

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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YOUR PINION SCORES ANOTHER FIRST!

Dear Faithful Readers...

It just so happened that the Recorder for the meeting of August 4th was unceremoniously thrown into the local hospital on trumped up charges and did not have his trusty laptop with him. Thus, you are reading the all time latest edition of this rag. Our apologies and we'll try to not let it happen again. Editor Connell

A MEETING NOT TO HAVE MISSED...UNLESS YOU MISSED IT!

Once again the **NEW MEMBER TALKS** Hit the top of the chart registering 100 out of 100. Way to go, NMs! See what was remembered by the writer below...or to one side.

GUEST AND VISITORS

Once again we were graced by past Club member DAVE FRASER. Dave is a fitness coach for triathlon aspirants and a decorated triathlete himself.

Guests included Shelley Ratay/WALT HAYS...Charlie Weitanz/DAVE THORTON and Topher Martini/CHRISSEY COOLIDGE. (Topher happens to be a good friend of Chrissy's...so good in fact the plan to be married in Carmel Valley soon.)

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

A mystery to some perhaps is just why the classifications on the name badges are the way they are. Even if it never occurred to you to seek the answer to this strangeness, here is an explanation by our Classifications Manager, GEOFF ZIMAN. (This could also be classified under OPENING REMARKS for those of you who are keeping score.)



The basic guideline for ascribing a classification is that it fit into the phrase "The business of....." or "A career in...." GEOFF's classic example was: Assuming a nefarious type were to join, he or she would be given the classification of "bank robbery", not "bank robber". Geoff gave credit to BOB McCOWAN for simplifying our category assignments several years ago. So far ago that you probably don't need to know what that was. In conclusion, GEOFF noted that his classification for the day would be "Opening Remarking". Remarkable...to say the least!

I DON'T THINK SO

Do we have a new auctioneer in the making?...see above title for the answer. JUDY KLEINBERG called upon genial ROGER SMITH to auction off two extremely valuable VIP tickets to Saturday's San Jose Jazz Festival.



He started the bidding at 130 dollars each and managed to get it to the astronomical level of 150 dollar which he paid himself and donated to a table mate. Way to go, ROGER!

WHAT MONTH IS AUGUST?

A strange question, but the answer is MEMBERSHIP MONTH according to Chairman BEN THRELKELD. His



challenge: "Last year was one of our best in terms of stellar new members. Let's make this year even better during Prez E.J.s reign." Remember we each have approximately 250 immediate contacts!

MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks from Party Guru NINA

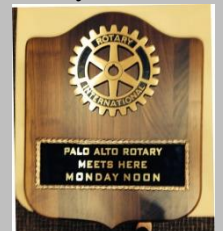
MOORE to those helping make our Summer Social honoring incoming president E.J. a success. Honorees included LEE PFAB... BRUCE GEE... MIKE BAIRD... MEL MATSUMOTO... CHRISSEY COOLIDGE... and, of course, our gracious hostess, IRIS KOROL, and her equally gracious husband, Hal. There was also considerable comment about the apple crisp donated by the guest of honor. Since it was hard to identify on first glance, or event second or third, she had included a sign so that it wasn't mistaken for something not edible. Now there's a classy president!

A VOCATIONAL EXCURSION IN THE OFFING

On September 3rd we will have a tour of the Stanford Hospital. Sign up with MEL MATSUMOTO by e-mail or phone. "Sorry Mel...I had an unrequested visit recently. Please cancel my reservation. Only kidding!"

GINNY LEAR IS AT IT AGAIN!

And that's always good news. This time she is making arrangements to get a



"Rotary Meets Here" plaque for the front of the Elks Lodge. Now we will know where to go!



WHOOOPS! I SHOULD HAVE READ THIS FIRST

Our erstwhile and dedicated Pinion Editor LYLE CONNELL took the mike to describe how one should go about preparing a good

Pinion. For example: Learn to spell... make it complete and interesting... one page only, please. (Ops, too late!)...make it look professional, whatever that is...etc. After Lyle gets the draft in e-mail form he sends it to the Club Secretary to check spelling of text and names. Then he formats it and adds photos, converts it to pdf and the Secretary e-mails it to the membership, plus printing a few copies for the entry desk at the following meeting. *"I'm out of breath just typing this."* And who are these so called Pinion writers? The floating roster currently includes the following: BRIAN STEEN (Co-editor), LE LEVY, BILL BUSSE, DON MORGAN, JOHN KIDD, GEOFF ZIMAN, ANDREW PIERCE, SALLY TOMLINSON, WALT HAYS and MIKE McMAHON. Wow, That is some talented and impressive group!

PRESIDENT'S CLUB PLUS!

In honor of our new president and his daughter-in-law ROB LANCEFIELD joined the President's Club twice. His daughter-in-law, Lestari was born in Indonesia which was the subject of ROB's remarks. Rob spoke at length about the fact Indonesia is at long last a democracy...they had a period of occupation by the Dutch and a shorter period by the Japanese during WW II. Indonesia has a population of 250 million living on about 13,000 islands. Lestari and her husband, also Rob Lancefield, now live in Connecticut. She spends a great deal of time informing the Indonesian of this country via Facebook.



AT LAST! NEW MEMBER TALKS. (Or what your recorder can remember.)

First off, ROB LYMAN introduced a special new member. CHRISSY COOLIDGE is the daughter of another member of the Club, OLIVER COOLIDGE.

CHRISSY COOLIDGE early on wanted to follow in her father's footsteps. Oliver had a career in aviation...first for Continental Airlines then Fedex. The family settled in Palo Alto although she went to Stevenson School in Carmel...then on to the U of A and Embry Riddle Aviation College in Prescott, Arizona. Later she became a web site advertiser with various video companies. On one summer off she re-met Topher whom she first romped with in second grade. As I reported earlier, they plan to marry in Carmel in September and take a radical sabbatical. (Chrissy, I may have mangled some of the facts, but that is a Pinion writers cross to bear, especially if his eyesight and hearing are going south.) Have a great life with Topher!



PETER SHAMBORA had a long and illustrious career including assisting in the recovery of Apollo 14. Early on he went to Palo Alto schools...was in the sea scouts...worked as a bus boy and cook at Stickney's...has 3 children and 4 grandchildren all college grads and gainfully employed...went to San Jose State and USC...taught at SJS...flight training at NAS Pensacola...flew helos...knows everything about anti-submarine warfare...search and rescue operations led to Apollo 14 mission...studied Italian at the Navy Language School...with NATO in Italy...separated from Navy at Moffett...currently in computer data storage field...no problems unless something doesn't work...works with church and a reading program with 3rd and 4th graders in EPA. Welcome aboard, Peter!



SHARON TENNISON has had an amazing life. (I have know Sharon for many years first meeting her in Moscow during the Cold War. I thought from her demeanor then that she had been born into the aristocracy...not so.) Sharon is self educated having been born in Kentucky on the wrong side of the tracks...wondered early on why there were no colored children in her school...parents not interested in education...had learning disabilities...married at 19...husband wound up in an institution leaving her with the four kids and no skills...when LBJ declared school desegregation helped black moms get 80 kids into schools in Texas...remarried went to nursing school...made nurses uniforms...started a uniform business that is now nationwide...cold war and 50,000 nukes got her attention...went to Soviet Union in 1983...fell in love with the Russian people...started a travel program of Americans going to Russia that went from 1983 to 1989...helped train Russian entrepreneurs...has written a book titled, "Power" with sub-title "The Power of Impossible Ideas". A great life story...It's a pleasure and an honor having you and your talk mates in the Palo Alto Rotary Club!



FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 11 District Governor
August 18 Buzz Thompson Stanford Woods institute
For The Environment "California Drying"

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