

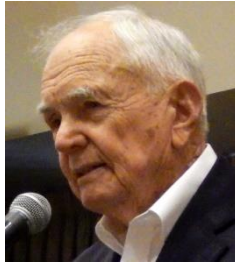
# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Though inclined to chant "USA" instead, TODD LEWIS kicked off this fun meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. President BRIAN STEEN asked JOHN O'KEEFE to say a few words about our beloved long-time member, BOB BULMORE. Though not exactly few they were good, and John's words were a terrific recollection of why everybody liked Bob - as well as a fun reminder that Bob was US National Tennis Doubles Champion for his age group many years running.



CHARLIE WEIZDANZ introduced guest Sharon Yang, BRUCE GEE introduced his bride Jane and daughter Keri.

For Opening Remarks, GINNY LEAR briefly recounted the history of Rotary evolving into what was to become the preeminent international non-governmental organization of the world. One hundred and four years ago, at the third Rotary Annual Convention in Duluth, MN, they admitted a club in Canada and in London, England, and then the final change was made in the important town of Muskogee, Oklahoma where in 1922 our name was changed to Rotary International. (A Biased Reporter's Note: Muskogee is



only a tad down the road from Will Rogers' home town of Claremore, from where he must have made that brilliant remark Mel quoted later about how the Oakies' migration to California raised the IQ levels of both states.) Ginny went on to remind us that the next Rotary International Convention, to which we will be sending President-Elect BETSY BECHTEL is in Atlanta, GA, and that the Club is offering to pay the registration fee for any and all members who wish to join her.

Upcoming fun events include: 1) HAL MICKELSON'S MC'ing of the Hands-On Service project next Monday; 2) On August 29th we get to hear the Chronicle's Ann Killion's personal report of the Rio Olympics; and 3) At 5:30PM on Saturday, September 10th, Chef STEVE EMSLIE will be serving the Spanish favorite dish Paella to all Rotarians and guests who sign up. Contact Steve, Ginny Lear, or Bruce Gee for this delicious event to be held @ the Historic Neutra House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. \$30 per person to Palo Alto Rotary Charities.



President's Club contributions included CYRILLE BETANT'S presentation of no less than 8 banners from clubs that he recently visited in Europe, and contributions in memory of BOB BULMORE from BERT ROSE, STEVE PLAYER and GLORIA HOM.



MEL MATSUMOTO MC'ed the day's main event, seasoned member's 'vocational' talks by three of our finest.

BRUCE GEE started with a fascinating presentation of one his many avocational pursuits, Hydroponic Gardening. Enough to leave you breathless with admiration for his super-abundant energy, he described what it is - growing plants without soil; what its advantages are - 90% less water for cleaner, faster vegetable growth; and why Jane is wondering what happened to her garage, driveway, and once-available husband! It's apparent that if you live anywhere within walking distance from the Gees, you will never do without lettuce.



KAREN KIENZLE described what it's like to grow up "visually wired," get degrees in the History of Art and Museum Studies, and to wind up as the Director of The Palo Alto Art Center where she oversees a vibrant organization that contributes arts programming to the community through exhibitions, public programs, educational events, and art classes for adults and children. She obviously loves it, particularly the ability of the Center to

transform lives, and is not the least bit disappointed that her parents took her to a lot of museums as a child.

MIKE MCMAHON, on the other hand, didn't get much of an art education, but instead got all wet. Wet as in underwater and above as he described his vocational journey through the eyes of one of Hyman Rickover's "boys in the boats". While at the Naval Academy he first got to demonstrate his prowess on the surface by being a good enough oarsman to be on the rowing team that represented the US in the 1960 Olympics. Then he became a nuclear submariner who survived "the interview" and got hooked on boats that could dive 30 degrees at 20 knots underwater. The post US Navy career was on land, mostly with National Semiconductor, included the ambitious project of managing a million square foot manufacturing plant in Algeria designed to convert petrodollars to jobs.



## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

August 15, All Hands On Deck - Community Service Project  
August 22, Dennis Burns, Chief of Police, Palo Alto: "Palo Alto Police Policies"  
August 29 Ann Killion, Sports Journalist, San Francisco Chronicle, and author

