

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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Vice President E.J. HONG called the meeting to order at 12:30 in place of STEVE EMSLIE, who had other engagements in Hawaii. LE LEVY led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks were delivered by ZAFAR IQBAL. Zafar spoke about the Spring Equinox which has just occurred, and how this is a time that allows us to change. He pointed out that change is easier said than done, and that before we can change, we must change our thinking. He quoted William James that we become what we think about most of the time. Zafar optimistically told us that we are the master of our thoughts.



GUESTS:

LISA AKSELRAD, guest of JOYCE CUSICK, and a former member, is soon to be proposed to return to our club, sponsored by Joyce.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WALT HAYS announced that the small grant our club made initially for composting toilets in Haiti has grown into a multi-country program, called Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods or SOIL. We should all be very proud of giving our seed money to this great initiative.

DON MORGAN announced that on Saturday there will be a tree planting event with Canopy at the Willow Oaks Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break. It is not necessary to have experience or to stay all day.

E.J. HONG announced that she had attended the District President Elect Training Seminar, known as PETS, at the Hayes Mansion and that she teared up at one point.



PRESIDENT'S CLUB

BILL BUSSE joined the President's Club in honor of losing money because the two Stanford NCAA basketball victories mean that he will have to travel to Memphis to watch the next round.

WALT HAYES joined the President's Club in honor of his 57th wedding anniversary.

E.J. HONG announced that her 22 years of marriage feels like only 50.

UPCOMING AUCTION AND FUNDRAISING

GINNY LEAR and BRUCE GEE announced that the crab feed and auction is completely sold out with 230 Rotarians and guests. The event begins at 6 p.m. Brochures of the dinners and other events are available, as well as a preliminary list of auction items. It is possible to buy individual slots on the various tours and not have to buy the entire tour.

PROGRAM

We were privileged to hear the Gunn Chamber Singers, led by the distinguished and witty William Liberatore, sing a number of selections which included some Spanish and French pieces in honor of their recent tour. As E.J. HONG, whose daughter Natalie is in the choir, finished her lengthy introduction and the singers finished lining up, E.J. graciously asked Mr. Liberatore if he needed anything else and he responded, "We just need you to be done." Beautiful singing then followed for the next 30-40 minutes.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 31 Vocational Talks

April 4 Fund Raiser, 6 p.m.

April 14 Jim Keene, Palo Alto City Manager

Info: www.rotarypaloalto.org

