

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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President STEVE EMSLIE welcomed everyone to Week Two of his tenure at the podium of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto, now in its 92nd year.

Announcements: **KATIE SEEDMAN** is chairing a Transition Committee for our new meeting location. Anyone wishing to assist may contact **KATIE**.

The flag salute will take place after all (or most) have been to the buffet and taken their seats. **STEVE** then led today's salute.

When necessary, **parking overflow** is arranged with Dinah's, and The Sea Restaurants to the South of the Elks Lodge. **The door on the South side, nearest those lots, is always open for us.** It has the ramp for anyone in need of handicapped support. If there is not another event on Mondays, parking is sufficient for our meetings.

STEVE's first social event of the year will be at Ming's in September. It will be a tribute to Vicky Ching and the staff at Ming's for their years of support to our club. **Past President HAL** and **JAYNE BOOKER** will Co-chair the event.

Please check your folders for updated member Telecommunications Lists. Many thanks to **BRUCE GEE** for printing these as a service to our club.

Our visiting Rotarian today was Ed Cabacungan of Pomona, CA. Guests of Rotarians introduced: Bobbi Fox, Jackie Schoelerman, and Jean Walker Harvey, by **BEN THRELKELD**; Sicilia Kimchu by **NINA MOORE**; Bobbi Fox by **DIANA DIAMOND**.

BILL JOHNSON, Chair of our Local Charities Grants

Committee, introduced Past Board Chair Jim Stringer and Director Janice Sproul of Palo Alto Community Child Care, one of our grant recipient organizations. **BILL** reminded us that we gave out about \$50,000 in grants last year. A



community based non-profit, the PACCC is 40 years old, and provides after school and pre school child care on all PAUSD campuses, along with infant childcare. Of 900 children registered with them, 130 are on



scholarship. PACCC is a fine organization worthy of our support.

Our Thought for the Day was pretty humorous, led by **BILL BUSSE**. A very cute story about **BILL** and Barbara, and how they kept the spice in their life, especially one time upon **BILL's** surprise return from military duty. My lunch table seatmate, **WALT HAYS**, wondered how I was going to write that up; and I decided I can't. It's pure **BILL**. Ask him.



DON MORGAN joined the President's Club in honor of **MEL MATSUMOTO, BILL BUSSE, and others** who helped to accomplish



posting the American flags on University Avenue on July 4th. This project was promoted by the Palo Alto Downtown BPA and financed by Palo Alto Rotary Club and the University Rotary Club. It will continue on appropriate national holidays, and needs volunteers.

LE LEVY announced that there is now a PARC Bicycle Group. PARC cyclists have taken a few local rides, and some will be participating the August 17, Tour de Menlo, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Menlo Park.

PRESIDENT STEVE thanked Team Rotary today: Welcome Desk: **DICK MANSFIELD**; iPad Registrar: Club Secretary **MONIQUE le CONGE**; Cashier: new member **LEIKA KEJRIWAL**; Greeter: **PP HAL MICKELSON**; A/V Specialist: **STEVE MADSEN**; Room set up and Pinion writer: **GINNY LEAR**.

MEMBER TALKS, everyone's favorite Program, was introduced by **ROB LYMAN**: two new members and one longtime member. First up, **BRIAN HURWICK**, sponsored by **KATIE SEEDMAN**, with "The Life of Brian," a great collection of family photos and outdoor adventure activities on which this new member thrives. He was born in Mountain View and grew up in Los Altos Hills.



BRIAN studied Humanities at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He loves theatre, skydiving, was an Olympic weight lifter in the 2007 Pan American Games, and then broke his back, which ended that phase of activity. He has completed a Half Iron

man Triathlon. He loves to travel, has been to six continents, with the Antarctic awaiting his arrival. Having begun his professional career in residential and commercial real estate, Brian is now a Business Development Associate for W. L. Butler Construction. An active adrenalin “junkie,” **BRIAN** will find many ways to be of service in Rotary. Thank you for the exciting and fast paced presentation.

Next up, **NEIL RAUSCHHUBER**, who was sponsored by Past Presidents **RALPH ADAMS and WALT HAYS.**



NEIL began by telling us he is the product of illegal immigrants. His Great Grandfather from Germany entered the US through Texas in 1863.

NEIL was born in Santa Clara County, went to Wilcox High School, where his two children now attend. He and his wife, Lori, live in Santa Clara. He is a community volunteer already through his service on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury in 2010-11, and from 2008-10, was a member of the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee for Santa Clara Unified School District. He has a BS from St. Mary’s College in Moraga and a Masters from USF. **NEIL** has started his PhD dissertation on economics, in an extended learning program.

NEIL worked for the City of San Jose, and six years ago came to PAUSD, where he is the Manager of Operations and Transportation for the 17 schools in the District. He said he’s five or six years to retirement. He and his wife enjoy Paris and were there last October.

Our final speaker today was Past President **JOHN KIDD**,



who joined PARC in 1970-1985, and again in 1989, sponsored by **BOB BROWN.** **JOHN** began his talk with a lesson in how to hold the microphone for best sound quality. Born in Oklahoma in 1936, there was Mom, Dad, and two sisters. Dad had a degree in geology. He had high standards and expected high achievements.

JOHN’s Mother died early in his life; and he has very fond memories of her. He graduated from high school in Shreveport, LA. He claims to have chosen Stanford University, as he learned he didn’t have to wear a coat and tie to class. He received his BS in Industrial Engineering and his MS in Civil Engineering at MIT. His greatest blessing at Stanford was meeting Phyllis, his wife of more than 50 years. They have two boys who live in California and are doing well. **JOHN** and Phyllis’s family travel experience to Africa and China are among their favorite memories.

JOHN was an officer in the Navy in the Philippines, afterwards worked in SF helping to build a BART station on Mission, going down 30’, without collapsing any nearby buildings. He eventually worked with Bob and Alan Brown of Brown Bros. Construction in Palo Alto. In 1983, at 46, he retired to help found the Beyond War Foundation. At age 56, **JOHN** retired again to volunteer full time for Habitat for Humanity, and went back to work as a construction mediator. After retirement #3, at age 66, it led him to become a Construction Consultant to insurance adjusters who needed advice. AND NOW, the fourth retirement is working and **JOHN** loves every minute of the freedom. Editorial license allows that we mention that **JOHN** served as President of PARC in 2000-2001.

The meeting adjourned on time by **PRES. STEVE**; and we look forward to being at our new venue and hearing our speaker next Monday, State Senator Jerry Hill, *A Peek Under the Capitol Dome.*

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- 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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