

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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VISITING ROTARIANS and GUESTS:

Were introduced by **GEORGE WHEATON**. There were two visiting Rotarians, **Jeffrey Parker** (Shangri club) and **Klaus Heineman** (Gualala, CA club).

Guests (HOSTS) were **Paul Wineman** (**WALT HAYS**), **Prue Saunders** (**DARYL SAVAGE**), **Jon Stoumen** (**KATIE SEEDMAN**) and **Henrietta Burroughs** (**ANNETTE GLANCKOPF**).

OPENING REMARKS:

Were offered by **RALPH ADAMS**, who stressed the dedication of **RICK RAYBIN** to provide duty and service in support of the many worthwhile Club services and projects. **RALPH** praised the Service Above Self that **RICK** exemplifies.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PREZ SHERRI announced that **HAL MICKELSON** will preside at next week's meeting while she's away on Rotary business.

JIM SUTHERLAND announced a forthcoming hands-on project and the opportunity to buy a T-shirt (Cost-\$10) to be worn at the event.

DON MORGAN will head a service project TBA. Sign up anyway.

STEVE PLAYER announced preliminary Big Game plans. We're going to their club meeting on November 16; they now have the AX. Ride sharing is scheduled for 11:00 AM that morning. The Big Game is here this year. Details TBA.

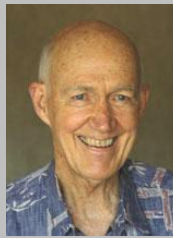
JACK WOODSON reported on the need for Endowment Funds. A committee meeting is scheduled for Tues., Oct. 4 at 9:00 AM. Call **JACK** for details, even if you miss the meeting.

JOHN KIDD reported a recent event in which his identity, bank account information, and \$16,000 in cash were stolen. Wells Fargo's special department on account security helped **JOHN** recover from this horrendous experience, including full recovery of the stolen money. He cautioned all of us to BEWARE in responding to questions by a few bad people out there, who are out to get your secrets and treasures.

LIZ KNISS introduced the first all-women table at a Rotary Club meeting. The table, consisted of nine women who contributed \$100 to the President's Club. **GOOD GOIN' GALS!**

ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK is donating copies of his kids' book to the Yucatan effort and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.... The book is written under the Pen Name: **WaliWaza P.E.** The title is "From Rubble to Riches." URL: www.waliwaza.com. Also available in bookstores: Linden Tree or Books Inc., PA.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:



Today's speakers' coordinator, **WALT HAYS**, was introduced by **PREZ SHERRI**, who in turn introduced **Jeff Parker**, **TOM GRACON**, and **BOB McCOWAN**, who in turn, described various aspects of the World Community Service program of our Club.



Jeff (Picture not available) described the vision projects now being pursued in China, primarily the practice of cataract surgery. **TOM** (Picture not available) spoke of service to those suffering from hearing loss. There is a school for the deaf, the only one in an area populated by about twenty-million in the vicinity of San Paulo, Brazil. The school trains the deaf with skills that help them obtain jobs. There is also a treatment program for those who have a cleft palate, serving that same area of Brazil.

BOB described his travel through the countryside in the Yucatan, exploring volunteer service opportunities to be pursued later. In the meantime, he assisted in the delivery of wheelchairs. World Community Service is an activity all Rotarians can be proud of. It serves the most-in-need segments of our world population. **WALT** will try to make information more available regarding the program by scheduling more frequent committee meetings. At present, there are projects concerning the following in poor, remote areas: Composting Toilets (Haiti), Fuel-Efficient Stoves (Guatemala). Farmers Market (Yucatan), and Literacy (Panama).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Oct. 10- Charles Munger - "Redistricting in California"

Oct. 17- Panelists: **Emily Renzel** and **Peter Drekmeyer**, Moderator: **Diana Diamond**, Pros and Cons on Measure E

Oct. 24- Speaker TBD - Rotary Foundation

CLOSING:

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

Official Greeter - **MIKE McMAHON**

Room Set-Up - **BRUCE GEE**

Welcome Desk - **JIM SUTHERLAND**

Cashier - **BRUCE SWENSON**

Pinion Writer - **DAVID NEGRIN**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - **Moses Hadas** (We all can use this one occasionally.)