

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 8:30-9:30 AM. Distribute Dictionaries at Greens Oaks Academy, East Palo Alto.

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 6:30 PM. Holiday Party at the home of DICK BUSH and Patty McGuigan, 1530 Waverley Street near Churchill. Bring an hors d'oeuvres plate to share.

Monday, Dec. 16th, Noon. West Bay Opera celebrates the Holidays at Palo Alto Rotary, Elks Club.

December 23rd, DARK

December 30th, DARK

Thursday, Jan. 23rd, High School Speech Contest at City Hall.

OPENING REMARKS:

Although **PRESIDENT STEVE** was momentarily disoriented by the absence of his expected opening remarks purveyor, he was rescued at the last moment, by **KEVIN CURRY**, who delightfully reminisced on his love of "Click and Clack, the Tappitt Brothers," recalling one of their memorable stories.



GUESTS:

Donna Mollenhaler (Guest of **BERT ROSE**)

Bob Sutis (Guest of **HAL MICKELSON**)

VISITOR:

PETER GUENTERMANN, Munich East Club (former Palo Alto Rotarian)

PRESIDENT'S CLUB:

MIKE McMAHON wagered **RALPH ADAMS** a President's Club contribution on the outcome of Saturday's Army-Navy game.

TRISH BUBENIK and **MEL MATSUMOTO** joined to honor Merrill Newman's release from North Korea.

FRANCISCO ZOO:

Our speaker was Tanya Peterson, President and CEO of the San Francisco Zoo.



Introduced by **HAL MICKELSON**, Tanya is a native of Manchester, England and a graduate of Hewlett-Packard's legal department. She stepped in as CEO in 2008 after the Zoo had suffered serious setbacks when an escaped tiger mauled several visitors.

Although having served on the Zoo's Board of Directors, Tanya had no direct zoo experience. She quickly learned. With a motto of "Care, Connect and Conserve," she has converted the S. F. Zoo from cages to living environments. It has become the world's leading zoo in saving animals from the wild. The result has been dramatic increases in attendance and funding (although it is no longer supported from the City's budget), as testified by **BOB McCOWAN** and other Rotarians who have been recent visitors.

With a goal of inspiring youth to "disconnect from Technology, reconnect with Nature," Tanya seems to very successfully be making the San Francisco Zoo into one of an attractive city's leading attractions.

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