

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President KATIE SEEDMAN opened the meeting with what developed into a refreshingly allegro version of the Pledge of Allegiance. Perhaps people were eager to get to the announcements.

VISITING ROTARIANS and GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Vijay Subraman visited us again. He hails from Toronto and has moved here to be closer to his sons, one of whom is in a local start-up and the other at UC Davis. And speaking of sons, BETSY BECHTEL introduced her son, Chris, who is a start-up growth consultant in high tech.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

KATIE was alarmed when hands shot up at her first mention of the word "announcements." We looked like a room full of first graders needing a bathroom break.



GINNY LEAR shared a tale of woe afflicting BRIAN SCHMIDT, who tore his tendon in a bike accident and will have surgery this week. Brian seems to be in good spirits, but Ginny circulated a card to send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

REBECCA GERALDI read a letter of thanks from a social worker whose clients were recipients of our gift boxes. "This is such a wealth of kindness to share with women we serve who are survivors of domestic violence, in recovery for behavioral health conditions, and rebuilding their lives. The compassion of people like you strengthens the circle of support we offer."



SALLY TOMLINSON alerted members to look for another program survey in their inboxes.

STEVE EMSLIE encouraged us to clean out our closets and support the East Palo Alto Rotary Club. They are partnering with Goodwill for a Community Recycling and Donation event on Saturday, April 9, 9am-3pm in the parking lot of 151 Laura Lane. That is the International School next to the US Post Office on East Bayshore Road. You can bring: Clothing, Shoes, Books, TVs and Electronics (under 30 pounds), and small household items.



ED DANGLER described a valuable service provided by five members of our club to support the Veteran's Administration, which was filming a training video to help police know how to handle people suffering from PTSD. The others who served as attentive audience members for the video were ROB LANCEFIELD (who coordinated with the VA), KEVIN CURRY, JOHN KIDD, and DICK FREEMAN.



OPENING REMARKS

LE LEVY used the excuse of April Fools' Day later this week to treat us to a pun-fest.

After eliciting groans with punch lines about Hollandaise and chrome, the sons of the squaws of two hides, and dreams of wigwams and teepees, LE finally drew hearty applause with his



announcement that he was about to tell his final tale.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

DICK BUSH joined the President's Club with a salute to BRUCE GEE and GINNY LEAR for all their effort and creativity that went into a very successful Crab Feed, netting over \$65,000.



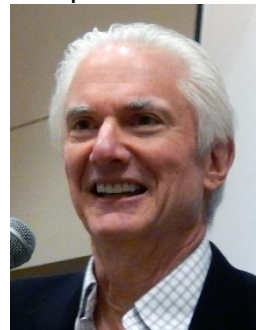
PROGRAM – The Social and Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence

DANA TOM introduced our guest, Jerry Kaplan,

who is a Fellow at the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics. Dr. Kaplan teaches philosophy, ethics, and the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). His latest book, "Humans Need Not Apply," was selected by the Economist Magazine as one of the top ten science and technology books of 2015.



Dr. Kaplan addressed two topics. 1) What is AI and why do most of us have the wrong perception? 2) What are the social implications of AI?



AI is the "attempt to take computers and get them to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence and attention." Movies have given us a misperception of machines as taking over the world, and anthropomorphism has made them seem intelligent when they are not.

Kaplan foresees significant social disruption in the next 10-30 years as a result of AI. It takes 10-15 years for business to reorganize around a new technology. Once the business has adapted, new jobs develop and new wealth is created. But until then, people lose jobs. Autonomous cars will replace professional drivers. We can either leave the truck drivers out to dry, or we can help them. In the future, jobs will be ones requiring person-to-person interaction, such as such as masseuses and personal advisors, and jobs requiring a special human skill such as professional video gamers.

Currently, the wealthy (and wealthy companies) have the greatest access to technology and its benefits, and this increases the income divide. The standard of living in the US doubles about every 40 years, and he expects it to continue to do so. He believes we should find ways to distribute that income growth evenly across the population.

Q: Will self driving trucks be safer? A: Yes, much safer.

Q: What about the unexpected? A: Some we can anticipate and may decide to risk. E.g., there will be cases of autonomous cars that kill people.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 4, Sumbul Ali-Karamal: "Islamophobia for Fun and Profit"; author of "The Muslim Next Door: the Qur'an, the Media, and that Veil Thing" This book will be available for purchase at the meeting.

April 11, Adam Levin, Chair and Co-Founder, Credit.com & Identity Theft 911: "Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers and Identity Thieves"