

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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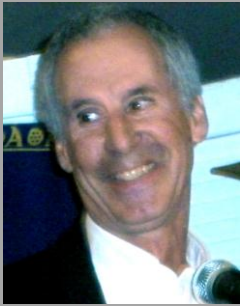
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PRESIDENT HAL began the meeting at 12:20, with JULIE JEROME leading the Pledge. After twenty minutes for conversation and socializing at the tables, he led the introduction of visiting Rotarians: Ramesh Hariharan from the East Palo Alto Club, "Friend of Club" PETER GUENTERMANN from the Munich-East Club, and Patricia Silveyra from the Hershey, PA, Club. HAL then asked Members to introduce their guests.

BOB BULMORE introduced his wife, Bev Bulmore; VIC ROSASCO introduced Mary Riviello; ART STAUFFER introduced his wife, Peggy Stauffer; BERN BEECHAM introduced Karin Klarriech; BETSY BECHTEL introduced her husband, George Bechtel; DUANE KALAR introduced Ann Kalar, Jean Goity, and Mimi Goity; and BOB McCOWAN introduced his wife, Joan McCowan.

JOHN STOUMEN's thought for the Day advocated observing nature for what it could do for our lives. He explained how two bicycle mechanics moving up to flying machines decided early in the last century to study how birds fly. Among other lessons, they learned that birds change direction by tilting their wings. They put the lessons to good use precisely 109 years ago, on the Wright brothers' first manned flight.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASH ALAEE said that the March 2 fundraiser, the primary fundraiser for the Club, is earlier than usual and requested Members to begin now to donate items for auction. He called attention to an auction packet that went to Members earlier in the day by email that includes the donation form.

PRESIDENT HAL explained that the Chinese pagoda cups on each table were there to collect year-end contributions for the restaurant staff. He also invited contributions or pledges to the Club's Endowment Fund by year's end, and advised that IRIS KOROL can provide pledge cards.

YORIKO KISHIMOTO introduced Momoko Otsuka, the recipient of an international grant from the Club to study at Stanford this academic year. After thanking the Club, Ms. Otsuka summarized her early life and education in Japan, her employment history, and her current studies. She has concentrated on abatement of environmental pollution and aspires to work as a water and sanitation engineer, ultimately with a United Nations organization.



HAL thanked VICKY CHING for hosting the Club's holiday's party the preceding week. NINA MOORE delivered a present for doing so to VICKY at her table. NINA also thanked the principal volunteer servers at the event, noting that about thirty helped make the party a success.



AXEL MERK made an emergency contribution to the Presidents Club. He needs someone to care for his poodle from December 30 to January 5, as all of the persons who previously cared for the pet were so enamored of it that they acquired ones of their own and cannot take his poodle this time. AXEL promised more for the Presidents Club if some Member is able

and willing to help (who should contact him directly).

HAL said that an email about the Club's speech contest would go out soon.

## THE PROGRAM

TOM GRACON noted that today's wonderful program is the seventh presentation in the last eight years by the West Bay Opera, which is now in its fifty-seventh year of operation. He introduced the cast: Baritone Krassen Karagiosov, Soprano



Elizabeth Russ, and Pianist Bruce Olstad. The vocalists announced each selection before singing arias or duets from Mozart's

*Marriage of Figaro*, Verdi's *Don Carlos*, Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.



Warm applause followed each selection, and HAL complimented them for an extraordinary performance.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 24 & 31**.....Dark

**January 7** Susan Lutter, Rotary in Cameroon

**January 14** Mel Matsumoto, Executive Director Channing House, Retirement/Aging in Place

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