

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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PRESIDENT KATIE SEEDMAN led the Pledge to start the meeting at 12:20 in order to leave ample time for our main speakers. The Club welcomed Visiting Rotarian Klaus Heinemann of the Guala, CA, Club, and, visiting from Weymouth, England, DICK BUSH's co-parents Marian and Ken Lye.



Opening Remarks consisted of "How To Age Gracefully", an entertaining video submitted by CHRISTINE COOLIDGE –pithy advice from ages 3 to 90.

KATIE thanked TOM GRACON for hosting the Club's last-Friday-of-the-month social at his home on September 25. She announced that the University Club had just invited our participation in a Mountain Winery event on September 30, for which fliers were available for those interested. She also said the Club is actively planning to participate in Make A Difference Day, as a Hands On/Sleeves Up activity on Saturday, October 24.

She thanked Cashier JANE KHALAF, Welcomer GINNY LEAR, Greeters EJ and JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, Pinion Writer DON MORGAN and Editor LYLE CONNELL, and STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER for room set up.



ROB LANCEFIELD duly inducted his long-time friend BILL OBERMAN into membership in the Club, presenting him with his Red Badge and the usual documents.



DON LANGENDORF joined the President's Club to mark the arrival in Dallas, TX, last week of his fourth great grandchild. The Program: "World Community Service: Rotary in the Rainforest"

WALT HAYS introduced a two-part program, starting with a review by DERRICK BRITT of what The Rotary Foundation has enabled this Club to do internationally in Brazil, Haiti and elsewhere. Noting that some clubs obtain 100% member funding for the Rotary Foundation, WALT urged all of us to make at least Sustainer Contributions of \$100 annually and Double Sustainer, \$200, when possible.



DERRICK explained in detail the sources of funding and amounts of funds for recent projects, emphasizing that we receive back from the Foundation 40% of our contributions and the availability of certain matching funds. The projects include Namaste which provides microloans and financial literacy advice to women in Guatemala; the HEAL Initiative which develops a primary care Electronic Records Platform; funding for heart operations to save young lives; and the Skin Bank to treat burn injuries commonly caused by cook-stove fires.



Presenting the second part of the program, SUSAN LUTTER described Rotary in the Rainforest, an ongoing Project in very small remote villages around a national park sanctuary for gorillas and chimpanzees, in which she and other members including LE LEVY and YORIKO KISHIMOTO have participated on-site. (SUSAN chairs the Board of Directors, Pan African Sanctuary Alliance). The Project works with Ape Action Africa, a local NGO, for education, sanitation and development, all hampered by lack of electricity and remoteness. Project efforts have helped produce an additional classroom for a school; wood-stove construction and training in building stoves; colorful beaded jewelry; and a first-ever septic-tank type toilet building that SUSAN explained helps girls stay in school longer because of the privacy it provides during menstruation. (A promotional card distributed at the meeting features YORIKO's water color of the building). The largest undertaking aims to supply clean water, through both small-scale purification in bottles, and wells tapping clean ground water and calling for continued funding.



At the conclusion of Q&A, JOHN KIDD thanked SUSAN for her work and said she had inspired him to make a Double Double Sustaining Contribution to the Foundation.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 5, Kate Corcoran: "The Increasing Popularity of Mindfulness and What it Means to You"

October 12, Bruce Lehnert, Podiatrist: "The International Extremity Project"

October 19, Michelle Quinn, San Jose Mercury News: "San Francisco v. Silicon Valley -- Two Different Tech Visions: Which will Prevail?"