

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President STEEN encouraged attendance at District 5170's Avenue of Service Workshop this Saturday at the San Jose Doubletree from 9 to 2, noting the Club would pay the attendance charge.

We welcomed GINNY LEAR's guest Laura Bajuk, BRIAN STEEN's guest Lazo Mijalovich; IRIS KOROL's guest, her husband Hal; AKRAM PIRACHA's guest, wife, Tahira; ANNETTE GLANCKOPF's guest Karen Holman; LIZ KNISS's guests Susan Monk and Cathy Chiang Williams; candidate Adrian Fine's sister Livia Fine; and Mark Alman, Michelle Greenfield and Margaret Boles.

KATIE SEEDMAN reminded us of the ongoing Rotary Foundation funding drive. KATIE offered personal follow-up contacts.



Contributions to the President's Club came from AKRAM PIRACHA in honor of his wife's birthday; DENNIS MCGINN to commemorate his 4-year old daughter's stuffing her piggy bank with currency cut into pieces small enough to enter its slot; JUDITH STEINER partly to make up for missing meetings, fully retired but busier than ever it seems, but mainly to invite



expressions of interest, to be handled quite discreetly, in her beautiful 45-year-old daughter now looking for a husband (DIANA DIAMOND said she had an unmarried son), and; BRUCE GEE who requested us to be sure to tell his wife Jane he had duly noted their

24th wedding anniversary.

The Program: PRESIDENT BRIAN introduced DIANA DIAMOND as the moderator of a "debate" among ten candidates vying for four memberships on the Palo Alto City Council: Stewart Carl,

LEONARD W. ELY, III, Adrian Fine, John Karl Fredrich, Arthur Keller, LIZ KNISS, Lydia Kou, Don McDougall, Greer Stone, and Greg Tanaka. DIANA called attention to bios at each table prepared by the candidates, including Danielle Martell who was unable to attend the meeting. The "debate" actually amounted to a polite



discussion of issues posed by DIANA: no interruptions of any speaker (other than a "STOP" sign timekeeper JULIE JEROME raised at appropriate intervals), no denunciations of the moderator, no assertions that the process was rigged or unfair, and no claim that the Pinion would be biased.

DIANA's format specified issues, times for comment that varied from issue to issue, and the order in which candidates were to speak on each issue. She allocated relatively long times to various aspects of growth: office; retail; housing. She specified "Yes" or "No" on favoring dedicated bus lanes on El Camino Real, unanimously opposed. Twenty seconds went to each candidate on biking issues. DIANA authorized 45 seconds to answer differing "mean" questions for each candidate, like why are you running for City Council, why have you changed positions on an issue, would you continue to wax loquacious at Council meetings if elected, are you a single-issue candidate, could you be forceful on the Council. A second "Yes" or "No" was whether more jobs would be welcome. Some answers raised pointed questions about other candidates' campaign funding sources, eliciting counter-thrusts, all within the specified times to respond to questions DIANA posed. An era of good feeling covered answers to the final question, What do you like best about Palo Alto?

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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 School of Medicine: "Geriatrics: Over Medication"

