

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion writers' greatest fears are:

1. That they will unwittingly insult a prominent member
2. They will muddle up who said what
3. They will fail to record an important point
4. They will bore their readers
5. They will be assigned to write the Pinion on the date of the District Governor's visit.

Ah well...

Fortunately, today's meeting did not present too much of a challenge. MIKE MCMAHON, introduced the District Governor Jeff Orth who hails from the Rotary Club of Gilroy. Jeff owns a financial planning and wealth management company in Gilroy. In his wide-ranging talk he covered the usual Rotary topics –



especially the Annual Rotary Conventions.

Next year the convention will be held in Atlanta GA and our club will pay the registration fee of any members attending. He emphasized the importance of Rotary in promoting world peace. He expressed pleasure at the vitality of our club and the good works we are engaged in. However,



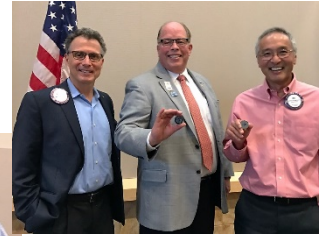
one of the main thrusts of his remarks was to draw attention to the fact that the number of members in our club was falling. He exhorted us to pay special attention to membership and to take special steps to correct this negative trend.



“Order of the Stinking Rose” which included a special pin. He also gave out bronze, silver and gold “coins” to acknowledge members who had contributed or pledged to The

Rotary Foundation this year. The

highest recognitions went to MARC STEVENSON, MEL MATSUMOTO, BILL BUSSE, GINNY LEAR and DICK BUSH.



During the meeting President BRIAN presented DG Jeff Orth with a \$500 check in support of the DG and his wife's special children's project “Read Me a Picture”.



The meeting started with the usual flag salute. Then President BRIAN STEEN welcomed back as a visiting Rotarian former member Dick Carlson. Dick divides his time these days between Lake Tahoe and Tucson and uses having grandchildren in Palo Alto as an excuse to visit us. PA Councilman and aspiring CA Assemblyman Marc Berman was

the guest of BILL BUSSE.



District Governor Jeff Orth (seated) with two dozen members

pledged to being Double Sustainers to The Rotary Foundation

The District Governor made a point of recognizing selected members of the club for their engagement in club activities and by presenting them with the

Members were reminded in a short video that the District Conference will be held next year in Santa Cruz during the weekend of May 6-7 and that an exciting program has been planned.



In his opening remarks JIM SUTHERLAND reminded us, with wit and wisdom, that today was Columbus Day. He told us of a billboard that he had seen on an Indian Reservation that boasted "Fighting Illegal Immigrations since 1492"

Paul Harris recognition pins were given out to MARC STEVENSON, HERSCH DAVIS, and ROB LYMAN. At the same time we were reminded of the proud fact that in the last seven years, our club members have made possible contributions of over one million dollars, going to local community non profits and projects, plus our community college vocational scholarships, through the PARC Annual



Charities Fund with support from the PARC Endowment Fund, and to World Community Service through The Rotary Foundation and matching grants. All volunteer driven – all the time.

Today's volunteers on duty were: REBECCA GERALDI (cash), PETER SHAMBORA (assistant), STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER (logistics) and GEOFF ZIMAN (scribe) with GINNY LEAR (photographic coverage - standing in for LYLE CONNELL).

SUSAN LUTTER made a very generous President's Club contribution to announce that she had just come back from Cameroon and was pleased to advise that, as a result of our efforts, 7,000 people there now had clean water. She will be presenting more details of her impressive project at a future meeting.



New member NICK GRANOSKI, a Broker Associate and Luxury Property Specialist at Pacific Union in Menlo Park was inducted. DICK BUSH was Nick's sponsor.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS
October 17, Candidates for Palo Alto City Council
October 24, Ellen S. Kreitzberg, Professor of Law, Santa Clara University: "Understanding Capital Punishment"
October 31, Dr. Mehrdad Ayati, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, Stanford U., and Director, Geriatrics Concierge Center, Stanford School of Medicine: "Geriatrics: Over Medication"