

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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THE PLAN

There will be NO MEETING next Monday, 1 July (something about celebrating the First of July).

The 8 July MEETING will NOT be at Ming's, but rather at the new ELK'S LODGE, 4249 El Camino Real. (For us ol' timers, right between what used to be Rickey's & Dinah's. The newbies can google it.) The program is "An Insider's Look at the Vatican" by Bishop McGrath.

The 15 July MEETING, at a location to be announced, will be New Member Talks.

THE PRE-PREVIEW



We now know how our meetings will be run in the future. Not next year, but the year following. E.J. - the Ersatz Hal - HONG, previewed a moderating style that promises both substance and frivolity, with a touch of lawyer-infested irreverence. Looks like fun. Nice job, E.J.

THE OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks typically run the spectrum between the profound and the profane. DIANA DIAMOND abandoned any attempts toward the former to present the winners of a local pundit's review of the annual 'Worst Opening Lines in Fiction' contest. Some were hysterical.



THE PRESIDENTS CLUB

President's Club contributors were JOAN PLASTIRAS, honoring her cousin, Toni; LIZ KNISS, honoring soon to be President STEVE EMSLIE; and BILL BUSSE, honoring the first-time reunion with his Best Man of 64 years ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hand's On Projects coordinator DON MORGAN described a new P.A. Rotary initiative. This time it's the installation of American flags lining University Ave. on select patriotic holidays. He needs volunteers (325-1711) to assist in assembling the flags on 2 July, and to assist in installing and removing the flags on 4 July.

Paul Harris Pins, honoring substantial financial support for Rotary International, were awarded to BRUCE GEE, CHALMERS SMITH, and LOU KAVANAU.

THE PEOPLE

DAVE SMULLIN did the honors of introducing guests. Included were Visiting Rotarian Jerry Griffin of San Diego; Guests Pam Autil (B. THRELKELD), Bobbi Fox (D. DIAMOND), Alessio Zanotto (J. SUTHERLAND), George Kaplanis (J. PLASTIRAS), Lisa Hendrickson (M. MATSUMOTO), Marlene Bethke (BILL), Roger Lowther (J. KIDD), Ken Rosenthal (P. BRANDIN), and Julie Adams (E. DANGLER).

THE PROGRAM

Nothing creates quite as much angst for a president and program chairman as a last minute "oh I won't be able to present your program next Monday" call. They recovered this time, however, by arranging a superb substitute program. Paul Ringgold, of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), quickly responded with an articulate and beautifully-illustrated discussion of POST's efforts in the mission of **protecting and caring for open space, farms and parkland in and around Silicon Valley.** The process



often involves purchasing an appropriate piece of property, and then selling it at a reduced price to a buyer who is willing to own the property under the condition of a conservation, i.e. limited land use, easement. The considerable funding for these efforts to preserve scenic beauty, clean air and water,

locally grown food, and a place for people and wildlife to thrive, comes approximately equally from three sources; private contributions, non-profit foundations, and public grants.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 1 **DARK** for Independence Day
- July 8 **Bishop Patrick J. McGrath, Diocese of San Jose**, An Insider's Look at the Vatican
- July 15 **New Member Talks**
- July 22 **State Senator Jerry Hill**, Sacramento Legislative Update
- July 29 **Philip Yun**, North Korea: A Personal Journey

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