

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The meeting started by the customary salute to the flag led by WES GARDINER. This led on to introducing two visiting Rotarians who both happened to be former members of our club. They were Dave Fraser (Mad River) and Skip Hoyt (Rossmoor, Walnut Creek). Skip, a Rotarian since 1955, honored us by making the comment that he considered our club is still the best.



Guests introduced by members were Pam Krudop (KATIE SEEDMAN), Pieter Kark (CHARLIE WEIDANZ).

DICK FREEMAN introduced his wife Corkie with whom he had celebrated 66 years of marriage. Then, in his "We Care" role, Dick advised us that Honorary member and past club President (1969-70) HARRY BROWNE passed away on Feb. 14, at the age of 95. Memorial service still to be announced. Also, Dick advised that RUTH SCHNEIDER, convalescing after a fall, is at a home on Mumford Place in Palo Alto (tel: 650-814-4400). In addition, Dick reported that six club members had attended the memorial event last Saturday for former member Lou Kavanau. LE LEVY was warmly welcomed back with his newly reconditioned heart.

The President announced that the Rotary District Assembly will take place over the weekend of April 17-19 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. The keynote speaker is Ruby Bridges a civil rights pioneer. There will be inspiring breakout sessions as well as hospitality suites. EJ would be happy to provide more details and encourages members to attend. Do advise her if you intend to be there. We now have a new and unusual officially RI chartered club in our District – The Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley with 28 members. To learn more about this exciting and innovative form of Rotary go to www.siliconvalleyrotary.com You can even get e-makeups for meetings there without leaving your home or office!



CHARLIE WEIDANZ in opening remarks reminded us that today was the 10th anniversary of the start of Rotary and that, although the 6 spokes of the Rotary wheel emblem have no significance, the keyway implies an organization that is always turning. He closed with a pithy poem exhorting us to do many good things anyway,

MIKE COUCH emphasized the importance of our fund raising by advising us of the incredible impact of the 500 books we have now given to third graders at Green Oaks Academy.

BEN THRELKELD, the membership cheerleader, stepped to the rostrum to advise of a Red Badge Meeting immediately following today's meeting. He then presented HENRIETTA BURROUGHS with her Blue Badge. Henrietta



was sponsored by ANNETTE GLANKOPF in January 2012. His third act was to induct new member REBECCA GERALDI, Palo Alto Resident, Rotarian granddaughter, engaged in civic activities and animal shelter supporter.



JACKIE SCHOELERMAN advised that the next Rotary Means Business affair will be at the brand new Hilton Garden Inn at 4216 El Camino Real from 6 - 7:30 PM on March 19. Jackie needs reservations to be made to her by March 16. There will be free hors d'oeuvres for only \$10/person with no host bar. Featured Speaker is Tod Gregory on the "ABC's of Effective Networking"



ROB LANCEFIELD joined the President's Club to present facts related to the way the brains of mathematicians differed from those involved in perceptual learning. LIZ KNISS also joined the club to advise members that BETSY BECHTEL had suffered from a detached retina. Betsy was wished a speedy and complete recovery. Flashes and spots before the eyes are symptoms of this condition.



PETER SHAMBORA gave us an update on our annual fundraiser which is now only 3 weeks away and which is coming along well. A few more volunteers are needed. 200 out of a target of 250 seatings have been sold so get your tickets without delay. Peter commended BRUCE GEE on his creativity and production of outstanding promotional pieces for the event.

MIKE BAIRD introduced our featured musical presentation – The Gunn Chamber Singers under their accomplished Director William Liberatore. In doing so, Mike made reference to the "60 Minutes" segment by the late Bob Simon covering children in Paraguay playing musical instruments made from recycled waste materials. Mike used it to illustrate the positive impacts of music on youth. We were then entertained, amazed and uplifted by a concert of the voices of more than 40 talented (and well-dressed!) Gunn Students. After a standing ovation, it was announced that our club had contributed \$1000 towards the costs of their upcoming June European tour.



Doing duty today were JACKIE SCHOELERMAN (Welcome Desk); RICHARD KELLER (Cashier); JOE SINNOTT (Sgt. at Arms); STEVE MADSEN (Set-up) and GEOFF ZIMAN (Pinion).

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 Jacqueline Fuller, Google "Giving 2.0: What I've learned about strategic philanthropy from Google and Gates"

March 14 Annual PARC Crab Feed, Mitchell Park Community Center, 5:30 p.m. Please make Reservations on Mondays or online at our website