

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President KATIE SEEDMAN called the meeting to order at 12:30 and CASH ALEE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITING ROTARIANS and GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Bob Long is the new President of the Grass Valley club, and instead of presiding at the first meeting of his term, he ducked out to attend our meeting instead. Lina Broydo visited from the Los Altos club to join her friend and our speaker, Dr. William Meredith.

MIKE BAIRD introduced April Smith, and TIM WATSON welcomed his friend Beverly Kobrin.



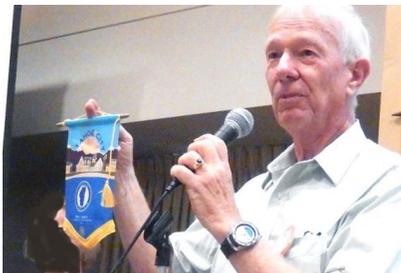
OPENING REMARKS

MIKE BAIRD implored us to "Let the Girls Play!" Mike spoke of the remarkable growth in women's sports, from Billie Jean King in the early 1970's to the recent World Cup victory of the US Women's soccer team. He inspired us with the stories of two heroic athletes, Lauren Hill and Kayla Montgomery, who

each competed through incredible physical challenges. These are athletes to admire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORIA HOM announced that on the last Friday of every month you can gather for a TGIF social at a member's house. It will be drop-in with wine and appetizers brought by those attending, and spouses and friends are welcome. Gloria will host the July kick-off, and August will be at Katie's. First TGIF, Friday, July 31, 5-7 PM, 660 Towle Way; no sign-ups, just come and bring appetizers (last names A-M) or wine/beverage of your choice (N-Z). Gloria is still looking for a Sept 25 host. This could be the easiest party you will ever host! Gloria's phone is 650-493-1142.



RICHARD KELLER attended Rotary in Tahoe and exchanged flags.

PROGRAM – SAN JOSE: BEETHOVEN'S "THIRD HOME"

GINNY LEAR introduced our guest speaker, Dr. William Meredith, who teaches music history at San Jose State University, and is the Beethoven Scholar-in Residence and Director of the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies.



Dr. Meredith entertained the club with stories of how he snuck his margin-violating PhD dissertation past the admin with a ruler; how he purchased a museum piece of Beethoven memorabilia on eBay at a bargain price; and his pleasure in discovering insider jokes in the Schroeder character of Charles Schulz's Peanuts.



The Beethoven Center is in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library in San Jose <http://www.sjsu.edu/beethoven/>: It opened in 1985 after Ira Brilliant

donated his collection of first editions of Beethoven's works to San Jose State University. Since that time, additional acquisitions have brought the collection to over 360 first editions and 3300 lifetime and 19th century publications of his works (there were no copyright laws in Beethoven's time). The center also owns a collection of keyboard instruments, including two fortepianos that are original from Beethoven's lifetime. With a sound unlike modern pianos, these instruments allow listeners to hear Beethoven's music as he heard it.

The center manages an online research gateway to a huge resource database of Beethoven materials. They publish a Beethoven Journal, sponsor a competition for high school pianists in California, and they create exhibits.

A past exhibit is now available online: "Schulz's Beethoven: Schroeder's Muse."

<http://absadmin.users.sonic.net/schulz/pages/page1.html> . This exhibit explains references to Beethoven that Schulz inserted into his character Schroeder's panels. These references are a kind of inside joke for those well steeped in Beethoven's music.

The center's current exhibit documents the role of politics in the life of Beethoven, and the use of Beethoven's work for political causes. "Beethoven's Politics, Politics' Beethoven" is open through the end of July. Among other things, you will learn about the role of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in the resistance during WWII.

The Center is open for drop-in visits Monday-Saturday, with docents available to answer questions and give tours. On Wednesdays from 1-3, there is a pianist who will demonstrate the historical instruments.

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

July 20, Carlos Martinez, East Palo Alto City Manager

July 27 Keith Humphreys, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford School of Medicine: "Marijuana Legalization - Implications for California"

August 3, Estanislao, Human Trafficking Prosecutor, Santa Clara County: "Human Trafficking and How it Intersects our Lives"