

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## CALL TO ORDER

President SHERRI SAGER opened the meeting at 12:15 and introduced ANDY COE who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## IRIS KOROL introduced:

Visiting Rotarians: Charles Cheng, now a member of Hon Kong West and a former member of our club; and Frank Yih of Shanghai.

Guests of Rotarians: Karen Singer, a former member of our club and the guest of JOYCE CUSICK; Ray and Mary DuVaul and Joan McCowan, guests of BOB McCOWAN; Jacob Savage, guest of DARYL SAVAGE; Ramona Ambrozic, guest of RICK RAYBIN; Lois Bland, guest of SUE HARTENBAUM; Ann Kalar, guest of DUANE KALAR; and Tommy Fehrenbach, guest of STEVE EMSLIE.



## OPENING REMARKS

LEN ELY discussed the necessity of respect for each other, especially at this time of the year. He then read the Dash Poem by Linda Elvis.

## PALO ALTO ROTARY ENDOWMENT

DERRICK BRITT introduced the goals of the Endowment this year, to obtain a contribution from 100% of our members and to emphasize Legacy Gifts. Information is now on the club web site: <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>

## AWARDS

President SHERRI presented a Paul Harris Certificate to AXEL MERK, and a Paul Harris pin to IRIS KOROL.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANDY COE reported on the distribution of the dictionaries to the second graders at Green Oaks Academy in East Palo Alto by MIKE COUCH, JOYCE CUSICK, JIM SUTHERLAND, ROB LANCEFIELD, and MARY QIAN.

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF is coordinating a field trip to obtain the Chinese herbs for making the tea to improve your vision.

STEVE PLAYER auctioned a tray of cookies baked by Karen Singer to SALLY TOMLINSON for the benefit of the President's Club.

## PROGRAM

TOM GRACON introduced Jorge Gomez, Tenor; Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghamai, Soprano; and Frank Johnson, Pianist from the West Bay Opera Company for our special holiday program.



Jorge started with Mattinata by Leoncavallo. Raeeka followed with Une Bel Odi Vedremo from Pucini's Madama Butterfly. Jorge and Raeeka then sang O Soave Fanciulla together from Pucini's La Boheme. Jorge then sang Granada by Agustin Lam. Raeeka followed with Le Jour by Charpentier. They then sang two final duets, Libiamo by Verdi and Mel Torme's Christmas Carol.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 26 **Dark, No Meeting**

January 2 **Dark, No Meeting**, Happy New Year, Go Stanford

January 9 **Paul Eshoo**, Ecotourism in Laos

January 16 **Errol Wirasinghe**, Why we make suboptimal decisions, and how to do better

Meeting information: [www.rotarypaloalto.org](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org)