

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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FAQ's for this meeting:

Did we pledge? Yes, to the flag and to everything for which it stands, led by IRIS KOROL

Any Visiting Rotarians? David Fraser, former member from Mad River and triathlon survivor.

Any guests? STEVE EMSLIE's was Avo Izmirlan, realtor; BRUCE GEE's was Catherine Crystal Foster, School Board candidate; STEVE MADSEN's was Richard Keller, power supply consultant; BRUCE SWENSEN's was A.C. Johnston, attorney and City Council candidate.



What did JOHN KIDD say in his opening remarks? Many profound things in the form of a prayer. His conclusion "Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us and I don't want to miss any of them."

Why did HAL MICKELSON join Rotary? "Was motivated to do so to meet and build friendships with intelligent, community-oriented people and to join them in offering service to meet important needs plus the opportunity to eat chicken salad at Ming's and meat loaf at the Elks.

Where did LEE PFAB say new (and old) members will be socializing? All members are invited to a social kindly hosted by MIKE COUCH on Thursday, September 18 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. The location is 26790 Saint Francis in Los Altos Hills. To ingratiate yourself, bring a bottle of wine.

What did DON MORGAN report? The completion of a major upgrade of the recreational facilities at the Apostolic Church in East Palo Alto located across the street from IKEA. Displaying "before" and "after" photos, he said Jim Rochette of the San Mateo Rotary Breakfast Club devoted several hundred hours to running the project. For construction materials, our Club donated \$5,000 that DICK BUSH had, without explicit authorization, persuaded Chop Keenan to contribute to our spring fundraiser by assuring him the funds would go to helping the church, an assurance the Board honored.

What is special about next week's meeting? There will be a panel of Palo Alto City Council candidates. The meeting may be crowded, will start early and finish late. If you are bringing a guest, please advise KATIE SEEDMAN (kseedman@presidiobank.com) so that she can estimate numbers for catering. If ELK'S parking is full, use The SEA Restaurant lot next door.

Why will GINNY LEAR help you to clear out your garage or closets? This is because Proyecto Itzaes, an educational project helping children in Mayan villages in the Yucatan is raising funds by having a garage sale on Saturday, September 27 from 8 AM – noon at 328 Fulton Street in Palo Alto. This is the home of Cindy Wilber the founder and director of the project to which our club provides major support. If you or any friends can drop off suitable items on Friday 9/26 or can volunteer on the Saturday it will be greatly appreciated.



Who voluntarily offered contributions to the President's Club? LE LEVY confessed to reaching his 80th birthday and will be celebrating by taking (he claimed) an 80K cycle ride with JACK WOODSON, HERSH DAVIS, JON STOUMEN, LEE LIPPERT, KATIE SEEDMAN and others.



PETER SHAMBORA announced that his daughter was getting married next Sunday.



BILL BUSSE wanted to get away with only a \$69 contribution for attending his 69th high school reunion but honorably added another amount to mark Stanford's football victory last Saturday.



DAN QUINN wanted to honor WALT HAYS for his outstanding World Community Service work and the success of Sasha Kramer with her SOIL organization in Haiti. That organization has now outgrown our capability to support it but our club is proud to have played a very significant role in getting it established initially.

What did our speaker WALT HAYS have to say? After a brief introduction by STEVE EMSLIE, he concentrated his remarks on the support we will be giving to bio-intensive agriculture in Kenya. He



explained what this means, how composting replaces fertilizer and emphasized that the organization there has trained over 8,000 farmers and especially 70-80% women. From this Walt went on to cover other of our World Community Service Projects including the latest solar lights project in connection with the Trees, Water and People organization. He and SUSAN LUTTER have been successful in working with other clubs in the district to facilitate obtaining minimum \$15K Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

Members can feel especially good that our contributions to The Rotary Foundation that we are highlighting this month, support worthwhile projects. The goal is to have Every Rotarian contribute Every Year. Any amount is acceptable and double sustainer amounts of \$200 are especially welcome.

What was the answer to LEANNAH HUNT's question regarding the PA Rotary's different charitable funds? Members should go to our club website. In the "members only" section, there is a very full explanation under "Charitable Budget". If you need help with your password to get into the site, contact BOB McCOWAN.

How did E.J. do? Clearly getting into her stride. No flubs

Who was on duty today? BILL BUSSE – Visitor desk; STEVE MADSEN – Set-up; SHEETAL BAGDE – Lunch money/sign-in; BRUCE GEE, GINNY LEAR and DERRICK BRITT – Greeting; GEOFF ZIMAN – Scribing

FUTURE PROGRAMS and EVENTS

September 18 5:30-7:30 pm., Club Social Event, Honoring New Members, at the home of Past President MIKE COUCH
September 29 World Community Service (Part 2) Speaker TBD
October Statewide Propositions Gloria Hom and Terry Christenson, Prof. of Political Science, San Jose State

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