

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At President BRIAN's invitation, we warmly welcomed back CHESLEY DOUGLAS, who demonstrated that despite a recent broken hip, unaided he can join us standing as he led the Pledge. We remained standing to sing Happy Birthday to a youthful 90 year old, DICK FREEMAN.

Visiting Rotarian Shannon Eckroth of the Santa Maria, CA, Club, DARYL SAVAGES's guest Kevin Jensen, and Ryan Eisenberg, LE LEVY's guest, also joined in these ceremonies.



In Opening Remarks JULIE JEROME recounted how approachable our featured speaker has been, as confirmed by a photograph of the two of them on a city sidewalk some years back, he in uniform.



CHARLIE WEIDANZ urged us to help increase the Club's membership, at present 124. His presentation included a Rotary International video on the benefits of joining a club.

PETER SHAMBORA joined the President's Club to mark the 50th wedding anniversary of his bride Christine and him.



LEE LIPPERT proudly also joined with the news that he had just biked

the Tour de Menlo, as did LE LEVY and HERSH DAVIS, whose planned 65 mile excursion expanded to 85 because they got lost

JOHN KIDD joined the Club to celebrate for his wife Phyllis and himself "Zeros" somewhat younger than DICK FREEMAN's.



The Program: "Palo Alto Police Policies. LIZ KNISS introduced Police Chief Dennis Burns, as the epitome of what a police chief should look like and as even better inside. He started on the force in 1982 and rose through the ranks, and led both the Police and Fire Departments for a few years starting in 2010. Chief Burns first covered



the force's mission statement, emphasizing "proudly" serve, "service not serve us", and respect. He reviewed the force's organization chart and explained that police worked 11-hour shifts for four days, with different starting times, followed by three days off. Work generally slows at night, when the population drops from 120,000-140,000 during the weekday to 68,000. The force differs from most others in that it offers a broad range of

animal services, employs video cameras in patrol cars, and undergoes constant review by an independent auditor. Both the citizenry and the force have high expectations for it. New projects include body cameras for every officer; a new 911 system; a new public safety building 3-4 years hence on Sherman Street south of California Avenue; 21st Century policing comparisons; a Citizens Academy now conducting its first 8-week course, and; reduction of the use of force. His case study began with a residential burglary in 2012. Items stolen included an iPad with a tracking system that led officers to a San Jose address. In retrieving the iPad, an intense odor revealed an enormous amount of methamphetamine (the photo was hard to believe!), properly seized with careful police precautions -- the largest such haul in history according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Chief Burns said the force stayed in touch with the community through a webpage and social media. He urged us to ride along for hours in a patrol car and attend the Citizens Academy. The Q& A included a discussion of polarization: police who commit crimes should go to prison; most behave well; there is a need to reduce in-between conduct that is "lawful but awful".

President BRIAN made the customary gift of a book to an East Palo Alto school to honor the chief, and thanked those who staffed the meeting.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Aug 29 Ann Killion, Sports Journalist, San Francisco Chronicle and author.

Sept 5 DARK, Labor Day

Sept 12 Laurence Baker, Professor and Chief of Health Services Research, Stanford