

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At President EJ HONG's invitation, LAURIE LISTON led the club in the traditional patriotic opening.



GEOGRAPHY LESSON for Palo Alto Rotarians: where is Benin? How embarrassing to ask our visiting Rotarian,



Peter Opa from Benin, where exactly his country is. His colorful traditional garb gave us a hint as to the continent, but many were clueless as to the region.

ROB LANCEFIELD thinks we are suitably well behaved for him to bring a guest, William Oberman.

RICHARD KELLER, in his opening remarks, sought to inspire us to clean out our e-mail inboxes, with the desired outcome that we leave the computer behind and smell the flowers, see if the sun is shining.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS



BILL BUSSE, on behalf of **DICK FREEMAN** and the We Care Committee, invited everyone to sign a get-well card for **BOB BULMORE**, who is dealing with radiation treatments.

MISSING VEST TOO SMALL FOR YOU: **GLORIA HOM** would love to retrieve a grey vest that she misplaced at the Memorial Grove visit two weeks ago.

FREE ENTRY TO HEAR ALAN ALDA THIS WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: If you are interested in hearing Alan Alda this week at the Flint Center Celebrity Forum, send **GLORIA** an e-mail and you can go to will call and get in free.



SUPPORT THE GUNN ROTARACT THIS WEEKEND: Collect money at a dance, or **SLEEP WITH MIKE BAIRD**. You can cashier at the Rotaract fundraising dance on Friday night, 7:30-10:30, or you can help chaperone Relay for Life, a 24-hour event starting this Saturday morning, May 16. Mike will be on duty for the overnight shift at the Relay, but other shifts are available. E-mail Mike if you are interested in either.



JACKIE SCHOELERMAN announced the next meeting of Rotary Means Business: May 26, 6:30 PM at the Rinconada Library.

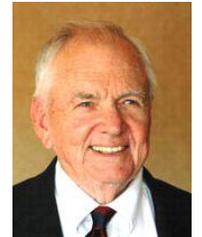


PRESIDENT'S CLUB: The checks came flying in as adoring fans showered President EJ HONG with requests to join her club today!



TRISH BUBENIK added to her vocational talk of last week with one more tale from her teaching days. She was so appreciated by a former student, he arranged a first class flight with champagne for her!

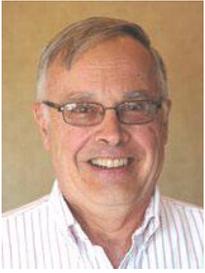
Many proud grandparents and parents chose to boast: **ED DANGLER** (his granddaughter graduated from U of Pacific, even though he thinks she is still a baby); **JON STOUMAN** (he was happy to visit his kids and grandkids in Portland); **JOHN O'KEEFE** (has two grandchildren in England pursuing advanced degrees,



one at Oxford and one at Cambridge); and **LEN ELY** (his son's major division Little League team went 12 and 2 this season).

JOHN KIDD had a bloomin' good trip to Holland, and shared his amazement at the 6 million tulips he saw. Six million is nothing, compared to a "kazillion," which is how many dollars **GLORIA HOM** says were raised by **STEVE PLAYER** at the Boy Scout fundraiser last weekend. The event honored David and Lynn Mitchell with a Distinguished Citizen Award.





EJ let TOM GRACON into the free pass door of the President's club in order to ask him how he managed to lose weight in Italy. The secret: lots of walking.

PROGRAM – Jeremy Hay, “Outside In: Working on Media structure in East Palo Alto”



HENRIETTA BURROUGHS introduced our guest, Jeremy Alistair Hay, Knight Fellow. Mr. Hay's first Journalism job was at the Tenderloin Times in San Francisco, and for the past 12 years he has been on staff at the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, where his report on homeless youth won first place in the West this month.

Mr. Hay emphasized that news is vital in underserved communities. With fewer other resources, news can empower people with information about their government and society. And media outlets create a space for people to tell and see their own stories, which often aren't reflected in the larger media. Local media helps reflect the valuable, positive and good in the community.

Mr. Hay was invited by Live in Peace to help with their project, “EPA Now.” This project teaches journalism skills to EPA residents, mostly youth, and they have produced several documentaries and a music video. Mr. Hay was open about his concerns being an outsider, and about his mistakes on this project, a couple of which made it appear that he did not value the input of advisors, or that he sought to take credit for more than he has done. His goal is to learn, and to continue on this project until it is adequately established to leave, and to help support media in other underserved communities.

EJ carefully chose the book to donate in Mr. Hay's name: an investigative journalism book entitled “How Chipmunk Got His Stripes.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18 - Anna Itoi and Andy Hinton, Google Compliance: "The Role of the Ethics and Compliance Lawyer in a Major Corporation"

May 25 – DARK - No Meeting

June 1 - , Supervisor Joe Simitian