

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CALL TO ORDER

President HAL MICKELSON reverently bid us welcome to our Memorial Day weekend. With the pledge we were asked to remember and pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate price. He also honored DICK MANSFIELD for manning the front desk each week.

GUESTS

Rotary Scholar Momoko Otsuka and her husband, Takahiro, were visiting from Japan. Laura Woodsworth and Oxana Pantotenko from Foothill College, were guests of IRIS KOROL; Ron Roth, DARYL SAVAGE; and Laura Barletta, BEN THRELKELD.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the June 3rd meeting we have the great opportunity to vote on the revised Bylaws for the club. By now everyone has received the Bylaws via e-mail. However, if you need a hard copy contact JOYCE CUSICK. This is serious business.

Thank you to PAR Bylaws Revision Committee: EJ HONG, Chair; DERRICK BRITT, STEVE EMSLIE, ROB LANCEFIELD, DICK MANSFIELD, HAL MICKELSON, and ART STAUFFER.

A wonderful spring social is coming on Thursday. It will be held at Jean and MIKE COUCH's house. This time there is no need to bring anything. MIKE is generously providing everything. Come, join the party on Thursday.

Incidentally, there is no luncheon meeting on June 10th. In the evening, it's the big event of the year - debunking PRESIDENT HAL. It will be held at Michael's at shoreline Golf Links, Mountain View, 6 PM. The signup sheet was on the table. Hope that you have signed on and are coming. STEVE EMSLIE will be on hand at the June 3rd meeting to take your money. Tickets are \$55 per person/\$100 per couple.

ED DANGLER took a moment to tell about a special wine tasting event in France on October 25th.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

After a series of thought provoking situations, DARYL SAVAGE is now involved in a very worthwhile program for providing nutritional help for needy people locally. President HAL congratulated DARYL for taking on such a meaningful project.



PRESIDENTS CLUB

DERRICK BRITT joined the Presidents Club in honor of his 10 year anniversary. JUDITH STEINER joined the presidents club in honor of the wonderful job that HAL has done as president this last year. TRISH BUBENIK joined in remembrance of her father's 98th birthday.

ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

PRESIDENT HAL had another "thought" that he had held in reserve in the case of a "no show." Mules are used in New Orleans to tow carriages on tour of scenic sights. However, during the great hurricane, the mules became isolated in stables on higher ground; but there was no drinking water available. After some thought, one of the men found a small pond with fresh water, but didn't know if it was safe to drink. So he poured Clorox in a container of this water. After waiting for 24 hours, he drank some and waited for another

24 hours. Since he did not get sick after drinking the water, it was considered fit for mules to drink. "Leadership is drinking the water before the mules."

PROGRAM:

Today was the day when we were able to hear from three of our new members. ROB LYMAN introduced them in order.



ZACK HOU was born in China near the Korean border, and was for a time was a professional wrestler. He attended the university in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After school he worked at Intel and various startups, the last one as Marketing Manager. At that point, he was not satisfied; and in 2007 went into real estate. He is married and has two sons. He met his wife "online." An interesting aspect of his courtship was his taking a job as an expat for 1 year

away in China to see if the relationship would still hold up.

MEL MATSUMOTO was born in Japan with a father from Hawaii and a mother from Japan. He was named MELVIN LEROY, which is impossible to pronounce for the Japanese. They eventually moved to Hawaii, where there were many ethnicities. MEL cleverly demonstrated a series of "never do this," and other wiggles used for signals among the locals. He was educated at Yale. He is married and has a 26-year-old daughter. He met his wife in the basement of a hospital. MEL loves to work with older people, and has had a wide variety of experience in that field. In his world you cannot say "old", it's "older." He is now at Channing House in a job which is a combination executive and working with the older people, as well as front line employees. He is a former member of the Mill Valley Rotary Club.



HENRIETTA BURROUGHS grew up in Washington DC influenced by tragedies and a wondering of what it's all about. She worked hard not to disappoint her parents and won Speech contests. She was educated at Howard University, and embarked on a successful career in journalism, having a UN job, positions at Columbian Newsletter, WNBC TV, Newsweek, and others. HENRIETTA is currently involved with Leadership, MidPeninsula. She has also received an Emmy Award. She is married and has three children. She made a point of saying that life is more complicated and "don't give up."



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 27 **Dark**
- June 3 **Catherine Crystal Foster**, College Education: Trends And Challenges Facing California Youth
- June 10 **Dark**, Debunking President Hal, Michael's Restaurant 6 pm
- June 17 **Michael Kirst**, State Policy to Implement Common Core Standards in Education
- June 24 **Joel Brinkley**, Foreign Policy Update