

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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After the Pledge, PRESIDENT BRIAN announced that BOB BULMORE'S memorial service will be held at the Foothills Tennis Club, 3:00PM on September 25th. He then moved to the introduction of VR's including Bob George from San Bruno, and the enthusiastic PDG from District 3262 in India, Mr. Aswinikar. Mr. Aswinikar encouraged all to become members of the Rotary association of members willing to host traveling Rotarians (aswinikar@gmail.com).



Guests included SALLY TOMLINSON's Tim Tomlinson, Sue Cottin and Rick Cottin; LEE LIPPERT'S Adrian Fine; and DANA TOM'S, Nancy Kawakita.

ZAFAR IQBAL ably delivered thoughtful opening remarks focused on the life of Boethius – despite having brought the wrong eyeglasses and seeing only a blur as looked to his notes. A Prime Minister and Chairman of the Roman Senate, Boethius wrote "The Consolation of Philosophy" even as he was wrongfully condemned to torture and death. The book was hailed as a masterpiece of moral philosophy and widely read during the early medieval period. The message was that no matter how hopeless the external circumstances, human beings at their best are capable of achieving great things.



JACKIE SCHOELERMAN and REBECCA GERALDI – our Princesses of Personal Involvement – pitched an opportunity for Rotarians to stand behind their commitment

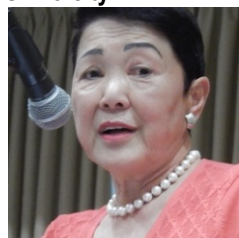


to serve the community in which they live. Volunteers for national holiday street posting of U.S. flags, an easy and fun 1 hour duty that includes coffee and pastry at the end, are needed next Monday (Labor Day) at 8:00AM and/or 5:00PM. Contact Jackie, and plan to meet at the corner of Cowper and University.



Other announcements included: • We're not meeting next Monday, Labor Day;

GLORIA HOM needs volunteers to host the enjoyable end-of-month TGIF socials (September's will be at Sally Tomlinson's); and



BRIAN STEEN joined his own President's Club as he took the opportunity to describe a wonderful personal experience and achievement: a 6 day, 56 mile, 7,000' to 11,800' High Sierra, 40 pound backpacking trip with his son! Stunning. Takes your breath away just thinking about it.



SALLY TOMLINSON introduced today's

speaker, the award winning San Francisco Chronicle sports columnist Ann Killion. Ms. Killion grew up in the Bay Area, was an undergrad at UCLA, got a Masters in Journalism from Columbia, has written two books with prominent athletes, has covered 11 Olympic Games, and has always loved sports. For one reason, she sees sports as something a great deal more than the fun escape page of the daily newspaper, but rather an arena full of



real life issues - such as sexism, racism, patriotism, etc. -that warrant in depth reporting. The second reason she loves her career in sports is that it provides a rich environment for great conversations. In her conversation with us she made several points: •Rio Olympics were not the disaster predicted but instead once again provided the opportunity for excellence in international competition,

good sportsmanship, and personal achievement. •But something eventually has to be done about the stupidity of spending \$15B for 16 days worth of activities. Maybe a permanent site? •Hope Solo (with whom she wrote a book) was stupid to make the comment she did about Sweden. Ryan Lochte is an idiot. •Michael Phelps is a shallow human being, but very fast. Unfortunately big time sports sometimes produce even bigger time egos. •The IOC waffled on drugs. •She holds the NFL in low esteem, and doesn't think much more highly of NCAA head coaches (David Shaw notably excepted). •The 49ers charged ungodly sums for lifetime seat licenses @ Levi Stadium, and then took the money and ran.

Needless to say, Ms. Killion's candor was refreshing and very much enjoyed.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sept 5 DARK, Labor Day

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

Sept 19 Gloria Hom and Liz Kniss: State initiatives – An Overview

Sept 26 Tim Watson, Chair WCS Committee: Palo Alto Rotary, Our Club's Global Grants Projects 2016-2017