

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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ADD THIS TO YOUR LEXICON OF ROTARY WORDS... "O.W.M."

Our esteemed Prez opened the meeting with some rather odd comments. Apparently E.J. has a few favorite adages such as: "How many women in your club?"... "How many Old White Men?" "My father was one!" "Let's salute vets and O.W.M." And so we did. Prez E.J. also continued with her lessons in Time Management. (Ed: Never in the history of the PARC has any president been so enamored with holding our presenters to such a strict time allotment.)

12:35 VISITING ROTARIANS

Ben Stolpa from the San Carlos Club. Ben responded to Prez E.J.'s query by answering, "20% women and one O.W.M. over 90." Ginny Trapani from 49ers Nevada City Club. "25% very active women and two O.W.M."

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Barbara Cameron, a flight attendant, was WALT HAYS's guest. Rosemary Tisch was a guest of ROB LANCEFIELD.

12:37 WE CARE COMMITTEE

Chairman DICK FREEMAN reported that DAN DYKWELL has passed away. (Dan was a member of our Club who moved to San Francisco)

EXTRA CARE: After the meeting, DICK learned that our member of 15 years, LOU KAVANAU, passed away suddenly on 11/14/14, at Stanford Hospital.

12:40 OPENING REMARKS

(TERRY FATEHI was admonished to keep it to 3 minutes although it was budgeted for five.) TERRY, referring to teachings by Deepak Chopra, shared some insights including: "Forget the adages, 'I am too old to change!' and 'You can't teach an old dog (O.W.M.?) new tricks'" "Mental flexibility and forgiveness lead to new uses of the imagination" "Look ahead! Front windshields are large than rear" A special thanks, Terry, from our O.W.M. and those destined to join the group!



12:45 OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREZ E.J. thanked the Meeting Support Staff, to wit: ELLIOTT WRIGHT: Cashier (Ed: "Elliott, I appreciate the strange change that included a roll of quarters!) KATIE SEEDMAN: Welcome Desk welcomer BILL BUSSE & LYLE CONNELL: Pinion guys JOE SINNOTT & STEVE MADSEN: Sarg at Arms and Room set up

PARTY TIME...NINA MOORE reminded the assembled to plan to attend our great Holiday Bash! It will be at BRIAN & SANDY STEEN's 877 Moana Ct. PA Dec. 2 from 6 to 9. NINA and the STEENs have promised an evening of holiday cheer, wine, dinner, music and song. Feel free to bring family and friends. Rotarians are requested to also bring a plate of goodies. Don't miss it!

READING BOOKS...MIKE COUCH announced that we are now giving Green Oaks Academy 4th graders reading books instead of dictionaries. He assembled a disparate group of volunteers for a funding app. photo op. which should appear with this Pinion. Thanks LYLE!



"MAKE ROGER PAY!"

That's the word from the Endowment Committee! ROGER SMITH has generously proposed to contribute \$22,000 if 80% of the members of our Club will contribute a total of at least \$22,000. (I hope I've got this right.) Anyway, the key will be for everyone to pony up, especially those who rarely attend, but still pay their dues. (This may take a phone solicitation, because some of the non-attendees may not read this issue of the Pinion.) So, don't tell ROGER, but ask for anything...five bucks will do even if it's a longterm loan. The total amount may be easier to raise than the 80% participation. PAM BRANDIN, who is an Endowment Fund Committee Member, noted the importance of the money we receive every year from the Fund. We are required to take out 5% of the balance every year and the money goes to our annual charities. (At present our Endowment Fund is just over three quarters of a mil.)



KAREN KIENZLE, Director of the Palo ALTO ART CENTER, commented that funding from the endowment helps support their Cultural Kaleidoscope Program which pairs Palo Alto and East Palo Alto grammar schools students. "The program has a major impact on the ability of students to learn. " She referred us to an article coming out in this week's PA Weekly. THE POINT...OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

REALLY COUNTS!



12:55 RIGHT ON TIME....OUR PROGRAM BEGINS

with an intro by ROB LANCEFIELD (Rob was allotted a max of 5 minutes by Prez E.J. to do his thing.) ROB used the example of his father, who returned from WW II with PTSD to personalize his introduction of our speaker, Dr. Joel Rosenthal. Dr. Rosenthal has been working with Veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for most of his career with the VA. His work is with vets who, as a result of PTSD, wind up in prison and, on release, often become homeless and suffer substance abuse.



Dr. Rosenthal began with a video presentation describing the response the VA is making to help alleviate the problem. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJyuUq1AVVo>

And "the problem" involves 60,000 in prison and some 75,000 on the outside. Dr. Rosenthal has been with the VA for over 30 years and was very positive about the quality of care provided our veterans in actively addressing the PTSD problem. I'm sure we all came away with a better understanding of this challenging problem along with a greater appreciation for the men and women who have volunteered to serve our Nation and the many whose lives have been dramatically changed by PTSD. Thanks from all of us to Rob and Dr. Rosenthal!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24 - Judge LaDoris Cordell (ret) Independent Police Auditor, City of San Jose: "Civilian Oversight of the Police: What is it and why should you care?"

December 1- Daniel Hartwig, Stanford University Archivist, "Poisoning Death of Jane Stanford"

