

This year they had made seven awards ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to assist worthy students to achieve their goals in their vocational studies at local community colleges.

IRIS KOROL, on behalf of BILL JOHNSON's Charitable



Grants Committee, introduced Matais Pouncil of Foothill Community College and presented him with a check for \$11,650 to assist the EOPS program that works with disadvantaged and low

income students. Matais thanked the club for our contribution and explained how important our gift is in helping students acquire their needed text books.



Before introducing the main event, ANNETTE GLANCKOPF gave a Half-President's Club contribution to promote the Palo Alto Safety Faire being held from noon to 4 PM at the Stanford Shopping Center on Sunday, May 1. The other half of her contribution will depend on the assistance given to her at the faire by club members. Contact ANNETTE at 321-8933 if you can help.

In an unusual and effective format, a conversation with the Mayor of Palo Alto, Sid Espinosa, was ably conducted by JUDY



KLEINBERG, a former mayor. Her first questions delved into Sid's background: Born in Gilroy, son of an engineer from Mexico and teacher-educator mother from Seattle - Inspired to

be involved in public service - Feels life dedicated to others provides happiness - Learned philanthropy at Harvard and that giving away well was a very difficult task. Other questions provided an exciting "been there done that" list - Meeting Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela - Working in the Clinton White House with Janet Reno - Meeting with President Obama just last week. Then came the hard balls - What is to enjoy about being mayor? (doing it and making it happen) - What are the disappointments/challenges? (time demands) - How prepared are we for the inevitable earthquake? (only 15% of the way) - What progress on the Stanford Hospital? (due diligence being completed and should be ready to go ahead in two months) - How do we solve the public employee benefit problems? (significant changes required and need to work for longer term solutions). Ending on a personal note, Sid confirmed that he really believes in what he is doing, but shared that he has a secondary interest in photography. To conclude, WALT HAYS, LEANNAH HUNT, LE LEVY and others threw in (friendly?) questions involving High Speed Rail, Boards and Commissions, the size of the Council, and firefighters' salaries.

CLARIFICATION: The purpose of TRISH BUBENIK's President's Club contribution on April 18 (reported in last week's Pinion) was to announce that the name of her organization, **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**, has recently been changed to **Learning Ally**.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 2 **Knight Fellow, Beth Duff-Brown**, "Women's Empowerment"

May 9 **Esther Wojcicki**, "Solving the Education Crisis in CA: Prospectives from One Classroom"

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