

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT HAL called the meeting to order at 12:18. DON LANGENDORF led the Pledge. PRESIDENT HAL explained that DICK FREEMAN had eyed the eagle on the filial of the flagpole, and noticed it had no right wing. DICK presented a bright new eagle, fully equipped to fly. He also asked members present to sign a condolences card for ANNETTE EVANS FAZZINO, and a hurry-back card for BOB SMITHWICK, who has missed the past few meetings.

INTRODUCTIONS

After a socialization interval, Club Secretary E. J. HONG introduced Visiting Rotarians Martin Grijalva of the Hermosillo, Mexico, Club, and District Governor Joe Hamilton and his wife, Kathi Hamilton, and welcomed Antonio Schettino, guest of BEN THRELKELD, Ken Lillis, guest of DICK BUSH, and from Egypt, Siham Shanawawang, guest of her daughter, NINA MOORE. PRESIDENT HAL observed that it was an honor to lead a club to which one could bring one's mother.



OPENING REMARKS

GEOFF ZIMAN commented in non-partisan fashion on elections the next day. In the context of the devastation caused by the storm Sandy, he bemused the audience with a long list of electric motors in everyday use and asked which were truly essential.

EULOGY

PRESIDENT HAL lamented the passing of GARY FAZZINO. He said that the appellation "Unofficial Historian of Palo Alto" failed to do justice; no search, regardless of length or effort, could have found a better historian. Whenever a proposed fundamental change required background, media throughout the Bay Area consulted him. From the time he began hosting radio broadcasts of the meetings of the Palo Alto City Council, no individual was more devoted to city government and civic life. In a time when we bemoan the lack of civility, mutual respect, and compromise in public affairs, he exemplified civility and unfailingly conveyed respect and tirelessly sought compromise. In other words, he lived the Four Way Test. HAL announced a memorial service at noon Thursday, and asked everyone to stand and observe a minute of silence in GARY's memory.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JIM SUTHERLAND said that the Boy Scout Troop the Club supports was selling holiday wreaths for \$20, and order forms were available on each table.

RICK RAYBIN reported on fund raising and charitable disbursement aspects of the Endowment Fund.

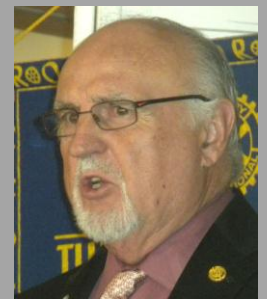
KEVIN CURRY joined the President's Club in honor of his successful businesswoman daughter whose photo appears on the front page of today's USA Today.

ARNE STOSCHEK joined the President's Club to mark his return, on crutches, from a severe fall while hiking alone in August in a remote mountain area lacking cell phone service. He was glad to be back.

LIZ KNISS joined the President's Club in memory of GARY FAZZINO, her longtime friend and co-chair of her current campaign for the Palo Alto City Council.

THE PROGRAM: Joe Hamilton, District Governor, State of the District

PRESIDENT HAL introduced District 5170 Governor Joe Hamilton, reviewing his long career in public education and Rotary. The Governor began with a video promoting attendance at the annual District conference at the Meritage Resort in Napa March 21-24, 2013, concluding "I am Joe Hamilton and I approve this message." Eschewing statistics about the District, to the disappointment of no one and, in particular, his wife, Kathi, who is auditing his talks at 53 clubs this year, he said the state of District 5170 is excellent, except that membership has been static. He then presented two examples of small things that made a big difference, and said the Club was doing a lot of seemingly small things that can make a big difference.



PRESIDENT HAL called upon Kathi Hamilton to accept a gift from the club. She joined the President's Club in memory of GARY FAZZINO. She explained she had agreed to Joe's request to come to all of his presentations on condition that she has a project. Hers was to collect receiving blankets as gifts for newborns - 1,500 so far with funds for 1,100 more. HAL added 40 from the Club. He said the Club would donate a dictionary to a needy second grader in East Palo Alto in the Hamiltons' honor, and invited them to the December 17 meeting of the Club, at which the West Bay Opera will provide musical entertainment.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- November 12** Steve Levy, California Economy/Post Election Analysis
- November 19** Bob Kieve, Speechwriter for President Eisenhower
- November 26** TBA

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