

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Brand New PRESIDENT BRIAN challenged the membership!

However, his announcement that the topic of the next meeting would be, "The End of Sex" seemed to create more excitement and, for some, more of a challenge. (You know who you are.) Anyway, you will find the details of "the challenge" near the end of this epistle.

REPORTER'S NOTE: One of our Pinions is missing! How can that be with such a qualified staff? It's simply the fact that our most important meeting is rarely covered with a Pinion. What could that be, you ask? Well, how about the DeBanking Meeting for Katie Seedman? So, to rectify this egregious oversight we will add a few observations herewith.

YEARS AGO A DEBUNKING MEETING was just that...bringing the outgoing president back down to earth after the rarefied position of commander-in-chief. It was a true presidential roast. However, this year's debunking was more of a love fest, which also shows how women members have civilized Rotary. It began with a most unusual beginning....**KATIE'S DAUGHTER ALY** did a fabulous job of "Family history as I knew it". It was a rare and totally unexpected treat.

PAST SUPREME POTENTATE E.J., with the able assistance of a great committee* that included our in-house humorist, **HAL**, presented an outstanding show.



The "bank representatives" included **BETSY BECHTEL**, **ROB LYMAN**, **SHERRI SAGER**, **JON STOUMAN**, **DICK MANSFIELD**, **GEORGE WHEATON**, and **BRIAN STEEN**.

I **ALMOST FORGOT** that this is supposed to be a report on **BRIAN'S** initial meeting and not last year's debunking. Anyway, make a note to never miss a debunking. They historically have been the most enjoyable of all of our meetings and become a special treat since spouses and friends attend.

Back to the current meeting:

VISITING ROTARIANS

Steve Ross from the Palo Alto University Club, the Area 9 Asst. Gov for District 5170... Joe (last name unknown), from Ontario, CA, Ali Apaydin, President of Baku Khazar Rotary Club of Azerbaijan, Ali's wife, also a Rotarian was introduced, and Len Gerald from Rancho Cotati, father of our member, **REBECCA GERALDI**.

GUESTS

Len Gerald's wife, Sylvia, and the Palo Alto host of the visiting Rotarians from Azerbaijan

OPENING REMARKS

Perhaps one of the most unusual openings we have ever had. We were each served an ice cream sandwich courtesy of our opening remarker, **LEE PFAB**. Why, you ask? Well, it just so happens that July is National Ice Cream Month. **LEE** shared a bit of history including the facts that Marco Polo introduced this treat in about 1,300 A.D., that President Jefferson was the first to serve it at the White House and that the U.S. produces the most ice cream of any western nation. Also, you should know the derivation of the word, "sundae". It seems that, since Sunday has a religious connotation, the spelling was changed to meet everyone's approval. Also, you should know that this Sunday is National Sundae Day.



OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S "PRESIDENT'S CLUB" OFF TO A GOOD START

SALLY TOMLINSON was blown away by the ice cream treat and joined in honor of **LEE**.



Prez **BRIAN** suggested that members having travelled recently might be good candidates for Charter Membership. Respondents were:

TODD LEWIS took his 22 year old son on a 9 day walking tour of Zambia complete with meeting potentially ferocious elephants. "Just don't move!"



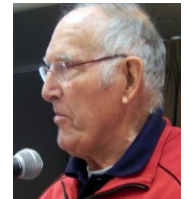
LEN ELY went rafting down the Colorado River.



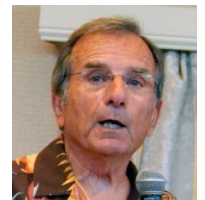
BILL BUSSE spent time on Maui with Barbara and three family members.



JACK WOODSON, **LAURIE LISTON**, and Rotarian **Len Gerald** also became Charter Members.



Thanks everyone!



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Presented with her Blue Badge was JANE "I did it in record time" KHALAF. What you may know is that JANE will be having a baby soon....and that, coincidentally, the baby is due on "Labor Day".

A GET WELL CARD was circulated by DICK FREEMAN. It was for one of our more accident prone members, CHET DOUGLAS. This time he injured his hip by not hopping over an impediment at T and C Village. Before that it was falling from an extension ladder that was extended, but not locked in place. Get well, Chesley, we saved an ice cream sandwich for you. It may be a little soft by the time you get back. However, as they say, it's the thought that counts!



BRIAN gave a glowing report on the recent Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea.

The 40,000 participants (No that is not a typo) were amazing.

"It seemed as though Rotary took over the city."

"They all felt like old friends."

"Polio has gone from 350,000 cases in 1988 to 16 today"

"We're this close!"

"Everyone should contribute"

"If you're not on one, join one"

"A committee that is"

"Join me in a big Welcome to our Club Officers and Board of Directors"

KATIE SEEDMAN, Past President

BETSY BECHTEL, President Elect

GINNY LEAR, Secretary

BRUCE GEE, Treasurer

MIKE BAIRD

DERRICK BRIT

JACKIE SCHOELERMAN

PETER SHAMBORA

DAVE THORNTON

DANA TOM

CHARLIE WEIDANZ

"Our new Membership Chairman is CHARLIE WIEDANZ."

"Current membership is 124"

"My goal for the year is 150"

"Look for great people who are willing to serve!"

My requests to each of you..."

Contribute to Polio Plus

Join a committee

Brag about being a Club Member...On Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.

Read through our web site.

Bring in a new member

*Debunking Committee Members: E.J. Hong, Pamela Krudop, Le Levy, Elizabeth Santana, Ginny Lear, Steve Emslie, Hal Mickelson, Art Stauffer, Bruce Gee, Peter Shambora. Brian Steen, Rebecca Geraldi, Dick Freeman, Jane Khalaf

MIKE is our Youth Committee Chairman. His report went something like this..."We co-support with the University Club the Gunn Interact Club which, combined with the Youth Services Committee has 250 members. We also support Rotary's Camp RYLA. (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). High school attendees report that "it has been a life changing experience".

We support or sponsor an annual high school speech contest, a Boy Scout Troop, a Girl Scout Troop, and a Cub Scout Pack.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

July 18, Hank Greely, Director of Stanford's Center for Law and the Biosciences: "The End of Sex: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Biotech"

July 25, Becky Sanders, Palo Alto Media Center Mastering Smart Phone Photography - a Hands-on Practicum

August 1, Bill Guttentag, Double Oscar-winning Writer-Producer-Editor, Stanford Business School: "Hollywood & Silicon Valley - A Marriage of Love and Suspicion Creating the Future of Entertainment"

