

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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After the Pledge, PRESIDENT BRIAN welcomed EJ HONG as the only Visiting Rotarian. No wait, she really is still a member. GINNY LEAR introduced her guest Sara Tierno. And then Corky Freeman, Ellie Mansfield and Ann Kalar were introduced by husbands DICK, DICK, and DUANE. Corky and DICK FREEMAN won the longevity contest at 68 years together, whereas the Mansfields have chalked up 57 and the Kalars 56 years. Makes Golden Anniversaries sound like a special occasion for youngsters.

And then KEVIN CURRY presented Opening Remarks. Evidently a Google definition of 'remarks' assured him that he could speak about anything. And he did. Let's see, there was a warning that the chairs we were sitting in were unsafe; an opinion that since we now have microphones, symphonies shouldn't have duplicating instruments; and a story about how the fireworks at Epcot are synchronized with the 1812 Overture. But, lest we think these are random, stream of consciousness thoughts not coherently tied together with a theme, he did say they all have something to do with sound. That is if you remember the sound a couple of weeks ago when Kevin went A over T upon leaning back in his chair. Kevin promises more wise observations when he returns to the podium on his next regularly scheduled appearance in 10 years.



PRESIDENT BRIAN proudly presented Blue Badges to NICK GRANOSKI and AKRAM PIRACHA.

President's Club contributions and comments included OLIVER COOLIDGE speaking about daughter Chrissy and grandson Christopher; ROGER SMITH talking about the delightful full size street display of all the US Presidents at the corner of Bryant and Lowell (don't miss it, it's coming down soon!); unsung, hardworking hero of Palo Alto Rotary.



BRUCE GEE announcing his return from vacation; and GLORIA HOM commended ELIZABETH SANTANA for her work with the Palo Alto

Players and recommended the PA Players' April 1st Annual Gala to all Rotarians (more than recommend, she actually committed to pick up 25% of the \$100 ticket price for any Rotarian!). VIC ROSASCO pleaded for retroactivity of the offer.

And then there was music. Beautiful, glorious, eclectic, fun, heartwarming choral music from the Gunn High School's Chamber Choir. Director Bill Liberatore impressed us again with his ability to work with and get the best out of young people who enjoy singing. And Bill didn't let the opportunity pass to praise EJ HONG for her tireless work as the driving force behind the Gunn High Choir Boosters, an organization that makes possible an annual summer singing tour in Europe for 90 plus kids.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 27, Scotty McLennan, Stanford GSB Lecturer in Political Economy: "Finding the Meaning of Life in Novels"
April 3, Don Weden, Retired Principal Planner, Santa Clara County Planning: "Change, Growth, and Planning: Envisioning Santa Clara County 3.0"

April 8, Annual Crab Feed and Auction, Club Fundraiser; Mitchell Park, Palo Alto: 5:30 p.m.