

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Rotarians: As you are reading this ePinion, would you consider becoming one of those who write it? We take turns. When there are more writers, it is only your turn every two months or so. This service to your club is needed now. Our Pinion Editor, **LYLE CONNELL**, is needed at home right now, so please email **GINNY LEAR**, vklear@los-altos.org, or any of the scribes for further information: **BILL BUSSE, BRIAN STEEN, GEOFF ZIMAN, DON MORGAN.** Thank you.

Onward!

Today's meeting began promptly with PRESIDENT HAL calling us to order, asking that we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **DICK BUSH**, "in honor of Michigan and the other 49 states."

INTRODUCTIONS: Visiting Rotarians: Oscar Luna of the Berkeley Rotary Club and Yuhui Chen of the Menlo Park Rotary Club. Guests: Ellie Mansfield, wife of **DICK**; Phyllis Kidd, wife of **JOHN**; Mary Riviello, guest of **VIC ROSASCO**; Chuck Snyder, guest of **DICK BUSH**; Tess Byler, guest of **SALLY TOMLINSON**; Christy McDonald, guest of **BEN THRELKELD**; Maureen O'Sullivan, guest of **NINA MOORE.**



Today's thought by **BRIAN STEEN.** His very timely topic was about leaders creating musical opportunities, which lead to self-esteem for youth and adults. Group activities, such as choral music, bring discipline and challenge one's intellect. **BRIAN** went to Iowa State where a new performing arts center brought the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Symphony, and many other fine groups.

President-elect STEVE EMSLIE came forward with club business. First, our 2013-14 Board of Directors ballots were on the tables, with write-in names and comments allowed. The slate presented is: President-elect, **EJ HONG**; Secretary, **MONIQUE le CONGE**; Treasurer, **CASH ALAEE**; Sergeant at Arms, **STEVE MADSEN**; Directors, **JAYNE BOOKER, TOM GRACON, TODD LEWIS, DARYL SAVAGE, KATIE SEEDMAN, ARNE STOSCHEK.** Non-voting Director, **BEN THRELKELD.**

SAVE the DATE: P-E **STEVE** announced that **President HAL's** Debunking will take place on **Monday, June 10.** Earlier than usual, but the call of the RI Convention in Lisbon will see the early departure of President **HAL**, P-E **STEVE**, and a few others.

Tuesday, May 28th, sign up for a SPECIAL San Francisco Treat: **GLORIA HOM** will conduct a group walking tour of San Francisco's Chinatown (with a Dim Sum Brunch as an extra added treat) leaving Ming's parking lot at 9AM and returning at 3PM. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Funds will go to Palo Alto Rotary Charities. For questions, or to confirm your attendance, please contact **IRIS KOROL** directly.



A wine auction occurred: PP **RALPH ADAMS** and **LEANNAH HUNT** generously stocked their cellars. Proceeds stocked the Palo Alto Charities Fund. Thank you.

President **HAL** joined his own President's Club in gratitude for **JON STOUMEN** doing some dull office shopping in Germany, for **HAL.** **JON** said it became a treasure hunt.

Our program today, introduced by **BRIAN STEEN**, was a high level treat from the 30 talented voices of the Los Altos High School Main Street Singers. Their Director is Mark Shaull, who has led this group for 29 years and also leads the LAHS Choral Music Department. The LAHS MSS have toured the world, as this one will soon do. In April, they head for Italy, Croatia and Slovenia. Their eight selections today were from their repertoire of sacred music, madrigals, and chamber works. Fabulous!



Thanks also to Team Rotary today: Triple threat **DICK MANSFIELD** at the Welcome Desk, as photographer, and, doing ePinion layout; **EJ HONG** hovering at the iPad, hoping we will soon learn to do this on our own; and **CHRISTINA CHU**, cashier.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- March 25 **Gerald F. Uelmen**, Santa Clara University Law Professor, "The Conscience of a Criminal Defense Lawyer"
- April 1 **Pat Dwyer**, "It Doesn't Take a Genius: The Need for Collaboration between our Justice and Mental Health Systems"
- April 8 **Melissa Chan**, Knight Fellow, on reporting on China for Al Jazeera