

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## OPENING

PRESIDENT SHERRI opened the 1st Monday in February meeting, asking MIKE BAIRD to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians and guests were recognized by JOHN STOUMEN. Surprisingly there were no visiting Rotarians. However, three guests of members were welcomed: Eugene Cordero (Speaker) (YORIKO KISHIMOTO), Paul Wright (STEVE PLAYER), and Ken Rosenthal (PAM BRANDON).

## OPENING REMARKS



ELLIOTT WRIGHT shared with us a touching Valentine's Day Poem about love. In brief; love was described as a river, a razor, a hunger, a flower, a heart, and a dream. In winter, when the night is way too lonely and the road is far too long, remember the Spring becomes the rose.

Also, ELLIOTT mentioned that signup sheets are at the tables for providing members

the opportunity sign up for presenting "Opening Remarks." Please signup.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT SHERRI announced that next week we expect that only Red Badge members are to sit at the "red napkins."

KATIE SEEDMAN made a pitch for the upcoming fund raiser, set for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$75. Please check in with her at the entry table next week with a check in hand. Also, as a reminder, flyers are on each table for you to take home. Additional auction item donations are still needed.

MARY QIAN was very enthusiastic about visiting several Rotary Club meetings in Utah. She brought back banners from Park City, West Jordan, Sugarhouse, and Ogden.

DIANA DIAMOND brought back greetings from a former member of this club, Martha Kanter, who is now the Under Secretary of Education in Washington DC. DIANA also joined the Presidents Club to talk about something she has never talked about in Rotary before, that is her family. There are four sons and 7 grandchildren. Two of the sons are corporate CEOs, one is a PHD in Physics, and the other a Microsoft Millionaire. Nice going, DIANA!

Treasurer CASH ALAEE announces that updated gift acknowledgment letters will be in your folders February 13<sup>th</sup>.

RALPH ADAMS thanked VICKY CHING and GLORIA HOM for the outstanding Chinese New Year of the Dragon Celebration last Saturday. Although RALPH did not recognize much of the food, he said that it was excellent.

## PROGRAM

YORIKO KISHIMOTO introduced Eugene Cordero, a Professor at San Jose State University. The topic included Climate science, as well as food emissions and their effect on the -environment.

Long-term temperature data from NASA, 1880-2011,



indicates that the trend the Earth is warming and not cooling. The polar ice caps are shrinking. Recently the US records show more warmer periods vs. colder periods. The weather has been more variable with 2x number of high events and more weather extremes. The amount of carbon dioxide has increased significantly.

Although the issue is highly complex, it is believed the temperature will continue to

rise and place the planet at increased risk. Energy is by far the largest source of global emissions. Agriculture comes next with 20-15%. Food emissions are comparable to transportation.

Solutions are not easy to come by in the political and economic landscape. San Jose has started with a small foot in the door with "Green Ninja," which seeks to further educate people and stretch the mind toward solutions. Check the website <http://www.greenninja.org/>.

Dr. Cordero believes that the climate will continue to get warmer. It will also get wetter, but more concentrated like in recent floods. Also in California, the Sierras will have more rain than snow; and reservoirs will be needed to store the water, because the natural snow reservoir will be smaller.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**February 13 Philip Pizzo**, Dean Stanford School of Medicine

**February 20 Anna Eshoo**, Current Political Analysis

**February 27 Isa Stenzel-Byrnes**, The Power of Two

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