

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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At 12:15 PRESIDENT ELECT-ELECT KATIE SEEDMAN requested those present to fill out the Programs Committee's quarterly questionnaire evaluating our principal speakers, saying that would be only the first of three such requests. With the Pledge she resumed the meeting at 12:30.



She welcomed former member and Visiting Rotarian Doug Fraser of the Mad River (McKinleyville, CA) Club and asked members to introduce their guests. ED DANGLER introduced his daughter Josiane Edy, DARYL SAVAGE introduced former member Steve Schaper, and DAVE HOLLAND introduced his wife Kristy Holland.

TRISH BUBENIK's Opening Remarks praised Maya Angelou, whose writings she admired from the early 1970s, when teaching 7th and 8th graders in Sunnyvale. One of her students, Donna White, adored I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Not long thereafter TRISH attended a book signing and asked Angelou to personalize a copy of the book to her student. Angelou, TRISH said, saw courage as the greatest virtue, highly valued courtesy and respect, and believed friendship keeps us live. TRISH hopes Donna White still has I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings or has passed it on to someone special.



At the end of the meeting LISA AKSELRAD reported on her trip to Australia and the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. Three years hence, the RI convention will be in Atlanta, GA, thus much easier for our members to attend.

KATIE thanked LEE PFAB for the success of the summer social at PRESIDENT STEVE's home the past Tuesday.

MEL MATSUMOTO announced STEVE's debunking



Monday night, June 30, at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. Cost is \$55 per person, or \$100 per couple. The menu will offer entrecôte of beef, chicken Marsala, and salmon with lemon beurre blanc. Red and white wines will be provided at each table. Tickets will be sold at upcoming Monday meetings or may be purchased on the club website using this url: <http://squareup.com/market/rotary-club-of-palo-alto> Please follow the directions beginning with a click on STEVE's photo. We'll get your entrée choices later.



BEN THRELKED explained that a Red Badge meeting happening immediately after the main meeting would feature BILL FOGARTY talking about the Club's Endowment Fund.



HAL MICKELSON joined the President's Club to commemorate various recent travels to witness achievements of school age relatives including a graduation from high school followed by a week in London for the grad as HAL's guest. MARCI COX joined to mark five weeks in the south of France, Paris and England, and her husband's successful driving hundreds of miles on the wrong side of the road.



KATIE's second request to fill out the programs questionnaire came at 12:45.

DARYL SAVAGE introduced our featured speaker Will Durst, a veteran political satirist often heard on CNN, Fox, and MSNBC and author of You Can't Make This Stuff Up.



Mr. Durst regaled us with tales of the Baby Boomers and how they have seen things change. He laughed at himself for forgetting his wife's name as he tried to introduce her to a large gathering. He told of a husband remarking about 30 years of marriage that included six of the happiest

years of his life, with no two weeks contiguous, complimenting us for understanding "contiguous". In a lively Q&A, he joked that Christie was "too big to fail", but foresaw that the 2016 contest would again match a Clinton against a Bush. Hilary is just as unbeatable as she was in 2008, a comment he praised us for appreciating. His opinion of the Tea Party is that racism is present, aggravated by the realization that the country is being run by a black man living in public housing.



As time ran out KATIE thanked members who staffed the meeting. At HAL's prompting she slipped in her third request to fill out the programs questionnaire.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 16 Larry Stone, Santa Clara County Assessor

June 23 Jude Barry, "Great American Speeches"

June 30 Debunking of President Steve –Michael's at Shoreline, 6:00pm. No regular lunch meeting

July 7 President EJ's First Meeting: Club Assembly

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