

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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The stock market was flat in anticipation of another meeting of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto. Investors were not disappointed. At precisely four minutes after twelve (or thereabouts) President STEVE EMSLIE opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance from the City of Palo Alto were Assistant City Manager Pam Antil and Maria Patino, guests of STEVE EMSLIE and CASH ALAEE. Other guests were CPA Dave Holland (guest of WALT HAYS), Bobbi Fox (DIANA DIAMOND) and Cory Wolbach, Legislative Assistant to our speaker, State Senator Jerry Hill (ANDY COE).



Carmen Solorzano visited from the East Palo Alto Rotary Club to announce their Electronics Recycling Day next Saturday at the EPA Community Center.



BERN BEECHAM delivered opening remarks, reflecting on a psychology seminar he recently attended. Perfectly for opening remarks, Bern spoke on the values of openness in dealing with activities and people. As we get older we tend to close up instead of remaining open to new experiences and new ideas.

BILL JOHNSON introduced Kathleen Foley-Hughes. Kathy is founder of "Ada's Café," which hires and trains mentally disabled adults, and employs them at their 'Snack Shack' in the Baylands, their catering service, and their soon-to-be-opened Mitchell Park Community Center Cafe. Ada's recently received a Palo Alto Rotary grant of over \$12,000, making them one of our larger community fund recipients.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BEN THRELKELD announced the New Member Orientation meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to Noon at Katie Seedman's Office, Presidio Bank on Lytton.

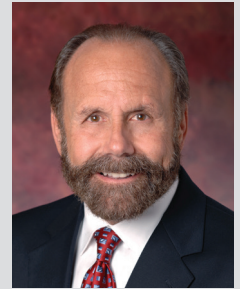
JIM SUTHERLAND issued a call for those interested in high school and college-age youth to join our Youth Committee and join him in attending the District meeting this Saturday morning in Saratoga.

ROB LANCEFIELD called attention to today's NY Times article on the difficulties of polio eradication, and Rotary's huge dedication.

GINNY LEAR and LE LEVY both joined the President's Club with fulsome praise for the spectacular Mexican extravaganza put on by the McMAHONS, the DOUGLASES and the GRACONS.

SPEAKER: ANDY COE introduced Democratic State Senator Jerry Hill. Jerry's district runs from Brisbane in the north to Saratoga in the south. He, himself had a long political career in city and county government before becoming an Assemblyman and, now, a State Senator. His talk was entitled "A Peek under the Capitol Dome."

1. He contrasted Jerry Brown's style with former Governor Schwarzenegger's. He said Brown is more frugal, less pompous, and more willing to tackle tough issues including pensions and education.
2. He was critical of both PG&E and the state's Public Utilities Commission for poor regulation and oversight.
3. He was positive about State action to fix prison overcrowding.
4. He supports overhaul of local "enterprise zones" which lure business from one area to another without statewide benefit.
5. He is concerned about "ballot box budgeting" responsible for adding over \$120 billion to State bonded indebtedness.
6. He thinks term limitations reduce legislative effectiveness.
7. Overall, he thinks California's outlook is good.



The Elks club experience seems to go well. Katie Seedman is continuing to monitor it with help from Nina Moore and others.

Next week will have two topics: Journalist Philip Yun will speak about North Korea; and there will be a referendum on President STEVE's first month. Be sure to attend; make your vote count!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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| July 29   | <b>Philip Yun</b> , North Korea: A Personal Journey   |
| August 5  | <b>Peter Pirnejad</b> , City of Palo Alto Development Services Director   |
| August 12 | Professor <b>Takeo Hoshi</b> and <b>Glen Fukushima</b> , Abenomics and Beyond: Prospects and Pitfalls for Japan |
| August 19 | <b>Steve Emslie</b> , Club Assembly   |
| August 26 | <b>Bernard Muir</b> , Director of Athletics, Stanford University  |