

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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It was a slightly unusual meeting and this report will, consequently, be short on copy but long on graphics. This is not because the meeting was led by our cheerful ex-President HAL MICKELSON but because, instead of having an eminent speaker regaling us after lunch, we all participated in a hands-on project.



This project was organized by REBECCA GIRALDI assisted by ELIZABETH SANTANA, ERIC KWON, LEE PFAB and JACKIE SCHOELERMAN.



This very worthy plan was to provide 100 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to the local Family and Children's Services organization. These would be distributed to needy teenagers to help prepare them for the start of a new school year. Before the meeting the organizers aided by SALLY TOMLINSON, KATIE SEEDMAN, GEOFF ZIMAN, JOE SINNOTT and Rebecca's daughter Winter Pickett set out the items being provided in each backpack. They included a pencil case, black, blue and red pens, pencils, gum, glue stick, high liner, eraser, correction fluid, calculator, hand sanitizer, ruler, USB flash drive, post it notes, filler paper, notebooks, tabbed dividers and a specially handwritten note. After lunch when the hands-on time came, those present formed a line and efficiently performed the necessary assembly. We need to commend Rebecca for her leadership and staunch efforts to bring this all about so successfully.



The formal meeting started, as usual, by a salute to the flag. Two visiting Rotarians were recognized. The first was our ex-member and frequent visitor from the Gualala club, Klaus Heinemann. He advised us that it took about 3 hours to get back to his home and that it was best to cross the Golden Gate Bridge before 2 PM. The other Rotarian was Sheri Parker from the King's Bay Rotary in Crystal River, Florida. She exchanged a banner and cheerful banter with the meeting president. REBECCA GIRALDI's daughter Winter was also acknowledged.



DICK BUSH announced that PBS would be featuring Silicon Valley in a program that evening. JOAN PLASTIRAS saddened us by telling us that her daughter's house got burned down in the Lake County Fire. Both RALPH ADAMS and HAL MICKELSON expressed our deep concern and contemplated how we might assist.



Doing the honors today were GINNY LEAR on the welcome desk, KATIE SEEDMAN collecting lunch money, STEVE MADSEN setting up and GEOFF ZIMAN Pinioning.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

August 22, Dennis Burns, Chief of Police, Palo Alto: "Palo Alto Police Policies"

August 29 Ann Killion, Sports Journalist, San Francisco Chronicle, and author