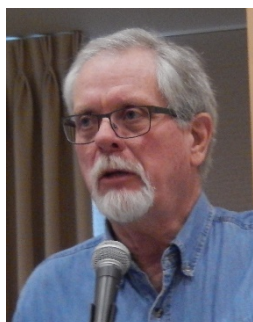


Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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PRESIDENT BRIAN STEEN gave the opening remarks:

“HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING” based on today’s editorial page in the San Jose Mercury News. King’s dream endures, but it’s not reality. As a transformational hero, King stands with Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. King tried with style--and most of the time succeeded --to let his message be the star.

King’s message was rooted in the American Ideal: equality, opportunity and justice for all. He believed that all human beings, regardless of color, creed or economic status had value and deserved both dignity and respect. Unfortunately, that message has taken a detour. Still if King were alive today he would not abandon his vision for America. His dreams cannot be put back into the bottle. Now is the time to follow King’s lead and redouble nonviolent methods to make it a reality.

GUESTS

Jo Strassberg, guest of KATIE SEEDMAN Ian Kroes, Guest of MIKE BAIRD.



President Elect BETSY BECHTEL indicated that the Board has begun to discuss how we can commemorate our club centennial which is the year 2022. BETSY, and GINNY LEAR were appointed by the Board as initial co-chairs, along with PETER SHAMBORA and BRUCE GEE, preliminary considerations are underway.

Initial goals are:

- A place that is aligned with Rotary values
- Lasting permanent recognition
- Promotes Club good will to the community
- Club would be proud to be associated with the project

- Could be a place that we have served with in the past
- Or could be a place where we could have a future service

The Board was approached by the leaders of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, with their Capital campaign for a complete renovation and rebuilding of the Museum and Zoo. They are nearing the finish for this project.

This proposal would fit in with the timing of the 100th anniversary and meets our criteria. The Board would like your feedback on this proposal and would like to know of other major projects of interest in Palo Alto. Your initial feedback is requested before the next Board meeting, February 8th.

TOM GRACON announced that the next TGIF get together is on Friday the 27th at his home: 747 Holly Oak Drive in Palo Alto. Drinks and food are 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Come and meet everyone.

REBECCA GERALDI introduced today’s MLK, Jr. DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT with Family & Children Services of Silicon Valley. It was the assembly of hygiene kits for Homeless LGBTQ teens, Survivors of domestic violence and Clients in recovery from addictions entering transitional housing.

50 carry bags for women, and 50 bags for men will be filled with useful toiletries, socks and t-shirts.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

Hands on Committee:

ELIZABETH SANTANA, ERIC KWON, JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, LEE PFAB

Red badge members:

JAMES YOUNG, MARGRUET BOLES, AKRAM PIRACHA, BILL OBERMAN, NICK GRANOSKI

Helpers:

CHARLIE WEIDANZ, SALLY TOMLINSON and many more, made this project a worthwhile effort.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

January 23, Larry Diamond, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies: "Foreign Policy Challenges for the New Presidential Administration"

January 30, Larry Gerston, Political Analyst: "The 2017-2021 Presidency"