

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Having led the Pledge PRESIDENT KATIE invited members to introduce their guests: ANNETTE GLANCKOPF with Aliza Jarvis of Cisco; DERRICK BRITT with Jon Goldman of Prprio; DARYL SAVAGE with our speaker Clive Berkman and Jeffrey Phillips, Chef and Manager respectively at the Garden Court Hotel; ELIZABETH SANTANA with Mira Geiduschial, an intern at Palo Alto Players.

For the We Care Committee, DICK FREEMAN circulated for signatures a get-well card to GEORGE WHEATON, whom DICK hopes will soon rejoin our meetings.



For Opening Remarks on Mother's Day Monday, PAM BRANDIN said she had spent the weekend in Omaha Nebraska where her beloved mother lies in the family cemetery. PAM reviewed her mother's life, at times very difficult raising four children when her husband died at an early age, and her accomplishments as a medical technologist and guiding light for PAM.

WALT HAYS came to the podium in praise of BILL BUSSE, who (as WALT's nominee) will receive a lifetime achievement award from Avenidas on May 15 at 3 pm. WALT highlighted BILL's career, service as a Naval Aviator in WW II and the Korean War, Stanford grad and distinguished architect, and efforts to defuse the Cold War that included 16 trips to the USSR and participation in local efforts that produced

Breakthrough, Emerging New Thinking, published in 1987 with contributions by Soviet and American writers. Resounding applause followed.



For the Endowment Fund Board, JULIE JEROME welcomed the conclusion of three years work to revise the Fund's bylaws. The proposed changes will be posted on the Club's website, at "For Members" and then a link to the Endowment Fund. Questions will be entertained before and after the June 6 lunch meeting by the drafters of the changes including DERRICK BRITT, EJ HONG, JULIE JEROME, HAL MICKELSON and ART

STAUFFER. Approvals are predicted at June 7 and 8 meetings of the boards of the Fund and the Club, and hard copy will be mailed to members on June 9, for approval at the June 20 meeting.

BRUCE GEE made three points. Work is in progress for bar-code check-in at meetings, to expedite the process. The Club website server is currently not working well, particularly for email; go to the website for Pinions as needed. This Saturday the Palo Alto Art Center hosts, with SALLY TOMLINSON, a participatory art class (collages) we all could enjoy.

EJ HONG characterized our 5:30 pm June 27 gathering at Michael's at Shoreline as a "DeBanking" of PRESIDENT KATIE, of Presidio Bank fame. Preparations for that begin right after today's meeting.



Carrying on, KATIE presented Paul Harris pins to TERRY FATEHI, his first level of recognition, and TRISH BUBENIK, with two sapphires.



President's Club: IRIS KOROL joined to thank all of us for our expressions of sympathy, flowers and donations. LE LEVY joined in honor of BILL BUSSE and his well-deserved publicity, front page news. BILL BUSSE retaliated, harking back to "the good old days" when a member's photo in the paper resulted in a fine.



The Program. Clive Berkman, Executive Chef, Garden Court Hotel, "Culinary and Gastronomic Trends". DARYL SAVAGE did the honors, on which Mr. Berkman put his own spin. "What do you get when you cross an engineer with an actress? Me!" Of German ancestry, Jewish at birth in South Africa, and Baptist tendencies, he was comfortable and uncomfortable at the same time. He became a chef by necessity (and opportunism); by volunteering he knew how to cook (having fixed breakfast twice for his parents) he avoided basic training in the Army. He next studied hotel restaurant management in London. In the U.S. he worked in New York, Miami, New Orleans and Houston, where he had a restaurant in boom times until oil slumped. He authored "the best business card ever", a book. As a "comfort chef", he asked about our most vivid taste and smell memory of childhood, dinner table memories at ages 11-13, and emotional states at the table. By comfort food he means a dish that is simply prepared, is reliable, with indigenous ingredients, and unpretentious. In a philosophical vein, he saw comfort food as providing connection, contentment, compassion, and consistency. He agrees with a sign he saw recently, "Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you". Comfort food is one of those things! In Q&A he explained his Bay Area award-winning hamburger; taste provided by short ribs, texture by the top parts of rib eye cuts. He clarified that the Garden Court does not have a restaurant although it manages Il Fornaio, rather it provides room service and catering, and once-a-week opportunities to sample its cuisine on the patio.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 16, Jim Colton, Photographer: "What it's Like to be Stranded on an Island with Fidel Castro"

May 23, Candidates' Forum: Candidates for State Assembly, District 24

May 30, DARK – no meeting