

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAL MICKELSON welcomed those in attendance at 12:15 pm. At 12:30 he lead the Pledge and announced an opportunity for informal discussions. He resumed the formalities at 12:44 with a humorous diatribe against excessive celebrations of Halloween (he of the "Bah Humbug" persuasion) that contrasted with his brief grammar school recognitions of the event.

INTRODUCTIONS

MIKE McMAHON introduced and welcomed past District Governor Roger Hassler and District Governor Nominee Angie Hassler.

GEORGE WHEATON presided over introductions of other visiting Rotarians and guests of members:

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Adriana De La Fuentes, Past District Governor Mexico City.

Mary Qian of the San Mateo Sunrise Club.

Philip Boudart of the Millbrae Club.

GUESTS:

Maria Ramirez, guest of ISRAEL ZEHA VI.

Gene Sinclair, guest of MARK STEVENSON.

OPENING REMARKS

GEOFF ZIMAN talked about his experiences attending make-up



Rotary meetings around the world, and the benefits that members could expect from make-ups. His make-ups enlightened him respecting goings on in Spring Break at South Padre Island, on board cruise ships, at Waikiki, Windsor Castle, and, dimly, Perpignan sampling (or more) local vintages. His concluding advice: "Try it, you might like it." He was probably referring to the make-ups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM GRACON reviewed the life and changing roles of our Speaker for next week, Masood Farivar, a Knight Fellow at Stanford. TOM assured the meeting that attendees would enjoy his presentation.

DON MORGAN for Hands On repeated a call for volunteers for a painting project at InnVision on October 29.

GEORGE FITZGERALD said that the Programs Committee, of which every Club Member is an *ex officio* member, would welcome recommendations for future speakers, provided that the recommender has heard the nominee give a talk, and the nominee is not raising money for an organization in which the nominee has a role.

On behalf of STEVE PLAYER who is arranging a festive program, PRESIDENT-ELECT HAL asked who would join a Wednesday November 15 trek to Berkeley for a luncheon with Cal enthusiasts in anticipatory celebration of the BIG GAME at Stanford the following Saturday. Several members signaled their intention to participate.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAL relayed the sad news that VERA KALLMEYER had succumbed to stomach cancer. He reviewed her many accomplishments, including promotion of international diversity by participating in Rotary meetings here and in Germany on half-year bases. At his request the meeting observed a moment of silence in VERA's memory.

By email PRESIDENT SHERRI SAGER requested that the following message to her appear in today's Pinion:

PRESIDENT SHERRI, I am a member of the Pasadena Rotary Foundation Fundraiser committee and we are working on a Raffle to raise funds for our Foundation account. Our Foundation account provides funding for our community programs, such as Teachers of Excellence and Community grants. The Raffle prize includes 4 tickets to the Rose Parade, 4 tickets to the Rose Bowl Game, lodging for 3 nights, and an invitation to the Float Committee Holiday Party. Since one of the Pac12/Big 10 teams is near your club, we thought you might be interested. Please consider forwarding our Raffle information to your members or others who may be interested. Please let me know if I can forward the actual Raffle entry form to you via e-mail. Sincerely, Leah Thomson Snell Member, Foundation Committee Pasadena Rotary

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BILL JOHNSON requested that the following appear in the Pinion:

JOIN THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE. The Committee begins its annual review of grant applications soon and Chairman BILL JOHNSON invites interested Rotarians to join the committee. The committee holds several meetings between November and January. Committee members review and evaluate grant applications from local non-profit organizations and conduct site visits of semi-finalists. The committee ultimately recommends grant recipients to the Rotary Board of Directors in early February. For more information or to express your interest in serving on this year's committee, e-mail BILL at bjohnson@paweekly.com.

At the conclusion of the meeting PRESIDENT-ELECT HAL invited members, particularly Red Badgers, to the next meeting of the Board, at 8:00am on October 26. He thanked ELLIOTT WRIGHT for serving as cashier for the meeting, DICK MANSFIELD for welcoming, MIKE McMAHON for greeting, and DON MORGAN for drafting the Pinion.

THE PROGRAM: The Rotary Foundation

MIKE McMAHON introduced Past District Governor Roger Hassler, who first said he really liked Halloween as now celebrated. He then reviewed the very impressive academic credentials and extensive media experience of today's Speaker, Adriana De La Fuentes, a past Governor of District 4170 in Mexico,



comprised of 88 clubs. She spoke at length and with great warmth and enthusiasm about many good deeds that financial assistance from The Rotary Foundation had helped her district achieve in health and educational areas. Among those accomplishments she highlighted construction of a school for young children, surgery to remedy cleft palates, and a program that had provided life with dignity to 1,300

former street children in Mexico City. She repeatedly expressed thanks for The Foundation's contributions.

HAL MICKELSON thanked her for her inspirational talk and evoked a smile from her by saying that our Club would be presenting a dictionary in her honor to a local school in a disadvantaged area. She had mentioned shopping with a friend at a bookstore and coming across a book titled "How to Hug." The book seemed ideal, "We hug a lot in Mexico." It turned out, however, not to be a how-to book, but a small portion of a dictionary!

- October 31 **Masood Farivar**, Knight Fellow, Pakistan
- November 7 New Member/Longtime Member talks, CATHY SMITHWICK & KRISTIN WU/SAM WEBSTER
- November 14 **Dakin Sloss**, Opening California's Finances to the Public
- November 21 **Nan Su**, The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture and Its Global Impact
- November 28 **Swaminatha Mahadevan**, International Emergency Medicine

FUTURE PROGRAMS