

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## OPENING REMARKS:



KAREN KIENZLE quoted Picasso who said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." KAREN urged us to "play, pretend, surprise and be surprised," and to maintain our creativity throughout life.

## VISITORS:

KLAUS HEINEMANN, former Palo Alto Rotarian, visiting from Gualala, CA.  
SVEINN MAGNÚSSON, from Gørdum, Iceland.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP:



LYLE CONNELL, on his own the possessor of several Paul Harris Fellowships, received an additional level of Paul Harris recognition from PRESIDENT STEVE

to honor Lyle's outstanding contributions to the Club. Lyle is editor-in-chief of the PINION. It's upbeat appearance, layout and photos are tribute to Lyle's computer and publishing savvy.

## SPECIAL EVENT:



GEORGE FITZGERALD is retiring on July 2<sup>nd</sup> after almost 26 years as Director of Spiritual Care at the Stanford Hospital. DICK FREEMAN (who retired long ago) announced there will be a reception to honor GEORGE on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Hospital's Bing Dining Room. All Palo Alto Rotarians are invited.

DICK also sent a special greeting from RUTH SCHNEIDER who has been unable to attend recent meetings. Best wishes, Ruth!



## TODAY'S SPEAKER:



Stanford Engineering Professor Jim Sweeney, member of Palo Alto University Rotary Club, returned to speak about energy production and consumption. Introduced by ANDY COE (himself full of energy),

Jim spoke briefly about the sustainability triangle: Economy, Environment and Security. All are needed for an energy delivery system to succeed over the long run. Jim then responded to questions:



Fracking? He considers fracking a game changer for the U.S. With fracking, our natural gas reserves have gone from twenty years to, perhaps two hundred! He feels the environmental issues of water pollution and potential methane

leakage are and will be satisfactorily handled.

Oil Imports? Since '06 offshore sources have dropped by half due to fracking and development of heavy Canadian oil.

Solar and Wind? Not significant for the present but should be important in the long-run.

## THANK YOU'S:

VIRGINIA LEAR, STEPHEN MADSEN, RICHARD MANSFIELD, HAROLD MICKELSON, KATHRYN SHEN, LELAND LEVY and, of course, STEPHEN EMSLIE, helped to make this meeting excellent!

## NEXT WEEK:

WALT HAYS will speak of what our Club does internationally. He asked us to consider during this week, an added contribution to The Rotary Foundation, because, it will be matched by Club TRF points toward your next Paul Harris level, next Monday only.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**May 5 Rotary Past President WALT HAYS**

**May 12 Dr. Judy Miner**, President Foothill College

**May 19 New Member Talk**

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