

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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OUR PINCH HITTER HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK!

What do you do when your “Speaker of the Day”* is unable to perform due to a dog bite? You call on ROB LYMAN the evening before and without hesitation he says, “*Send me in Coach!*” Which is exactly what Prez HAL did. So, if you are still awake near the end of this epistle you will read about “*How to Live With Less Stress*” as presented by our stress free pinch hitter ROB.

*SUSAN LUTTER was going to speak on our upcoming trip to Cameroon

CHARTER...CHARTER...WHO'S GOT THE CHARTER?

Following a spirited leading of our National Anthem by LAURIE LISTON, our illustrious President presented to the assembled members an authentic copy of the [Club's Charter](#) dated May 1, 1922. Thanks to GINNY LEAR for doing the research. And as Prez HAL says, “*We now have a certified certificate just like the Lion in The Wizard of Oz!*”...and we can now consider ourselves official members of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL. Way to go, GINNY!

PREZ HAL DID THE INTRO HONORS

Visiting Rotarians were:

Former Member CHARLES CHENG from the Hong Kong Island West Club

Ramesh Hariharan a software guru from the East Palo Alto Club

Guests of Rotarians were:

Christen Creed a guest of CASH ALAEE. She does the heavy Auction lifting

Antonio Schettino a guest of BEN THRELKELD and “*a super great guy!*”

OPENING REMARKS...STRAIGHT FROM VIET NAM

BRIAN SCHMIDT shared the “expected” and “unexpected” from his recent trip.

“The people were all very nice...the air quality in Hanoi was extremely bad; so I didn't even think about jogging....Bikes and scooters are becoming the main method of transportation thanks to government support...if someone wants to end a bad relationship by suicide there is a common poisonous plant that is the method of choice.” (If things in your life aren't going well, hop a flight to Viet Nam!)



BRIAN'S ADVICE...When approaching a new adventure “*What is best is to expect the unexpected!*” Prez HAL added that he certainly wouldn't think about jogging in Hanoi. Some wag added “*or anywhere else!*”

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS. (A conversation with your reporter during lunch)



Our esteemed member of a number of years, RUTH SCHNEIDER, has visited about 100 different countries in her life time. Her favorite place is Papau, New Guinea. While her son, Andy, was with Pan Am, she could travel around the world for \$45 and add \$15 for first class!

BACK TO THE MEETING AT HAND!

NEW PRESIDENT'S CLUB MEMBERS



ARNE STOSCHEK...\$200 In honor of ANNETTE GLANCKOPF and MARCIE COX, who gallantly took care of his poodle and birds while he was incapacitated. What?

And then there was MARK STEVENSON, who joined since he is now living in PA having moved from MP. He is also looking for an architect and/or structural engineer. (Presumably his new digs has some questionable safety problems.)



Past President LE LEVY joined because Wisconsin almost

upended his arch rival, the Stanford Cardinal. *Sorry LE, but not too sorry!* In keeping with his policy of extreme fairness, our illustrious revenue enhancer...and President...demanded a twenty dollar ransom from the eight members present who attended the Battle of the Roses. (Ed: *True fairness would have been to charge all those who didn't attend some very big bucks and all Cal types a double amount of very big bucks!*)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



“You” in this case was none other than ISRAEL ZEHAVI and STEVE EMSLIE

ACCORDING TO CASH ALAEE...*“IT’S ONLY 51 DAYS AWAY!”*

What you ask? OUR ROTARY CLUB AUCTION. Put it down and invite your friends! It will be March 2nd at the University Club. **THE THEME?** What else...**THE PALO**



ALTO ROTARY CLUB CLAM BAKE! The heavy lifting by Christen Creed mentioned earlier was the phone call you received asking for your **AUCTION ITEMS BY FEBRUARY 4TH.** This is our key to success...so don’t blow it...**THINK CREATIVELY** and contribute something that you might like to have. You can bid on your item, too, if you like! Also, hit someone up for a **CORPORATE GIFT.** It’s good for them and good for the Community Charities we sponsor. **Don’t delay...do it today!**

THE ROTARY SPONSORED SPEECH CONTEST IS BACK!

The First Round will be held this Thursday in the City Hall Council Chambers. ANNETTE GLANCKOPF has enlisted the assistance of JOHN KIDD, SHERRI SAGER, DICK FREEMAN, JIM SUTHERLAND and MIKE McMAHON. That list almost makes you speechless...so to speak!

ON TO THE STRESS FREE PROGRAM

Needing no introduction, ROB LYMAN bounded to the podium and commenced his stress free presentation.

Apparently ROB became engrossed in the subject when he changed professions from



Engineering to Personal Financial Planning. What he discovered was that stress was reduced by keeping a “To Do” list and putting “stuff” down in such a way that what didn’t need immediate attention was relegated to a future specific time. He found that in so doing he reduced the worry associated with too much stuff demanding

immediate attention...or something like that.

(Ed: Rob, I’m trying to summarize your presentation of 30 minutes into two sentences without much stress free success. So you can anticipate a lot of questions from Rotarians who were not at the meeting and happened to read the Pinion hoping to find out what took place.)

P.S. One possibility for you tech savvy folks is to invest in a Microsoft program called “Outlook.” It’s one that ROB uses to assist in his otherwise stressful life! Or something like that!

It was an excellent presentation of an important subject. Yes ROB, the standing ovation was more than the members just getting up to leave...I think.

A footnote from Prez HAL...If you would like a copy of Robert Benchley’s article, “*How I Get Things Done*” contact HAL at unclehalpaloalto@gmail.com within the next 72 hours. *(Ed: If you don’t get this in time, I didn’t get the Pinion out on time. But it was stress free thanks to ROB’s presentation. See folks, it does work!)*

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 7 Susan Lutter, Rotary in Cameroon

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

January 21 TBA

January 28 Professor Larry Lessig, Harvard University, Corruption of Money in Our Political System

Rotary Meeting Information www.rotarypaloalto.org