

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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CALL TO ORDER

President E.J. HONG called her first meeting to order at 12:36. LISA AKSELRAD led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MUSICAL RECITAL

To start the year, the Hong sisters, Natalie and Nicole, presented a short recital accompanied by Darren Dang on the Grand Piano. Natalie sang Quando m'en vo by Puccini, Nicole sang Nella Fantasia by Ennio Morricone from the film, The Mission (1986). The two then sang a duet of The Prayer by David Foster. Darren then finished up with a piano solo of Save the World by the Swedish House Mafia.



OPENING REMARKS

ANDY COE'S subject was the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2nd. Andy described a number of anecdotes in "An Idea Whose Time Has Come: Two Presidents, Two Parties, and the Battle for the Civil Rights Act of 1964" by Todd Purdum about the process of successfully hammering out a series of bi-partisan compromises to get the bill passed. He pointed out the contrast with the current gridlock in the Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAL MICKELSON thanked the following Rotarians and Pat Emslie for their efforts to prepare for and present the successful Debunking of Immediate Past

President
STEVE

EMSLIE last Monday at Shoreline: BRUCE GEE, MEL MATSUMOTO, JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, GINNY LEAR, DICK FREEMAN, TODD LEWIS, DERRICK BRITT, BRIAN STEEN, DARYL SAVAGE, LYLE CONNELL, ART AND PEGGY STAUFFER, LE LEVY, AND BETSY BECHTEL.



President EJ thanked DON MORGAN and his team for placing and collecting the American flags along University Avenue on July 4th.

BRUCE GEE

announced that Lunch Ticket cards, good for 10 lunches, will be sold, with payment preferred via cash or check.



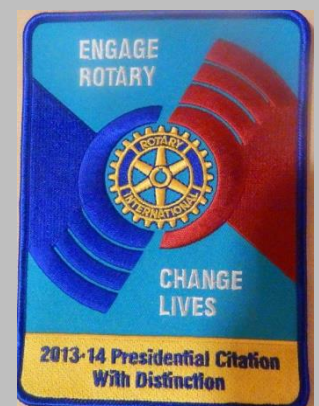
PRESIDENT'S CLUB

ED DANGLER was the first Rotarian to join President EJ's exclusive club, in honor of his grandson's marriage on top of a Colorado mountain, and also in honor of the stellar presentation by today's musicians, Natalie, Nicole and Darren.



WHY I JOINED ROTARY

President EJ led off with a discussion of "Why I Joined Rotary". In her case it was The Power of Good. Choose Good all the time. Making good decisions always comes back well. And, the power of the 4 Way Test. She also referred to the effect of Rotarians on her. In particular how ART STAUFFER went out of his way to welcome her at the first Rotary meeting she attended at our club. EJ then introduced the Palo Alto Rotary Club Board of Directors for the year 2014-2015, and the new Committee Chairs. These two lists are on the Club Web site, <http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/>. Also on the web site are the annual budgets for the Palo Alto Rotary Club, and the Palo Alto Rotary Club Annual Charities. President EJ finished up by asking attending Rotarians to fill out a query on the table, Why I Became a Rotarian. If you did not attend the meeting and wish to tell why you became a Rotarian, you can email President EJ at ej@ejhong.com.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 14 Dr. Phil Rizzo, Former Dean Stanford School of Medicine

July 21 Vocational Talks – Dave Thornton, Leannah Hunt, Ben Threlkeld

July 28 Larry Magid, "Tech Policy: Privacy, Safety and Security"

JULY 29 SAVE THE DATE: ROTARY GARDEN PARTY, 5:30-7:30 pm

Info: www.rotarypaloalto.org