

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Our meeting started with **STEVE EMSLIE** leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



MEL MATSUMOTO speaking simply but eloquently about Thanksgiving, reminded us not to "take the Day, but leave out the Gratitude."

Mike Norton, from Springdale, Arkansas, was our lone visiting Rotarian. He spoke about how he enjoyed



Rotary makeups. It was at one, in Medellín, Columbia, that he met his wife!

Guests included two police officers, Kevin Jensen and Carlos DeSantiago (guests of **DARYL SAVAGE**), Patti Fry (guest of **TRISH BUBENIK**), and William Dawood and Edward Caw (guests of **BEN THRELKELD**).

HAL MICKELSON spoke at too much length about the Rotary Axe, which, unlike its college counterpart, goes each year to the Big Game's loser, and which has long been maintained in safe-keeping by the Rotary Club of Berkeley. **HAL** asked fellow Palo Alto Rotarians to join him in a visit to Berkeley on December Third to remind them of the special honor which their Rotary has so long endured enjoyed.



MIKE BAIRD reminded us of Tuesday's Holiday Party at the home of **BRIAN STEEN** and Sandra Wilson in Palo Alto. Sign-in on our web site for the pot luck item you'll be bringing. Turkey provided by the Club.



BEN THRELKELD announced a Red Badge Meeting, immediately following the club meeting.

YORIKO KISHIMOTO recounted her recent presentation of a check to our Rotary-sponsored Girl Scout Troop. They are very appreciative of our long-time support.

DICK FREEMAN announced the passing of long-time member, **LOU KAVANAU**. A memorial service will be held in February. **ROGER SMITH** joined the President's Club in



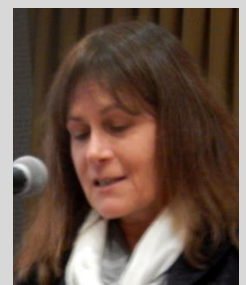
memory of **LOU** and the many tennis games in which they engaged.



Another President's Club joiner was realtor **JOAN PLASTIRAS**, in appreciation of **ROB LANCEFIELD**; **RALPH ADAMS**, who joined previously, hoped to share the results of his participation in the 49ers challenge. Though time was not on his side today,

we DO want to hear **RALPH'S** story.

DARYL SAVAGE introduced our speaker, former Judge and City Council Member, LaDoris Cordell. LaDoris is Auditor for the San Jose Police Department. Her six-person department is the civilian review board providing civilian oversight of police operations. Her responsibility is to assure that police investigations are thorough, complete, unbiased and objective. In Northern California, only San Jose and Palo Alto have independent police review boards.



In 2013, her department investigated 357 complaints to assure that police treatment of the public is as it should be; that there be public consent to any investigatory encounter or that the police have reasonable suspicion of illegal conduct; that is, probable cause to believe that an individual has committed a crime. LaDoris is comfortable that San Jose Police Officers are "good people." It is reassuring, however, that she and her department make sure there is always independent and careful review.



Editorial Note:

Last week **ED DANGLER** and **ROGER SMITH** joined the Presidents Club but were overlooked in the E-Pinion edition. With many thanks and apologies.

Remember our Holiday Social, next Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 6 PM. **BRIAN STEEN** and Sandy Wilson's, 877 Moana Court. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 8 -New Members Talks TBD