



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## IT WAS A GREAT START!

Not only did our new president, SHERRI SAGER, outline an outstanding Rotary Year, but she started with a song, two songs, in fact. One an Irving Berlin Classic, "*America the Beautiful*" and the other a LE LEVY composition titled, "*There's No Club That's Like Our Club!*" which we belted out to the music of "*There's No Business like Show*



*Business!*" What made this event all that more special was that J. D. Webster, a friend of President SHERRI's from Westchester, CA and a fellow Rotarian, came up for the occasion with his 12 string guitar to provide the accompaniment. Special thanx to J. D. and our Prez.

## DIANA DIAMOND DID THE HONORS



**Visiting Rotarian**, in addition to J.D., was P.S. "Santa" Santhanam from Madras, India.

Guests of Rotarians were: Chuck Roberts (GINNY LEAR), Mike Baird (RICK RAYBIN), and Pamela Bohlmann (SHERRI SAGER)

## "TIME" AS INTERPRETED BY OPENING REMARKER BOB McGOWAN

Bob noted that there are three "times" that we should reflect on:

**GEOLOGIC TIME.** He and daughter, Kam, recently returned from a photographic journey through Texas and Arizona and, when viewing the Grand Canyon, experienced the immensity and humbling nature of geologic time.



**TIME IN ROTARY.** For Bob it has been 37 years. In that time his friends in Rotary have not seemed to age, nor has he.

**FUTURE TIME.** A battle between good and evil. Therefore, follow the Rotary 4 Way Test and help good prevail!

## PAST PREZ RALPH WELCOMED PRESIDENT SHERRI

along with thanking all of the esteemed members of his Debunking Committee. Ralph declared it a "Great Party!" (From this observer's point of view it may have been the best ever!)

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM GINNY

to all the cooks and helpers at the CHILI COOKOFF on July 4th. BRUCE GEE has put photos of the event on our

website. Head Chef JOHN BARTON was featured in the Palo Alto Weekly. RICK TIPTON, who constructed some attention getting pillars, is looking for someone to store them until next year. (His wife, Marcia, may in fact be offering a small reward!)

**The participants included: Chefs:** JOHN BARTON, STEVE EMSLIE, TOM GRACON, and JOCELYN VILLARUZ

**Support Staff:** PRESIDENT SHERRI, BRUCE GEE, RICK TIPTON, VICKY CHING, TERRY AND MIKE McMAHON, ANDY COE, CHESLEY AND SHIRLEY DOUGLAS, TERRY FATEHI, DICK FREEMAN, GLORIA HOM, BEN THRELKELD, JAYNE BOOKER, WALT HAYS, SUSAN LUTTER, ELLIOTT WRIGHT, GINNY and KING LEAR.

## AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PREZ SHERRI!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUCH

TOM GRACON is trying to track down the Rotary aprons we used when feeding the homeless. Let him know. In any event, your name will not be made public.

Phillip Dupre, our exchange student from Germany, thanked us for all of the support, both financial and friendshipwise. He was returning home the day after our meeting with fond memories of his trip around California, his many friends at Paly, Thanksgiving as a new event in his life, and his attendance at Rotary's Leadership Camp, Camp RYLA.

KAREN KIENZLE reminded us of the Inaugural Bash at IRIS and Hal Korol's on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the Family Picnic at Foothills Park on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will be a joint gathering with the University Club. More later.

Three people inaugurated the President's Club for 2011 - 2012: Our first member was none other than incoming President SHERRI SAGER. Number Two was AUDREY RUST who on her birthday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, will retire following



25 years as Executive Director of the Peninsula Open Space Trust. (The PC contribution is in honor of "My new found freedom.") Lastly, ELLIOTT WRIGHT joined in recognition of Canopy reaching its goal of planting 1,000 trees, along with recognition of the event in USA Today.

Membership Chair GINNY LEAR reviewed the membership numbers for the past year and noted that we remained approximately the same as we have for many years. This year's goal is to increase the number of members from 143 to 150 or more. *(A detailed summary of the Membership Committee's Goals, Objectives, and specific Tasks will be in next week's Pinion. Look it over and consider how you can participate in one of the sub-committees.)*

Program Chair GEORGE FITZGERALD called our attention to the Program Survey for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2011 with a request that we score the quality of the programs. He also noted that all members are automatically on the Program Committee. If you have a recommendation, the only requirement is that you have personally heard the speaker. The Committee meets the first Thursday of every other month, making the next meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. At GEORGE's suggestion we all gave the Committee Members a rousing round of applause. A fantastic job last year, gang!

ISRAEL ZEHAVI needs drivers to bring him to and from meetings. A few more chauffeurs to drive ISRAEL in *his* vehicle that is adapted for a wheelchair will make the action lighter for all. This "Service Above Self" might involve driving once every other month. If you can assist, please contact DICK FREEMAN at meetings or by email. Thank you!

## **PRESIDENT SHERRI'S REPORT ON THE "STATE OF THE PALO ALTO ROTARY CLUB"**

*My Vision is that we build on the successes of the past year and add to them, for example:*

*Last year we raised a net of \$40,000 for charitable grants for this year. This year, I want to raise \$45,000 for President-elect HAL's charitable grants budget next year.*

*We ended last year with no net gain in membership. This year I want us to end the year with more than 150 members. And I hope that at least one or more either plays the piano or plays the guitar, so we can add music to more of our meetings.*



*And I hope that we can raise the profile of the Palo Alto Rotary Club by increasing our participation in Hands-On events, like the tree planting we did this past year and by doing more joint projects with other clubs – Rotary*

*as well as our local Kiwanis.*

*But, in order to implement my vision, which I hope is the vision of all of us; we each need to do the following:*

### **Get involved:**

**Committees** – we have lots of choices and a list is at the table – I hope everyone signs up for at least one committee.

**Events** – social, as well as fundraising. I know we have two social events coming up – the first is at IRIS's on July 27 and the second is a joint picnic with the University Club on August 20 and, if anyone is interested, on August 13 it is Rotary Day at the A's. (I know our club would prefer the Giants – but the game was already selected by the District honchos).

**Hands-On projects** – like the tree planting we did with Canopy – these are still to be determined.

**Fundraising** – the more money we raise, the more we can give for

*our scholarships, our community grants, and our future vision/world service grants.*

**Speaking of fundraising** – there are three times you will be asked to donate this year:

**The Rotary Foundation** – these funds come back to us in the form of matching grants and community grants for many of our international projects.

**Our own Palo Alto Endowment Fund** – 5% comes back to us every year to use for local charitable giving including scholarships, and

**Our annual fundraiser** – the money raised from this event funds the following year's local grants – a chance to make a big difference in our local community.

**In the next week or so**, you will be receiving the invoice for this year's dues – you will notice that it has been increased by \$15, and is now \$300 annually. This increase covers the dues increase for our district.

**And one other area of fundraising**, for those of you new to our club – we don't do a lot of *fining* that other service clubs do – we will do some occasionally, but sometimes you just want to brag about something, like I did earlier – so you make a donation to the President's Club – the suggested amount is \$100. These funds are included in our charities budget – this year we hope to raise at least \$10,000- through the President's Club.

**The bottom line for me this year is to have fun, make new friends and raise some funds for worthy causes.**

Thank you, President Sherri Sager

## **CORRECTION**

In last week's Pinion ED DANGLER was cited as joining the President's Club for the recent birth of his granddaughter. Actually, his granddaughter graduated from Gunn High School. She must be a fast learner!

Just making the deadline is the song from that "Often loquacious, but always lovable lyricist LELAND LEVY!"

## **THERE'S NO CLUB THAT'S LIKE OUR CLUB**

(To: "There's No Business Like Show Business")

There's no Club that's like our Club,  
We are humble but superb!

For ninety years we've honored Palo Alto,  
In service there's no doubt we are the best,  
Our motto always has been that we can do,  
And that we stand to,  
The four-way test.

They're no pres-dents like our pres-dents  
Like nobodies you've seen;  
Noted for their intellectual competence,  
Each thing about them is so intense,  
And, this year Sherri Sager is Her Eminence,  
So on to a great year,  
Yes, let's have a great year!

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

July 18 Thomas Rindfleisch – *The Civil Grand Jury System*

July 25 Rich Gordon, California Assembly