

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT HAL called us to order, with the expressed mission of finding tickets to the 2013 Rose Bowl Game. **GEORGE WHEATON** led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Following our lunch and conversation time, our visiting Rotarians and many guests were introduced by **PRESIDENT HAL**: frequent and welcome visiting Rotarians, Klaus Heinemann, RC of Gualala, CA; and Martin Grijalva, M.D., RC of Hermosillo, Mexico. **DICK MANSFIELD** brought wife, Ellie; **EJ HONG**, her husband Paul, who was also helping with our entertaining program to come; **ED DANGLER**, daughter Josiane Edy; **IRIS KOROL**: Stephanie Flamen, a Junior from Castilleja; **SHERRI SAGER**: Mary Ann Gee of Ameritrade; **DARYL SAVAGE**: Joyce Davidson, a social worker for returning troops; **BEN THRELKELD**: DeRonnie Pitts of Morgan Stanley, and Jake Loewenheim from Affymetrix.

NINA MOORE, Chair of our Dec. 13 Holiday Party @ **VICKY & Wu's** home, asked members to sign up for what they would like to bring, or how they can help with bar service, set up, or clean up duties. **NINA** thanked **DERRICK BRITT** and **BRUCE GEE** for their advance help.

Past President **SHERRI SAGER** announced that donations to The Rotary Foundation are welcome throughout the year, but that Monday was the last opportunity to enter the drawing for the trip for two to Lisbon or El Salvador. Thank you, **SHERRI**, for delivering our tickets to District 5170 HQ in time for us to participate.

CASH ALAEE announced that we should **SAVE THE DATE** of March 2, 2013, for our Fundraising Gala with a new and improved location, The University Club, and new and improved pricing! As event Chair, **CASH** is putting the committee together; so if you want to help in any way, just let him know.



Opening remarks by **JIM SUTHERLAND** were early reminders that New Year's resolutions are on the way. The focus of **JIM's** remarks was on how to add brain cells. There are three proven ways: Exercise ½ hour on most days; learn new things, take a different route home; and socialize, either by making new friends, OR

HOST A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT for Rotary, which was a very clever pitch, **JIM!**

LE LEVY of our World Community Service Committee talked about the trip to Cameroon, now in the planning stages for either March or November 2013, the best months. For anyone seeking more information, there will be a meeting next Monday, Dec. 10, following our regular club meeting.

Program time: **EJ HONG**, who proclaimed herself a Choir Mom in charge of Bow Ties, introduced William Liberatore, Director of Choral Activities at Gunn High School, a teacher of music theory, and Director of the Gunn Chamber Singers. These 41 talented young people audition to be a part of this choir. William is also



the award-winning resident Musical Director at TheatreWorks and an accomplished pianist, which we also enjoyed.

The program was sublime as we listened to a selection of sacred pieces, carols from around the world, and an original song composed by a former Gunn choir student, which William always encourages. A special treat for our members was to hear Natalie Hong, daughter of **EJ** and Paul, sing an a cappella solo of "O Holy Night." Fabulous! The meeting was adjourned on a VERY high note!

And, thanks to Team Rotary for their service today to make the meeting happen.

One Further Announcement: The Pinion Committee could use a few more writers to rotate with the six we currently have. **AND**, Editor-in-Chief **LYLE CONNELL** would very much like to train someone to take pictures and layout the Pinion. **LYLE** does it every week. Please consider this. You no longer need to be familiar with Photoshop. Any photo edit program will do. Thank you.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 10 New Member Talks, Speakers: **Henrietta Burroughs, Zafar Iqbal, & Alex Scollon**

December 17 West Bay Opera

December 24 Dark, No Meeting

December 31 Dark, No Meeting

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