

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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This week's meeting was slightly unusual in that, instead of a speaker and as a special treat, the main attraction was an entertainment by an accomplished choir of 45 bright students from Gunn High School. They were introduced by E J HONG. Under the thirty first year of leadership of their director Bill Liberatore, this sartorially elegant and well-disciplined group filled the room with song. Their varied selection included pieces from France, Italy, Hungary and Haiti as well as a home-grown spiritual and a patriotic air. This is a much travelled group who have performed in Carnegie Hall, New York as well as in venues in Italy last June.



The meeting started in the usual way with a pledge to the flag. Then it was time to introduce the visitors. First were Rotarians: Steve Ross from our sister Palo Alto Club followed by Victor Tom and his wife Sze-Wen Hua from Bedford MA who exchanged a



flag. Other visitors were Eleanor Laney and O'Malley Stoumen (guests of JON STOUMEN), Corkie Freeman (wife of DICK FREEMAN) and Ed Watson (father of TIM WATSON).

Eleanor Laney, representing the Palo Alto Garden Club, spoke to us about the plight of the Monarch Butterfly and explained how the eradication of the milkweed plant has

drastically impacted their amazing life cycle. She brought with her some milkweed plants to be planted to help preserve these beautiful creatures by assisting their migration.



Opening remarks were given by TERRY FATEHI who drew attention to the global challenges and opportunities for Rotarians. JULIE JEROME gave us a quick smooth lesson on how get herself and DAVID HOLLAND officially reelected to the club's Endowment Board. (Maybe, presidential candidates could learn something from her!) GLORIA HOM reminded us that the next club informal TGIF event would take place on Friday, April 29 at Channing House and that attendees should bring drinks. On Sunday, May 1 members are invited to go "Into the Woods" with the Palo Alto Players starring our own ELIZABETH SANTANA at the Lucie Stern Theater. To get tickets call (650)209-0891 and utter the magic word "Rotary" to get \$10 off the regular priced ticket and be able to attend the post-show reception.



BRIAN STEEN reminded everyone of the 5170 District Conference taking place at the Marriott in San Ramon over the weekend April 29 – May 1. In addition to the interesting events, it also includes the possibility to visit the Blackhawk Motor Museum in Danville. Because the event helps to improve Rotary skills and make our club better, our club will pay the meal costs for attendees.

PETER SHAMBORA joined the President's Club to commemorate the arrival of his third grandchild at 3 AM that morning. ROGER SMITH also joined in honor of the Friends of Palo Alto Parks and the Garden Club.



The duty crew this week were JACKIE SCHOELERMAN on the Welcome Desk; DON MORGAN checking in and cashiering, STEVE MADSEN setting up, GEOFF ZIMAN scribbling the Pinion and LYLE CONNELL editing it. Final Note: It is with sadness that it must reported that a former highly-esteemed member of our club Larry Henninger has died on April 11.

Since there is a little extra space this week, it is thought that it should be used to make a plea for volunteers to expand the ranks of Pinion writers. It is not an arduous task and new additional contributors would be greatly welcomed by the hard-working Pinion writer gang. By joining us you can make a significant contribution to the success of our Rotary Club. This is because the Pinion is a key factor in establishing togetherness in the membership. It is an activity that you can do at your own pace, in your own manner, in your own space, in your own time (subject, of course, to publishing deadlines what took place). Talk to LYLE CONNELL if this idea appeals to you.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 20, Rotary Means Business, 5:30 pm, \$20 pp, Channing House, 850 Webster Street, Palo Alto
April 25, Anthony David Wagner, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Stanford University: "Media Multi-tasking: Are There Effects on Attention, Memory, and the Brain?"