

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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## PRE-PROGRAM

Evidently one of the elders couldn't hear our newly installed **PRESIDENT EJ** last week. In response, she noticeably attenuated her normal high speed verbal pace and all were content. Nonetheless, she welcomes a signal – suggesting the universal drowning sign – if any member finds her difficult to hear. That taken care of, we moved right into Guest intros, with Susan Neville, Karen Hendel, and Sophia Heye being introduced by **ANDY COE** and **SHERRI SAGER**.

Our President acknowledged that she may have left a wrong impression about **BOB McCOWAN** last week. His primary reason for joining Rotary was a response to seeing the Four Way Test on a businessman's wall. Finding a safe haven from what was at that time a totally feminine personal and professional environment was just a little icing.

**BILL BUSSE** was given a few minutes to touch us all with news about some of our venerable previous members. **SY GREENSTONE**, who needed to retire from Rotary and move to Palo Alto Commons to care for his Alzheimer's-stricken wife, recently celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary of birth and is doing well. Bill reminded us of SY'S service as a MASH doctor and his extraordinary talent in building miniature scale model ship replicas. Even in bottles! **JOHN CHILDRESS** recently passed away at age 94, and will be remembered by those who knew him as one of the most genuinely friendly persons we've ever met. Might have something to do with the fact that somehow John had survived 8 WWII amphibious landings in the Pacific. **AL WEERY**, John's father-in-law, passed not too long ago at age 106. Loved Rotary, always wore a suit and tie, could fix anything electric, and vividly remembered when Palo Alto's troublesome traffic was caused by many too many horse and buggies. And then our dear friend, History Professor Emeritus and longtime Rotarian **GEORGE KNOWLES**, who, at 107, resides comfortably at the Channing House. **BILL** led us in a toast to them all.



**MEL MATSUMOTO** followed this tribute with spontaneous, and most appropriate, Opening Remarks. When asked why he had chosen to work with the elderly, he recalled a conversation with a Hospice worker who answered the same question with, "It's absolutely the sweetest time of life."

**LEE PFAB** graciously acknowledged how

welcoming Rotary has been to her as she accepted her blue badge. Then **PRES EJ** 'pitched' for the 20 September Rotary Day at the A's. She needs 5 colleagues to join her for the game. And, speaking of pitching, **NINA MOORE**, encouraged us all to attend the New President's Social, to be graciously hosted by **HAL** and **IRIS KOROL** at 5:30 on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.



If you haven't responded to the Palo Alto Rotary survey sent by email, please do so.



President's Club joiners were **ANNETTE GLANCKOPF**, in honor of **BRUCE GEE'S** amazing spirit of helpfulness, and **ROGER SMITH**, who generously joined five times over in honor of John Childress.

## PROGRAM

And then **GEORGE FITZGERALD** introduced Dean Phil Pizzo, Dean of the Stanford Medical School, by telling us Dr. Pizzo was considered by his colleagues to be little nuts; little nuts for getting up daily at 4:00 AM and running 12 to 15 miles while listening to Great Books on tape. Dr. Pizzo impressed us with his plans to segue from a distinguished 12 years of service as Dean to the role of founder of a new university endeavor, the Stanford Distinguished Careers Institute (DCI). A little context first. In 1900, a person in the US could not reasonably expect to live past the age of 50. Today age 80 is a reasonable expectation. We are now approaching a time when more than

20% of the population will be over 65, the age heretofore considered to be when people should be 'moved off the stage'. Dr. Pizzo has long been an advocate for the concept of planning for a second 'career,' and has put his own personal ambitions to return to college and get a PhD in History temporarily on hold as he shepherds the beginnings of the DCI. The DCI is intended to go a long way toward assisting others in the pursuit of rethinking what to do with their life after their 50's & 60's, using the University as an 'anchor' or 'scaffold' from which to explore new things and launch meaningful and productive activity. The Institute will start in 2015 with about 20 people on a one year fellowship. Each fellow will choose an individual academic path, complete with a full curriculum of audited courses and a faculty mentor, and also be a part of a community path including weekly luncheons and speakers series on a range of topics. Implicit in the concept is that the redirecting, refocusing, reapplication of one's energy during the 50's or 60's will most likely result in better health for the individual, and just may result in better public health policy. There were good questions, and good answers. For more information, go to [dci.stanford.edu](http://dci.stanford.edu)



And, we bid a bittersweet farewell to Rotarian **FITZGERALD**, who has retired, been fêted at Stanford Hospital, and will now spare the air by staying closer to his home in Alameda, there to join a new Rotary Club.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

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

**July 29 Rotary Garden Party@ IRIS KOROL'S Home**

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