

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The meeting opened with PAM KRUDOP leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. DICK FREEMAN then announced that a get-well card was being circulated for TRISH BUBENIK who is in Stanford Hospital recovering from pneumonia.

The two Rotarians visiting today were both former members of our club. We welcomed Peter Guentermann from Munich, Germany and Klaus Heinemann from Gualala, California. Other former members present were Elliot Wright and James Young. We also had visiting Dr. Ian Kroes from Menlo Park.



In her opening remarks, IRIS KOROL reminded us that this was the 339th day of the year and of some notable events that occurred on December 5. It was on this day that the composer Mozart died in poverty. She concluded by advocating that we step up to positive action and expression of kind words as an antidote to stressful events.

CHARLIE WEIDANZ joined the President's Club to thank HAL MICKELSON for hosting a recent breakfast meeting to discuss membership development which will be a major thrust for the club in January. Members were encouraged to identify good prospects for potential club membership among their friends and acquaintances.



GLORIA HOM announced that there would be a special TGIF event at the Pottery Barn for club members from 7 - 9 PM on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. More details will be provided in an e-mail announcement.

DON MORGAN also stepped forward with a President's Club contribution to share with us his enjoyment of a special celebration for his wife and son at the French Laundry Restaurant in Yountville, Napa.



On behalf of our Endowment Fund, TIM WATSON,



a trust and estate planning attorney, reviewed the several ways members could advantageously provide support to the fund. A new informative pamphlet with detailed suggestions was made available and members wanting to know more about how to contribute were encouraged to contact him or other financial planning specialists.

MEL MATSUMOTO ably introduced the three members giving their long time member vocational talks.

First up was CYRILLE BETANT originally from Geneva Switzerland with a cosmopolitan background and multi-lingual skills. His entrepreneurial interests started with the

formation of a publishing firm but he has since gravitated to helping both profit and non-profit organizations with management, marketing and

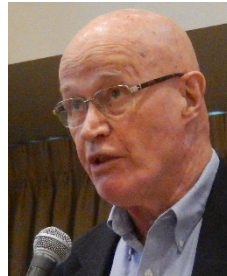


financial concerns. He enjoys working with incredible people which makes him feel productive and fulfilled.

The next speaker was DIANA DIAMOND whose interesting and varied career has been centered on journalism which she describes as a wonderful but not so well-paying field. After graduating from the University of Michigan she has been an editorial assistant, host of a TV show, executive director of a non-profit, managing editor of a large suburban newspaper chain, a Knight Fellow in Journalism at Stanford, an editorial writer and columnist, editor-in-chief of a law magazine, worked in public affairs for Stanford University (President Kennedy's Office, Medical School and Hospital), as well as founding her own business in writing and design of publications (Diamond Communications and Design).



The final speaker was DICK MANSFIELD who put aside a description of how he became a "recovering lawyer". He confined his vocational talk to sharing with us some details of his uplifting experience as a dedicated volunteer at Manzanar. described how he came to be involved with this World War II so called "relocation center" 400 miles away on the other side of the Sierras. This historic site was where 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were confined for many years because the US Army couldn't spend a lot of time trying to distinguish the good guys from the bad guys. Dick provided us with many fascinating facts derived from his volunteer experience which included historical research, transcription and indexing as well as being a docent and park service office worker.



The speakers today provide a reminder that, from the beginnings of Rotary, having members of different vocations is a key aspect of the organization and encouraging the highest vocational standards is something all Rotarians should be striving for. Also should you be interested in knowing more about the background of any particular club member, there are profiles on everyone readily available in the member section of our club website. Many of them make fascinating reading.

Duty team today: PETER SHAMBORA (Visitor Desk); CHARLIE WEIDANZ (Lunch Money); STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER (Set Up); GEOFF ZIMAN/LYLE CONNELL (PINION)

## PROGRAMS/EVENT

December 12, Steve Phillips, Hydrogeologist, USGS: "Managing Ground Water in California"

December 16, TGIF, 7-9 p.m. Pottery Barn, Stanford, Details to follow

December 19, Jose Luis and West Bay Opera Singers

December 26, DARK - No Meeting

January 2, 2017, Happy New Year! - No Meeting

January 9, 2017, Welcome Back!