



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## OPENINGS

PREZ SHERRI called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm, followed by the Pledge, which was led by ISRAEL ZEHA VI. It was warmly received by all attendees.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

were introduced by SCOTT GLISSMEYER. There was one visiting Rotarian, Howard Farr, from the Four Marks & Midland Club in Great Britain. He presented our club with a wooden spoon. (I guess he heard that we like to stir things up a lot!)

Guests were Jay Thorwaldson (DARYL SAVAGE), and Patricia Shur (GEOFF ZIMAN, her dad).

## OPENING REMARKS

were delivered by CARL KING. He spoke about time, in terms of our dependence on what we hope will occur in the future, and past times, and our tendency to help predict the future. CARL stated convincingly that both are illusions – what we must do is to utilize the present when our acts and their consequences are immediately understood. Often we hope to correct failures with future actions and often that does not work as intended.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Five members joined the President's club, each with a worthy intent:

DON LANGENDORF is scheduled for knee surgery tomorrow (Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>). Be sure to wish him good fortune. DON made a strong case for everyone contributing to the President's Club each year.

ISRAEL ZEHA VI for continued health improvement.

BILL BUSSE to honor DIANA DIAMOND's contributions to our community.

LEANNAH HUNT, because she heard DON LANGENDORF's message loud and clear.

GLORIA HOM for a secret wish we'll never know.

Even PREZ SHERRI kicked in twenty bucks for a self-imposed fine for calling DON "Tony."

THANKS ALL!!

GINNY LEAR, our Membership Chairperson, reported on our current membership and future goals. We now have 142 members; and in order to meet our goal of 150

by year's end, we'll have to propose eight successful inductees. Earlier PREZ SHERRI noted that a number of tables were all-male or predominantly so, and stressed the need to recruit more worthy females. The club will accept the challenge.

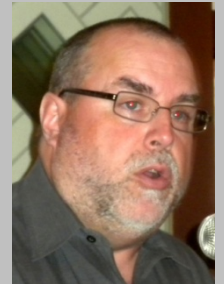
## TODAYS PROGRAM

Today's new member speakers were DAN DYKWEL and JOHN BARTON, followed by longer-term member, BERT ROSE. They were all introduced by GINNY LEAR. Thanks GINNY!

DAN DYKWEL spoke of a lifelong attraction for ice, including ice-boating and ice-fishing near his town of origin in Grand Rapids. He studied architecture at Michigan State University, and later ended up in Hawaii as a Hasselblad camera repairman. He briefly moved to Seattle (from Hawaii???), and then chose California (he's still here!!).



JOHN BARTON was sponsored by WALT HAYS. He has a very impressive CV indeed. He was born in Bethesda, MD, and honored his family's achievements, his father's, mother's, and brothers'. He was encouraged from an early age to use information to achieve a level of wisdom, rather than to simply accumulate personal gain or accomplishments. It looks like he did both!



BERT ROSE, our long-honored member, has been with the club since 1972. He was born in Alameda, CA, in 1926, and spoke of his experiences as COO of the Palo Alto Medical Clinic (which became a foundation, PAMF) for 50 years. This included buying and selling property around the old clinic at 300 Homer, and ultimately moving to 975 El Camino Real in 1999. The Clinic/Foundation affiliated with Sutter Hill in 1993. The Palo Alto facility of PAMF has expanded to 300 plus doctors.



## **CLOSING**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM following PREZ SHERRI's thanks to those members who volunteered their services:

Welcome Desk – KATIE SEEDMAN

Lunch Sign-in/Cashier –MIKE BAIRD (a new member)

Official Greeters – SAM GORDON and JOYCE CUSICK

Pinion Writer – DAVID NEGRIN

Room Setup – STEVE MADSEN

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“He has all of the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.”

-Winston Churchill

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

August 29 – James Fearon, *Democratization in the Middle East and North*

September 5 – Dark, Labor Day Observed

September 12 – Joel Brinkley, Stanford Professor, *International Foreign Affairs*