

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!!

OPENINGS: PREZ SHERRI called the meeting to order, and invited JIM BAER to lead us in the Pledge, which was warmly rendered by all.

VISITING ROTARIANS and GUESTS: Were introduced by DERRICK BRITT.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests (HOSTS) were Ramona Ambrazil (OLIVER COOLIDGE), Alicia Lin, June Gilliam, Sheila Tost (all guests of today's speaker, Nan Su), Tom Wagner (WALT HAYS), May Zhang (MARY QIAN, our new inductee) and Monique Le Conge (STEVE EMSLIE)

OPENING REMARKS:

Were offered by ELLIOTT WRIGHT, who spoke about the significant numbers that define our society, like the populations of New York, China, and India, the number of members in cooperation with other clubs for the purpose of helping those in need, and other significant statistics. It was a reminder that we need to work together in order to affect the world population.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Holiday Party is coming up really soon, on Thursday, December 1. Only a few members have signed up, so far. So get on the bandwagon at next week's meeting or by contacting NINA MOORE.

BRUCE GEE joined the Presidents Club in recognition of the Club's work worldwide and his pride in being a part of it.

We really need a crowd with "lots of loose change" for this year's fundraiser, which will be held on April 14. The money is needed for the Club to support the community's very worthwhile and beneficial activities.

An artistic performance of Chinese choreography is scheduled for January 3 through 8 in San Francisco. Fliers will be available at the next Club meeting.

Remember the holidays - we're dark on December 26 and January 2.

We had a new Rotary inductee today, MARY QIAN, sponsored by NINA MOORE. Welcome Mary!



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

The speaker, Nan Su, was introduced by GEORGE FITZGERALD, who described the speaker's background as a member of the Asian Art Foundation, its purpose being to familiarize and educate its host populations about the music, art, and history of Chinese culture. Nan spoke on the subject of the renaissance of traditional Chinese culture and its global impact. China has a long and significant history going back to early periods, the Great Wall, various dynasties, temples, its literature and art, and Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, food, etc. Its core values emphasize faith and humanity, and whose other significant qualities strongly resemble our Four-Way Test. There is only one Rotary club in China, in a country of one and a half billion people. Their one-time national image was, for a long period, Confucius, a thinker, educator and philosopher, who emphasized his own four-way test: Be a Good Person, Serve the Family, Truthfulness, and Forbearance. China has a long and vivid history that cannot be summarized in one meeting. (Ed. nor in one issue of the Pinion) Let's acknowledge its many contributions to our society.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 28: Swaminatha Mahadevan on the subject of "International Emergency Medicine"

December 5: New Member/Longtime Member Talks

December 12: Isa Stenzel-Byrnes or Ana Stenzel on "Living with a Serious Illness: Making the Most Out of Life"

*CLOSING: PREZ SHERRI adjourned the meeting after thanking the members who volunteered their time, like Official Greeter: SAM GORDON, Room Set-up: SEVE MADSEN, Lunch Sign-in/ Cashier: BILL BUSSE
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QUOTE of the WEEK: "My wife and I slept on a waterbed at the last hotel we stayed at. She called it the Dead Sea."

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