

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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In Memoriam: Members were saddened to learn today that our esteemed member DAVID NEGRIN passed away on Saturday morning, July 21 at the PA VA Hospice. David was 87 years old. We will particularly miss his friendly humor, baking skills, traditional pledge rendition, and his regular Pinion contributions. For details of his varied technical and personal life, go to the members' section of our club website. A memorial service for David will be held at Congregation Beth Am (26790 Arastradero) on Friday morning, July 27th at 11 AM.

The most important aspect of the meeting today was the new member talks. They were introduced by ROB LYMAN.

First up was MONIQUE leCONGE, who identified herself as an accidental librarian. She started life in Oakland with parents from Holland. Monique then took us through a series of library pictures as a backdrop of her development toward becoming Palo Alto's Library Director. The journey took us to



Cottonwood (just south of Redding, CA), UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Benicia, Solano County, Richmond, and even to Simmons College in Boston, where she aims to earn a PhD in managerial leadership. Monique has three children – son of 23 and twin son and daughter of 22. Palo Alto is her third Rotary Club membership.

The second new member was KRISTIN WU. She started life in New York, and studied at Boston and Hartford Universities. After obtaining her law degree, she was discouraged from becoming a litigator by witnessing a legal colleague beaten and bloody from an encounter in court with another attorney. Her interest moved in the direction of estate planning, where she is able to work with people, rather than against them. Kristin described her experience with snow storms in upstate New York as an incentive to move to California. She now works as an estate planning attorney with Christ, Biorn, Shepherd, and Roskoph in downtown Palo Alto.

In the interests of time, RAMONA AMBROZIC's new member talk was postponed to another day.

RICK RAYBIN presented opening remarks. In the spirit of the political season, he questioned how compatible defined benefit versus defined contribution retirement plans were to the Rotary Four Way Test.



Under Club business the following points were covered:

Members were asked by ANDY COE to complete an important survey on their evaluation of recent speakers. It has been noticed that, over the years, some speakers seem to receive a close range of evaluations and others evoke very wide and mixed reactions. Addressing a group with our capacity could be considered quite a formidable task!

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF announced that our club would be celebrating a picnic at Greer Park (at the end of Colorado Avenue) on Sunday, August 5th between 3 and 6 PM. The barbecue chef will be STEVE EMSLIE; and your reporter understood that all the food and wine would be provided by the Club without charge. The occasion will also give members a chance to admire the handsome shade structures in the park that BILL BUSSE, along with many club members, was responsible for constructing.

Four last remaining items from our club fund raiser were auctioned off. Our President HAL MICKELSON coerced the amounts of \$50, \$40, \$40, and \$40 respectively from our membership for four one-month memberships to a Yoga Health Club.

The flag salute today was lead by BERN BEECHAM. Our only guests today were three visiting Rotarians. Two of them – DICK CARLSON, an economist from Tucson and CHARLES CHING, a marketing executive from Hong Kong- were former members of our club. The third was Ed Cabacungan, a retired economics professor from Cal Poly, Pomona.

This report cannot be completed by your reporter, GEOFF ZIMAN, without acknowledging the service to the club today of DICK MANSFIELD (visitor sign-in), STEVE MADSEN (set-up), ZAFAR IQBAL (lunch tickets), and RAMONA AMBROZIC (greeting).

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- August 6 **Radha Basu**, Frugal Innovation
- August 13 **Sgt. James Reifschneider**, Fraud & Identity Theft: How You Can Protect Yourself
- August 20 **Phil Taubman**, International Security / International Relations

Meeting Information www.rotarypaloalto.org