

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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After the Pledge, PRESIDENT KATIE presided over the introduction of the following guests: Rotarian Kathy & spouse Allan Koritzinsky, from Madison WI, are here awaiting a visa for their daughter-in-law; Alexander Tsyphikhem, a guest of ANNETTE GLANCKOPF; Nancy, wife and guest of DANA TOM; Leonardo Rosa, a guest Rotary Scholar and PhD student in Economics at Stanford introduced by MIKE McMAHON; and Jack Adler, high school master debating opponent of LE LEVY.



LEE LIPPERT's Opening Remarks described how Lytton Gardens, the affordable senior housing facility in downtown Palo Alto, was in the forefront of providing affordable senior housing. Founded in 1975, it was the first in the country to offer a continuum of care including independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing, and is one of the few senior communities in the country to do so. It is currently home to 500 seniors 62 and older in 320 apartments.

KATIE announced that a Swiss Rotarian is looking for local accommodations while attending sabbatical in the area from 8 Aug to 30 Sept. Stephan Loretan is a Department Director of the ZHAW School of Management and Law in Postfach, Switzerland. See Katie if you wish to know more or be of assistance.



WALT HAYS joined the President's Club in honor of his son Steve getting a 'dream job' after four years of looking. And DANA TOM wanted us to know that his new start up has progressed all the way through 'first customers' stage and are well on their way to 'first paying customers'. Good luck DANA!



ZAFAR IQBAL reported back from his make-ups in Karachi, Pakistan and London, England with banners from both clubs, noting that: the Karachi Rotary Club was founded in the 1930's, and the London Rotary Club opens their meetings as if herself, the Queen, were present.



DICK BUSH graciously accepted the congratulations of RI, KATIE, and the Club for being a 'Grand Donor' to The Rotary Foundation with a 3 sapphire pin to sport on his lapel.

TOM GRACON reported that the Club's Speech Contest went very well thanks to bright, articulate high school participants and the help of co-chair ANNETTE GLANCKOPF and volunteers

DAVID BLITZ, GEOFF ZIMAN, MIKE McMAHON, LYLE CONNELL, and Helen Gracon.



ELIZABETH SANTANA invited all Rotarians to come to the next TGIF informal wine and cheese gathering at her home away from home, Lucie Stern Community Center. The event will be in the Fireside Room on Friday, January 29, 5:00 pm to 7:00pm. Bring wine & snacks.

The inimitable, indomitable, esteemed BRUCE GEE stirred excitement about the CRAB FEED, 3/19/16! Two tables are already sold.



For today's program, SALLY TOMLINSON introduced the Co-Director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at Stanford, Professor Jeffrey Fisher. Professor Fisher has argued 28 cases before the US Supreme Court and has been singled out by the Court for his exceptional advocacy and his work with the Clinic. When in 2006 the National Law Journal named him as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the country, he was the youngest on the list. The Supreme Court

Litigation Clinic exposes law students to the day-to-day work required for practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

To give us an idea of how the U.S. Supreme Court works, Professor Fisher described that it will decide about 75 matters in its current term which began on the first Monday of last October and will finish with a flurry of decisions in late June. It has already selected all of those cases, and has heard oral arguments for most of them. The following seven issues are among the questions posed by those cases:

What factors may the University of Texas apply in its admission process in the interest of attaining diversity without violating existing Supreme Court limitations on affirmative action?

Texas has adopted legislation that sets strict requirements for the facilities and equipment that must be available to clinics that perform abortions. Do these requirements impose an undue burden on a woman's right to an abortion if only about 10 of 40 clinics in Texas can comply with them?

Are President Obama's Executive Orders to suspend prosecution relating to immigration within the scope of his executive authority?

In implementing the "one person, one vote" principle, can legislative districts in Texas be apportioned based on the total population of each district, or should apportionment be based solely on the number of registered voters in the district?

May government workers in a collective bargaining unit be required to pay representation fees to support a public employee labor union if they disagree with the union's political positions, as a matter of free speech?

Applying the Court's Hobby Lobby decision, is the religious freedom of a small business owner violated by a requirement that he or she take action to opt out of abortion coverage in medical plans for employees of the business?

What restrictions should be imposed on class action cases – in which a handful of consumers or workers and their attorneys may seek to maintain litigation on behalf of other people that they say are similarly harmed?

Three current justices will be 80 years old or more before November 2016.

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

February 1, Julie Lythcott-Haims, author, former Dean of Freshmen at Stanford: "Raising an Adult"