

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BRIAN STEEN called the meeting to order in the upstairs dining room, where MIKE MCMAHON led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:

CHARLIE WIEDANZ introduced his guest, Rev. Dr. Margaret Boles of Palo Alto's Covenant Presbyterian Church, who was formerly a Rotarian in Texas but managed to leave behind not only the state, but also any trace of a southern accent. DICK BUSH introduced Nick Granoski, who returned because he likes us so much, and we welcomed him back.

OPENING REMARKS:

DON MORGAN entertained us with four stories from his personal experience that provide an interesting perspective on government classification of documents and information. He described a military class with "classified" information that one sergeant had learned as a freshman in college; a "classified" briefing that was whispered despite being within the US on secured military property surrounded by cleared personnel; a Time Magazine article given the official SECRET stamp; and a requirement to "tell no one" about having participated in a Monterey language school program that had a published graduation roster!



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS AND REMINDERS

BRIAN read a note from DON LANGENDORF expressing his regret that, due to family matters, he must resign after 30 years in Rotary - 15 in Carmel and 15 in Palo Alto. We will miss him.

GLORIA HOM announced this month's TGIF, on Friday, September 30, 5:30-7:00 PM at the home of SALLY TOMLINSON. The address is 936 Addison Avenue, down a driveway behind #934, about 2 blocks east of Middlefield. Please bring a beverage that you enjoy, and come for hors d'oeuvres and good company.

SALLY TOMLINSON gave a heads up to expect a program survey in your inbox this week.

LIZ KNISS updated us on Jim Kleinberg, who has had 14-hour heart surgery. This is his second open heart surgery in a few months, and Liz asked that we keep JUDY KLEINBERG in our thoughts.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS



MEL MATSUMOTO joined the President's club with embarrassed thanks to KATIE SEEDMAN, REBECCA GIRALDI, and GLORIA HOM, who filled in at the welcome desk for him last week when he had to cancel at the last minute.

TIM
WATSON
honored

JANE KHALAF, who just had baby Josephine! What a happy reason that we have not seen her at meetings the past few weeks.



PROGRAM – Our Club's Global Grants Projects, 2016-2017.

LE LEVY described the several projects that our club supported this past year in Guatemala. These include Esperanza Juvenil boarding school for Mayan children, where our club helped build a vegetable garden area. Namaste is another project, which supports women in business with small loans and business mentoring. A third project provides vented wood-burning stoves to replace open fire pits, reducing wood burning and improving indoor air quality. Club members traveled to see and help with these projects, and to see Lake Atitlan where there are programs to help villagers improve their businesses.



TIM WATSON, Chair of the World Community Services Committee, described what is coming this year. There are two avenues for international grants: our own Palo Alto Rotary funds, and a Global Grant of District Designated Funds (DDF) that come from Rotary Foundation funds that match our club's gifts to the Foundation.



This year, we have \$20,000 from our own club's funds for international grants. The WCS Committee reviewed about 8-10 applications and selected six, most of which we have funded before: Esperanza Juvenil - \$5000 for scholarships for continued education at college; CECAP Vocational Training Center - \$3000 for a generator for food refrigeration for small business women; PCI School on Lake Atitlan in Guatemala - \$1000 unrestricted; Proyecto Itzaes in Mexico - \$1000 for a play structure; Mend a Broken Heart in the Philippines - \$4000 for heart surgery for kids; Puente al Salud Comunitaria in Mexico - \$4000 to support amaranth marketing and distribution. \$2,000 is held in reserve.

This year's Global Grant, from the Designated District Funds will total \$38,000, half coming from our club's gifts to The Rotary Foundation. (This month is The Rotary Foundation month so please get your donations in.)

The water project is in a rural river valley in the Honduras where the valley population is about 8000 people who live on subsistence farming. The town of El Pital developed a list of needs, one of which is clean water, and there is a plan to bring water from a spring farther upstream and serve about 600 houses in this town and another. Our \$38,000 will go to fund getting the water source secured and bringing it to town. This year our club trip will be to the Honduras, probably in spring.

LEE LIPPERT encouraged everyone to go on these trips to get a better understanding of the complexities of problems they face.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

October 3, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Ass't Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Stanford: "How Our Decision Making Changes with Age"

October 10, Jeff Orth, District Governor: "Rotary International and District 5170"