

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At 12:30, President KATIE SEEDMAN called the club to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Charles Maynard and wife Mari-Anne from Alaska; Bob George-Architect from San Bruno; Jamir Ousman, Princes Town Trinidad; Charles Cheng, former PA Rotary member, now President of Hong Kong Island West Rotary. Charles and Katie exchanged club flags and Charles presented us with our first charity auction item: a box of exotic Chinese Tea!



PA Rotary Charities has a current balance of \$138,888, to be granted to charities (75% local, 25% international) with an additional \$15,000 to

be received from Rotary International. Funds are allocated by the PA Rotary Board, on recommendations by our Grants Committee, Chaired by BILL JOHNSON.

PA Rotary Endowment Fund: "The fund that keeps giving", with a current balance of \$750,000, is managed by the elected Endowment Board. Our goal is to attain a \$1,000,000 balance by 2020. Annual grant of 5% is given to PA Charities.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Jennifer Hetterly and Palo Alto Mayor Karen Holman were guests of YORIKO KISHIMOTO, Eric Kwon, D.D.S., guest of CHARLIE WEIDANZ

PROGRAM

YORIKO KISHIMOTO introduced Dr. Stefan Heck, a Consulting Professor at the Precourt Institute for Energy at Stanford University. Dr. Heck also directs the Energy Transformation Collaborative (ETC), a program applying the talent of the Stanford community and Silicon Valley to develop and deploy novel solutions to the world's most vexing energy problems. Stephan has a Masters from Stanford and a PhD from UCSD. His recent book is "Resource Revolution"



Dr. Heck provided insights on transportation inefficiencies, saying 99% of all dollars spent on transportation are wasted in inefficiency. Uber, Google, Tesla and Apple are helping raise utilization by connectivity. Jobs near transit are more important than houses near transit, noting that San Jose has the worst transportation access in the US. He compared Atlanta GA with Barcelona Spain, both having populations of 5 million, but Atlanta has a ten times larger footprint.



Q: What about shared bicycles?

A: Yes! Bikes cost less and take less space. Not good in bad weather or for long distances. Electric bikes can be faster than cars in commuter traffic.

Meeting adjourned: 1:30 PM. Dr. Heck stayed for Q&A.



OPENING REMARKS

MIKE COUCH met with Green Oaks Academy's current principal, Nancy Nui, a Berkeley grad who obtained a Masters from Stanford. Currently this school is 95% Latino and are from Spanish speaking homes. Mike shared test scores in language and math compared

to Palo Alto schools: EPA teachers earn 33% less than Palo Alto teachers.

| Grades: | Language: | EPA | PA | Math: | EPA | PA |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| 4 | | 23% | 83% | | 14% | 83% |
| 5 | | 39% | 83% | | 19% | 83% |

Green Oaks needs tutoring assistance, pay for reading support, Advocate speakers and books.

Palo Alto Rotary has given Green Oaks 500 dictionaries 300 books, some in honor of our weekly speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA Rotary Members and guests: HOLIDAY PARTY is Sunday, December 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at BRIAN STEEN'S house.

To support Rotary Endowment Month, JULIE JEROME introduced ART STAUFFER who presented the differences between our Charities and Endowment funds. Both are independent 501(c)(3) non profits.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

November 23, Azadeh Tabazadeh, author and former NASA Scientist: "The Sky Detective, A Memoir of escape from Iran"