

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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After the Pledge, PRESIDENT KATIE presided over the introduction of the following visiting Rotarians: Steve Ross from the University club; Allan & Kathy Koritzginsky from the Madison, WI club (And yes, their daughter-in-law got her visa!); and Gina Lynch of Virginia Beach, VA. REBECCA GERALDI introduced her guest, Deanna Dickman.

DICK FREEMAN announced the circulation of cards for ailing BOB BULMORE and our support to IRIS KOROL. BERT ROSE'S note to the Club last week was an excellent reminder of just how important such cards can be.



CHARLIE WEIDANZ joined the President's Club in memory of the recent passing of longtime Rotarian and wonderful person, LYNDA STEELE. CHARLIE had gained great respect for LYNDA through their work

together at Abilities United. MEL MATSUMOTO joined to celebrate the completion of the Channing House's 14 new units on the remodeled 2nd floor. JOHN



KIDD joined in honor of PRESIDENT KATIE and all of her volunteer team, and in particular to honor We Care Chairman DICK FREEMAN who has been volunteering his time to Palo Alto Rotary since time began!

To follow up on the remarkably good hands-on project she spearheaded several weeks ago, REBECCA GERALDI announced that our personally packed and wrapped 'Shoebboxes to Shelter' were no longer gracing the back of her car, but in fact had been delivered to Family and Children's



Services of Palo Alto where they will be distributed to grateful recipients.

The inimitable, indomitable, esteemed Bruce Gee again stirred excitement about the CRAB FEED on 3/19/16. Today's inspiration was a discussion of the beautifully published "Auction Preview" detailing the many auction prizes.

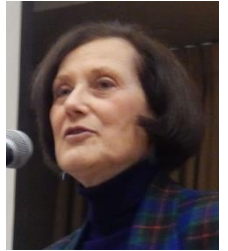


The not-so-Opening Remarks were presented by Jim Sutherland who gave us an interesting treatise on just how 'Silicon Valley' got its name. The explanation goes back to when the morally-challenged

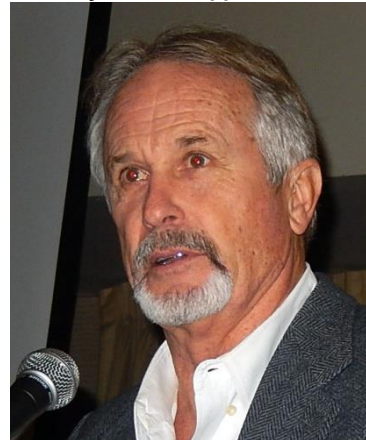
William Shockley took credit for the invention of the transistor, a

development made possible by using semi-conductor materials such as silicon. Shockley started his company (which spawned Fairchild which spawned Intel, etc.) in Palo Alto, instead of the East Coast where he had worked at Bell Labs, because he wanted to be close to his mother. And there you have it, the birth of 'Silicon Valley.'

For today's program, ANNETTE GLANCKOPF introduced Professor Gary Griggs, speaking on the topic of 'Climate Change and the California Coast.' Professor Griggs, Chair of UC Santa Cruz's Institute of Earth Sciences, is apparently very highly thought of in his field, having been honored by his students, his university, his alumni, and by both the California and the National



Academy of Sciences. His message was clear. His data persuasive and unassailable. Coasts throughout the world are going to be invaded by increasingly higher water levels. Describing how we are now able to plumb the mysteries of 65 million years of trapped information in ocean bottom core drilling,



and that we are now able to determine current ocean levels with an accuracy of 1/10 if a millimeter using satellite altimetry, he pointed out that the data conclusively reveals that the trend of rising sea levels is not going to stop. Sea levels have been relatively constant for the past 5,000 years during which civilization has developed, even though they had risen approximately 400' in the previous 15,000 years. But, sea levels are

currently rising @ the rate of 12"/100 years and are expected to be 15" to 54" higher by the turn of the century. Quoting that 'we have exactly enough time to respond to this situation if we start right now,' he recommended against the options of: 1) Ignoring it; 2) Building floating cities; or 3) Constructing higher and higher seawalls, but he instead recommended a 4th option, that we: Plan for a managed retreat from the coasts.

Assembled Rotarians were impressed by with the presentation, and we should act accordingly.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 14, Richard Martin, Antony and Isabelle Raubitschek Professor in Classics, Stanford University: "Odysseus in Silicon Valley: Archaic Hero for a Contemporary World"

March 19 Annual Crab Feed, Mitchell Park Community Center