

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The meeting started in a different elevated venue with the usual salute to the flag. Today it was led by PAM KRUDOP. The location was only a temporary one-time change and although members may have liked it more, this meeting room was reserved for others. Apart from the speaker, the only visitors were two guests of DICK BUSH – Richard Mamelok a researcher with culinary skills and Ron Miller a friend who will be accompanying Dick for two weeks on Route 66 (getting kicks?)

DICK FREEMAN confirmed the arrangements for the visit to the Rotary Memorial Grove at Big Basin to honor those club members who have passed away. We will be gathering at the Elks Club at 10:15 AM ready to leave at 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 26. Do not forget to bring your lunch (but no alcohol allowed). If you haven't already done so, please advise Dick of your intention to join us. Assisting Dick with this project are BILL BUSSE, DICK MANSFIELD, DAN QUINN and GEOFF ZIMAN. After the announcement, as a tribute to past members no longer with us, GEOFF ZIMAN joined the President's Club.



HENRIETTA BURROUGHS provided insightful opening remarks by giving an explanation of the fall from grace by newscaster Brian Williams. Her thesis was that being at the top of the #1 Media Market requires someone to constantly prove oneself and that money and fame are insufficient security.

Do you realize that Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday May 10th? Rotary provides a way to mark the occasion and at the same time contribute in an enhanced way to Rotary's Polio Eradication Project. Next week, by purchasing Mother's Day Cards for \$10 each you will be contributing \$30 to Polio Plus with the help of the Gates Foundation 2:1 match.



ED DANGLER joined the President's Club to share with us that his family recently held a celebration of life memorializing his late wife at a gathering in Nice, France.

KATIE SEEDMAN reminded us of the forthcoming garden party being held on Thursday, April 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

at the home of DUANE and Ann KALAR. Food is being provided by Arte Ristorante but bring a bottle of wine – quality important but color less so. Since we will be outdoors, a hat or a sweater might aid your comfort.



The next Rotary Mean Business Fellowship gathering will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 pm, at the Rinconada (used to be Main) Library.



JUDITH STEINER introduced our speaker Scott Sagan who is a distinguished professor of political science from Stanford. In addition to this position, Professor Sagan holds other important positions including being Senior Advisor for the American

Academy of Arts and Science Global Nuclear Future Initiative. He is the author of many influential books and articles. His research interests include the management of hazardous technology and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Using a series of informative slides, the speaker explained the connection of nuclear power to nuclear weapons, the necessary constraints and the less obvious ramifications of non-proliferation treaties.



He also brought out the importance of the political characteristics of countries aspiring to have nuclear facilities and how democracies tend to keep agreements and autocracies, generally, do not. In describing the five major pillars of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, he commented on the interesting presence of the "inalienable right" wording. The

speaker summed up his very interesting analysis of the key elements of the global nuclear power situation as having major challenges yet also having major opportunities.

WALT HAYS asked whether the speaker was optimistic on making an agreement with Iran to which the response was that it depended on sanction lifting timing, inspection of military installations and whether Iran could find a way to "come clean". BRUCE SWENSON asked why Iran might want nuclear weapons. It would seem that over time there were a variety of different reasons. JUDITH STEINER asked if he thought the International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA) could be corrupted. With 187 members there was always a possibility. HENRIETTA BURROUGHS wanted to know if there were other mechanisms beyond the IAEA for detecting cheating. There are technical means like telltale elements in the atmosphere, spies and surveillance although centrifuges only took up limited space. JOHN O'KEEFE wanted to know which countries were not signed on to the non-proliferation treaty. The answer is Israel, North Korea, India, Pakistan and South Sudan.

Making everything run smoothly today were our indefatigable E.J. HONG presiding; JACKIE SCHOELERMAN taking care of visitors; REBECCA GERALDI checking everyone in and extracting lunch payments; KATIE SEEDMAN greeting; JOE SINNOTT and STEVE MADSEN doing the set-up; GEOFF ZIMAN producing the Pinion and LYLE CONNELL editing it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27 – Club Program: Rtn. Charles Wasser, Global Polio Eradication and the Endgame Strategy

April 28 - Rotary Means Business Fellowship Meeting , 6:00 PM Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library

May 4 - Club Program: Vocational Talks by Liz Kniss, Walt Hays, Trish Bubenik

May 11 – Club Program: Jeremy Hay, Knight Fellow