

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CALL TO ORDER

SHERRI SAGER started the meeting at 12:15 PM with DENNIS BOYLE then leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLIVER COOLIDGE introduced our guests:

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests of Rotarians: DICK BUSH introduced Meredith Hagedorn; TOM GRACON introduced Lindy Wafula visiting from Kenya; GEORGE FITZGERALD introduced Ted Tussing, today's speaker; MIKE McMAHON introduced Tim Watson; and STEVE EMSLIE introduced Monique le Conge.

OPENING REMARKS

BETSY BECHTEL questioned that maybe we should skip



Christmas gifts, cards and entertaining during the Holidays....but maybe not. It's a special time that she enjoys by getting together with friends. BETSY closed by sharing a Helen Keller quote, "[Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.](#)"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIKE COUCH announced the distribution of dictionaries will happen this Wednesday, December 14, at 8:15AM at Green Oaks Academy.

RICK RAYBIN encouraged year-end contributions to the Rotary Endowment, which uses 5% of its funds to support local charities.

SHERRI encouraged Rotarians, their spouses, and guests to attend our meeting on December 19, when our program will be the West Bay Opera.

SAM WEBSTER announced that our foreign exchange student, Philippe de Fries, wants to return to the US to go to school...maybe Stanford.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

RALPH ADAMS contributed in honor of the ARMY/NAVY game.

DICK BUSH contributed and supported the Dragon Theater's efforts. They are looking for a space to lease in Palo Alto.

LOU KAVANAU contributed and mentioned he's leaving on a cruise, adding "If you don't see me, don't worry, I'm not dead."

LIZ KNISS contributed and shared a harrowing and touching story of her granddaughter surviving a near fatal car accident.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

SHERRI reminded us about two resolutions passed by the Board needing Club approval and welcomed open discussion on both. One resolution would be to adopt a policy regarding sexual harassment and the second proposed to change the admittance age for Rotaract members. Many opinions and questions were presented. SHERRI called for a vote by asking for a show of hands. Neither resolution passed.

PROGRAM

GEORGE FITZGERALD introduced our speaker: Ted Tussing. As Director for the Stanford Hospital Corporate Partners Program, Ted seeks to enhance strategic relationships with



corporations, venture capitalist, and entrepreneurs that generate financial resources, opportunities, and alliances for Stanford University Medical Center. These relationships seek

to accelerate the translation of technology solutions for improved patient care delivery, research processes, and innovative medical education.

The Corporate Partners Program current emphasis is Patient Centered Care which offers:

- Executive health services
- International medical services
- Aging adult and family services
- Access to the Stanford health library
- Spiritual care

Of particular interest, Ted described the Health Navigation service and shared a public 24 hr. call number that provides free health care information and referrals. If someone is confronted with a challenging or complex health issue, call or email the Navigator line. It might be a good idea to identify themselves as a member or associated with the Palo Alto Rotary: Call: 650-498-3333 or email: GuestServices@stanfordmed.org

Meeting information: www.rotarypaloalto.org