

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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There were two Visiting Rotarians: Lee Lippert, an architect from Menlo Park (and friend of our president) as well as Crysta Krames, a fundraiser for a non-profit from Los Altos.

Club members with visitors were: MONIQUE LE CONGE-ZIESENHENNE with Cathy Shen, Chief People Officer at the City of Palo Alto; BEN THRELKELD with his Optometrist wife/Household CEO; MICHAEL WICK with his sister Joan MacDonald visiting from Massachusetts; HENRIETTA BURROUGHS with Amanda Kim, the Media Director for the Regional Open Space District.



In his opening remarks MICHAEL WICK drew our attention to the three outstanding medical challenges of our time. These are stem cell therapy, target cancer therapy and genetic based medicine.

MEL MATSUMOTO, our energetic club member, was presented with his blue badge. [Your writer has become aware that there are certain red-badge members who are attempting to be holders of the record for their time remaining in this status. He would like to assure them that, in the past, there have been members who have remained red-badgers for lengths of time that would be difficult to surpass. Consequently, he would like to suggest that they should follow Mel's example and move ahead.]



BEN THRELKELD then inducted CRISSY COOLIDGE, daughter of OLIVER COOLIDGE,



into club membership demonstrating a positive aspect of nepotism. Welcome Crissy!

GINNY LEAR announced that tickets for our Friday, April 4 crab feed fundraiser are selling well, aided by the ability to purchase them by credit card. So far 80 of the 200 seats have been sold. Vacation home stays, event tickets, gourmet/specialty meals and other attractive auction items are still being sought.



BRUCE GEE, DICK BUSH and GINNY are co-chairing this important event. DICK later joined the president's club to announce, excitedly, that he had inducted the Garden Court Hotel to donate \$5,000 thereby becoming a major sponsor of this fine event. He also has bought 3 tables at the crab feed to fill with Michigan State alums in an effort to counteract undue Stanford influence.

In addition, YORIKO KISHIMOTO joined the president's club in support of a bond measure that the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District Board is placing on the June ballot.

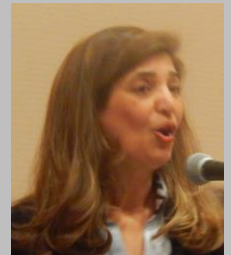


ROGER SMITH invited any members interested to take a tour of the Elk's Club facilities with him.



ROB LYMAN ably introduced the new member talks. Unfortunately, PAM ANTIL was indisposed so her talk was postponed to a later date.

JACKIE SCHOLERMAN was born in Tehran into a family of four sisters and one brother. She came to the United States in 1973 for a university education (as an alternative to marriage). After studying architecture and finance, Jackie and her husband Richard, who she met here, have been involved in commercial and residential real estate development and construction. After moving to Palo Alto, Jackie has concentrated on being a residential realtor and with her husband she has received recognition as a top producing realtor team. From her talk we learned that Jackie has an aversion to 40th birthday celebrations. The talk included a PowerPoint display of selected photographs of Jackie's family and professional projects.



JOE SINNOTT was born in San Diego in 1937 and grew up there enjoying the ocean and the bay. His father had worked his way up to being the CEO of San Diego Gas and Electric. Joe's first job was at the San Diego Zoo and he assured us that it did not involve wielding a shovel. Joe graduated in engineering from Stanford in 1958 and at the same time got married and was commissioned into the US Navy. Joe reminded us that Stanford tuition at that time was \$250/quarter with the same amount for room and board. This was followed by three year of teaching physics to navy members in the program of the demanding Admiral Rickover.



Following his Navy career, Joe joined IBM who sent him to Stanford for a PH D. At IBM Joe worked on computer systems and in software eventually retiring for the second time in 2008. Since then Joe has been a volunteer in the Theater Works office. While living in Palo Alto, Joe and his wife Mary raised two sons. Mary hails from Juneau, Alaska which has resulting in their making over 40 trips to Alaska as well as other travels.

Duty crew today was DICK MANSFIELD noting visitors, JOE SINNOTT take notes for lunch, KATIE SEEDMAN noting who did not sign in and GEOFF ZIMAN frantically noting for the Pinion. Also it should be noted that GINNY LEAR and WALT HAYS took care of the set-up.

CORRECTION for 2/3/14 Pinion: Dr. Copeland-Carson is currently the president of Copeland Carson & Associates, a global management consulting firm. She is the founder and the *former* executive director of the African Women's Development Fund USA (AWDF USA).

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 1, Beth Weisberg Principal, Workplace Essentials.

"Understand Different Operating Styles, Watch Influence Soar"

February 24, Vivek Thoppay, Sr., VP Wealth Management, Merrill Lynch, "Economic Outlook for 2014"

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