

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Our Club's final meeting of 2016 was convened by President BRIAN STEEN, leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian recognized three Rotarians with Guests: DARYL SAVAGE, who introduced KATHLEEN SEDEHI; DICK BUSH, who hosted BOBBI LUCAS; and GEORGE WHEATON, who proudly brought along his wife SARAH.

BILL FOGARTY'S Opening Remarks suppressed a joke about three wise men smoking Camels, but fully included the one about "Olive, the Other Reindeer." In the end, Bill's advice and suggestions for the holidays were unexceptionable: Enjoy some quality time with family and friends. Joyously celebrate the traditions that are meaningful to you. Reflect on your memories of those who are no longer with us. Talk with someone whom you might otherwise ignore. Skip making negative remarks. Do someone a favor without being asked. Do something to make the world better. And in pursuing those goals, be a better Rotarian.



HERSH DAVIS enrolled in the President's Club as an expectant grandfather.



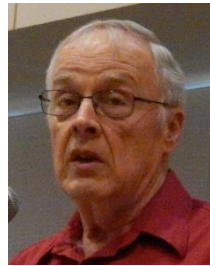
BILL BUSSE re-re-joined the PC to mark his and his wife



BARBARA's joint 89th birthdays and their celebration of same with two weeks in Hawaii. We broke into song.

Ballots were distributed, votes were cast, and we chose new officers and board members to serve alongside next year's President, BETSY BECHTEL: GINNY LEAR as President-Elect, SALLY TOMLINSON as Secretary, BRUCE GEE as Treasurer, DICK BUSH, REBECCA GERALDI, HAL MICKELSON, DAVE THORNTON, JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, PETER SHAMBORA and CHARLIE WEIDANZ as Directors, with MARGARET DUMONT in the role of Mrs. Rittenhouse. PAM BRANDIN was elected an Endowment Fund Trustee.

Our superb holiday program was presented by TOM GRACON. As a seasonal treat, we listened to two outstanding performers from West Bay Opera, soprano OLGA CHERNISHEVA and baritone KIRIL HAVEZOV, with commentary by West Bay's accomplished Director, JOSE LUIS MOSCOVICH, and accompanied by SIMONA



SRITKOVSKAYA. Among their selections: the aria Bella siccome un angelo from Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," Vissi d'arte from Puccini's "Tosca," the duet La ci darem la mano from Mozart's "Don Giova nni," Kogda bñ zhihn domashnim krugrom from Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," Con onor muore from Puccini's "Madam Butterfly," and the final duet from



Lehar's "Merry Widow." Ms. Chernisheva and Mr. Havezov drew a rare, well-deserved standing ovation. Now in its 61st year, West Bay Opera will present Puccini's "Il Trittico" on Feb. 17, 19, 25 & 26 and Strauss's "Salome" on May 26 & 28 and June 3 & 4.

A reminder: Year-end gifts to Palo Alto Rotary Annual Charities, the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund or the global Rotary Foundation will reach our Treasurer if mailed to Post Office Box 592, Palo Alto 94302-0592.



PROGRAMS & Events

December 26

DARK - No Meeting

January 2

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January 9 Martin and Dorothe Hellman, Professor Emeritus, Elec. Engr., Stanford: "Creating True Love at Home & Peace on the Planet"