

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**PRESIDENT KATIE** opened the meeting by leading the Pledge.

**LE LEVY** served as choirmaster with the world premiere of his new lyrics, "Welcome to Rotary", sung a cappella by all of us to the tune, more or less, of "Cabaret". Rousing applause followed.



Visiting Rotarian Marilyn Diaz from the Sierra Madre, CA, club, exchanged flags with KATIE, while Rick Nelson of the Elizabeth City, NC, club, said he had previously exchanged flags and did not need another.



**DARYL SAVAGE** said her Opening Remarks concerned gratifying, spirituality, and compassion. Planning to visit our seriously ill **ISRAEL ZEHAVI**, she Googled "How to Visit a Sick Person", seeking comfort for a venture to which she is generally averse. "Don't argue. Don't talk about sex. Don't eat his food. Keep the visit short." She spent most of fifteen minutes reading to him from the New York

Times, and said she would leave. "Please stay." She talked and talked, increasingly about matters very personal to her. Seeing him smile an hour and a half into the visit, she asked him to feel a diamond necklace she was wearing. He did; she said it was one he had donated to the Club ten years ago. Parting, she asked whether he wanted to say anything. "Yes, please do this."

**DICK FREEMAN** said all visits must be coordinated with **ISRAEL'S** wife Kathryn, cell (650) 776-0846, to suit his convenience.

**KATIE** invited members to audit the Club Board meeting on August 12 and the Rotary Means Business meeting on August 19, at Channing House at 7AM. She urged those who have not yet done so to pay their dues by month end. She thanked Greeter **DERRICK BRITT**, Cashier **ELIZABETH SANTANA**, Welcome Desk staffer **JACKIE SCHOELERMAN**, **DON MORGAN** and **LYLE CONNELL** as drafter and editor of the Pinion, and, for room set-up, Sgt. at Arms **JOE SINNOT** and **RICHARD KELLER**.

**ROB LYMAN** introduced three new members, first noting that **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** was a certified mixologist and had served eleven YMCAs. **CHARLIE** explained that his bartending career had come to an early end when he could not recognize any of the exotic drinks his youthful barflies requested and when cornered for his specialty replied, "Vodka on the rocks". In another service endeavor, running YMCAs for decades across the country, he found much more success and satisfaction. That work involved independent



living, Special Olympics training and competitions, aquatic programs including water safety and swimming. He has joined four Rotary Clubs and currently directs Abilities United in Palo Alto. He is fond of sailing, especially on the starboard tack which gives him the right of way, but not, his wife admonishes, the right to survive colliding with a larger vessel. He comes about.

**PAMELA KRUDOP** hugged a lion but is extremely averse to bees, **ROB** mentioned as he introduced the San Carlos native. **PAM** wants action at Rotary, and had two life stories for us. One started

with the loss of her beloved father 10 years ago to leukemia. To raise money and awareness to combat leukemia for others, she



organized and participates in 100-mile bike rides around Lake Tahoe; that was similar to the feeling of community she saw from the start with our Rotary. After her formal education she spent 21 years in financial services. She enjoys golfing and softball as well as cycling, and loves to travel. The lion

she hugged was asleep at the time but soon awoke but did no harm other than to raise concern among her guides and her. A devoted Giants fan, she has two daughters and four grandchildren. One of the granddaughters brings to mind "It Takes a Village". Born at Lucile Packard Hospital with a rare brain syndrome, the girl works hard every day to overcome challenges, aided by many caregivers and family members.

For **TIM WATSON**, **ROB** noted **TIM** now works in trusts and estates



planning, likes to travel, and journeyed from Tierra del Fuego to Mexico without taking an airplane, necessarily relying on walking and various other means of locomotion. Burlingame born and bred, he lived in the house his father and grandfather lived in and his sister will now be living in. Married 14 years and resident of Menlo Park, **ROB** has a son entering First Grade at the Encinal

School. His connections with Latin America began around the start of WW II, when his recent law-school grad grandfather joined the FBI. As part of J. Edgar Hoover's efforts to enter foreign policy decision making, he went to Columbia ostensibly to sell tractors but really to spy on Germans there. There he met a local beauty who would later become his wife. When his cover was blown he had to leave the country in 48 hours. **ROB'S** family still has 300 letters his maternal grandparents exchanged prior to their marriage. **TIM** and his wife worked in microfinance in South America for many years. On the verge of leaving they decided to itemize what each really wanted to do; he abandoned his list when he learned his wife's first wish was to go the Giants spring training every year of her life. He took up law, specializing in religious non-profit law. Oh yes, he did transit South America without air travel but decided to enjoy a week at a beach in Mexico near the end and took a plane from there.

**KATIE** encouraged attendance next week to meet and hear our Rotary District Governor Susan Valenta.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 17, 12:15 p.m. Susan Valenta District Governor

August 19, 7:00 a.m. Rotary Means Business  
Channing House, 850 Webster St, Palo Alto. Featured  
Speaker: Derrick Britt: "The Status of Crowdfunding"

August 24, 12:15 p.m. Catherine Elvert, City of Palo Alto,  
"Water Usage in Your Home"