

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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IT WAS A DOUBLE HEADER!

HEADER NO. 1. **WE MET AT A NEW VENUE.**

HEADER NO. 2 **WE WERE GRACED BY A NEW PRESIDENT....**one STEVEN EMSLIE...also known locally as STEVE. A highlight of the first meeting of his reign was the singing(?) of a tribute to the aforementioned STEVE by our illustrious resident raconteur, LELAND LEVY...also known locally as "LE." If you scroll down a bit you will be able to see for yourself the new lyrics to Cole Porter's hit song "*You're the Top!*" Also, near the bottom you will find a report on today's very informative program.



DUE TO THE FACT many attendees were a bit late....and by necessity were still carrying their buffet lunch to a table, our astute PREZ delayed the Salute to the Flag until after the dining was done. Nice move, STEVE!

YOU'RE RELOCATION TEAM

With our pending lease termination at Ming's, a group of outstanding "relocaters" has been scouring the Palo Alto scene and settled on the Elks Club as their first...and perhaps only...choice. Your thoughts or comments can be directed to STEVE MADSEN, GINNY LEAR, ROB LANCEFIELD, SALLY TOMLINSON, DERRICK BRITT, CASH ALAEE, and/or E.J. HONG.

VISITING ROTARIANS OF GREAT NOTE:

LISA AKSELRAD, a member of the Sunnyvale Sunrise Club and, more importantly (to us anyway), LISA is a former member of our Club and the daughter of our late great member, Rabbi SID AKSELRAD. Welcome home LISA!

M. GANAPATHI..."M" is a member of the Madras North Club located in Chennai, India. He is a guest of our Rotary District...5170...and will be visiting all of the clubs in the District before returning home. Welcome "M." (That's how you signed in, but may not be your full moniker.) But in any event, it was a pleasure having you join us! Thank you for your comments about the value of the Rotary Foundation and your Club banner!

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:

DARYL SAVAGE: Son Jacob, along with relatives from the Chicago area...Paul & Mary Beth Glick BEN THRELKELD: Jeanne Harvey ED DANGLER: Mark McGuire ROB LYMAN: Bob Dougherty

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION

Membership Chairman BEN THRELKELD welcomed JUDITH STEINER and her sponsoree, LEIKA KEJRIWAL, to the podium for swearing in our newest member is known for her warmth,

sense of humor, and "community service" service. Welcome LEIKA. You certainly came to the right place! We honor all three of your above-noted traits, plus those that we don't even know about!

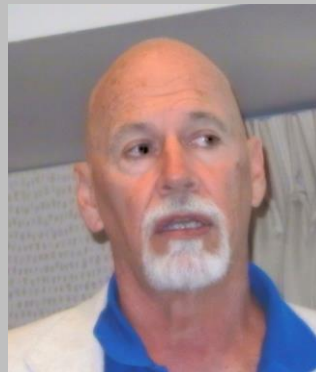
AFTER CHIPPING AWAY for some time KRISTIN WU has earned her coveted Blue Badge. Way to go KRISTIN!

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PREZ STEVE

1. When you arrive at the meetings, be sure to check in with MONIQUE LE CONGE or suffer the consequences. You may lose your library card!
2. Fill out your "Speaker Rating Survey." The best way to ensure continued quality programs is to let the Program Committee know your responses.
3. Our Club, along with the University Club, funded and set up 4th of July American Flags along University Avenue. Our Projects Honcho, the photogenic DON MORGAN, was featured on the cover of the either the Post or the Daily, holding one of the flags. (Since both DAVE PRICE and BILL JOHNSON are members, I opted not to guess which paper did the honors.)

OUR PROGRAM...THE BAD NEWS and THE GOOD NEWS

Following an introduction by DARYL SAVAGE, we were treated to a presentation on sustainability. Our speaker was Dr. Kevin Danaher, co-founder of GLOBAL EXCHANGE.



The bad news is that our addiction to fossil fuels and related global warming put our planet in serious peril. A rise in the ocean level of one meter will inundate many of our coastal areas; and we seem to be on our way. A six degree Celsius rise in temperature will essentially do us in. Also under the bad news category are such issues as top soil erosion, deforestation, weather damage, and glacier melting.

The good news is that we are starting to make considerable headway with alternate energy sources. Investments in renewable energy facilities has exceeded the new investments in fossil fuels. Photo voltaic energy production is rising at an ever increasing rate. Dr. Danaher shared slides illustrating both sides of the coin and answered a lot of good questions by the assembled Rotarians.

OUR FUTURE VENUE

President STEVE led the discussion. There seems to be a favorable response to the Elks Club, especially considering the lack of viable options. The Board Members would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Stay tuned. We'll let you know whether or not we meet at the Elks Club again next week.

LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, WE FINALLY GET TO "OPENING REMARKS" by the venerable LE LEVY

LELAND recognized the New Rotary Year and added a few personal thoughts about "term limits," and who is and who is not in favor of same....followed by sharing the virtues of new administrations. This all led up to the obvious need to sing a song....a cappella yet. (LE added a plea for a Club Pianist...much needed to support future "would be" a cappellists!)



HERE COMES A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT STEVE!!

Lyrics by L. LEVY Song by C. Porter

YOU'RE THE TOP!

In Sacramento, it was a while ago,
Emslie began his way,
His first job was in San Jose,
From there he moved up the Bay.

From Sacramento to Palo Alto
With accolades he progressed,
It's been inspiring,
Now he's retiring, (From City Governance)
And clearly we see he has been the best!

Yes, Steven, You're the top,
You're an egret soaring;
You're the top,
You're the "Niners" scoring;

You're the perfect lines of a house
designed by Clarke;
You are Nordstrom's goods,
You're Tiger's woods,
You're Mitchell Park!

You're the curve
Of a test at Paly,
You're the nerve
Of our Silicon Valley.

You're the Stanford Mall
where all turn out to shop,
There is no disputing, Steve, that
You're the top!

2) You're the "Play,"
You're the Weekly's writing,
On the Bay,
You're a condor sighting;

You're the sweep and spread
of a mighty Redwood tree,
You're the Rose Bowl score,
The Apple store,
Linsanity!

You're the pace,
Of a Kelly drama;
You're the grace,
Of Barack Obama;

You're a Packard nurse,
a Palo Alto cop;
Steve, we don't deceive you,
You're the top!

3) You're the spray,
Framing Lytton's fountain,
You're a day,
Biking down King's Mountain,

You're a house on Greer,
a Vander veer-coached team;
You're a Post-dispatch,
A Crabtree catch,
You're Rick's Ice Cream!

You're the length,
Of a council meeting;
You're the strength,
Of a Jim Keene greeting;

You're the Downtown Streets Team
wielding broom and mop,
You're a perfect public person,
You're the top!

4) You're the top;
You're the Bay Ridge Trail;
But, we won't
Speak of high-speed rail!

You're Gunn High's slick AP curriculum,
You're a Zito curve,
You're Murray's serve
You're Facebook's thumb.

You're Déclassé,
You are Thomas Keller;
You're a glass,
From Zibibbo's cellar;

And as Ro'try pres'dent
we know you'll not stop,
Yes, in every way we say, Steve,
You're the top!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 15 New Member Talks: **Brian Hurwick, Neil Rauschhuber, and Longime Member, John Kidd**
- July 22 **State Senator Jerry Hill**, Sacramento Legislative update
- July 29 **Philip Yun**, North Korea: A Personal Journey
- August 5 **Peter Pirnejad**, City of Palo Alto Development Services Director
- August 12 **Bernard Muir**, Director of Athletics, Stanford University

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