

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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HAL MICKELSON, subbing as Presider-in-Chief for PRESIDENT BRIAN, decided, when he discovered that we had no visitors and no guests, that an erudite monologue on the virtues of shade from the Elk's Club's new solar panels was called for to fill the space.



ELIZABETH SANTANA, however, removed all the painfully curious looks from the



audience by presenting excellent Opening Remarks. Dovetailing perfectly with subsequent remarks from our speaker, Elizabeth talked of leadership. She had been impressed with a Ted Talk that spoke of 'lollypop moments' to get to the heart of this broad topic. That is, moments where real leadership is experienced – not by heading up the effort to save the world – but instead by performing unselfish acts that improve others' lives, one life at a time. The lollypop metaphor worked so well that the speaker and several members referred to it many times during the remainder of the program. (HAL'S 'moments' had to do with saving untold numbers from the mind-numbing exercise of going to law school when all they wanted was 'preparation for later life'.)

BRUCE GEE did a nice job of bringing us up to date and reminding us that: 1) The Crab Feed is coming! (Saturday, April 8, 5:30, Mitchell Park Community Center); 2) Tickets (\$75) are still available; 3) Auction items already are spectacular, with more coming; 4) The event is our primary vehicle for raising the money we use to support deserving local charities; and 5) Even if you can't come or bring guests, please participate in some way. He even suggested a 'deputized bidder' if you can't come and want to bid on one or more of the terrific auction items.



HAL reminded us of the club's 'TGIF Social' this coming Friday at Judith Steiner's, 5:00-7:00PM, 1515 Cowper Street in Palo Alto. ALL are invited. Those of you who raised your hands that you could help with the set up at 4:40, please contact Judith.

Trolling for President's Club contributions at \$100 didn't work. Resorting to \$20 blue plate specials, HAL caught SALLY TOMLINSON who, in the interest of science, was



going to a 'Protect the Truth' march with her kids.

ROB LANCEFIELD celebrated the fact that PA is evidently not zoned to have the horrible winters that they do 'back East'.



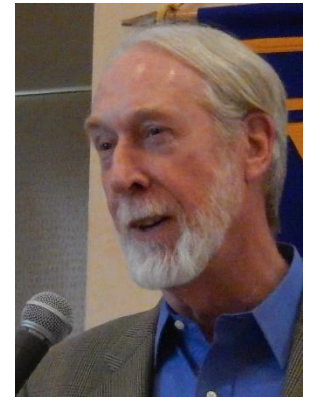
And then TODD LEWIS made a full fare PC contribution in tribute to the Chamber's recipient of the Professional's Tall Tree Award, Jim Shelby. Jim is the Gunn High



School Drama Instructor.

JIM SUTHERLAND did the honors of introducing our distinguished speaker, Professor Scotty McLennan. Currently a professor at the Stanford Business School, Scotty has previously held down roles as a lawyer, minister, author, roommate of Gary Trudeau and inspiration for a beloved Doonesbury character, and Dean of Religious Studies at Stanford. Distinguished indeed, as well as the engaging speaker we were soon to enjoy. Choosing the topic "Finding the Meaning of

Life in Novels," Scotty made it clear that novels can sometimes provide readers the challenging inquiry into the meaning of their own lives that nonfiction often can't. Cases in point were F. Scott Fitzgerald's unfinished *The Last Tycoon* and Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha*. He briefed both stories, illustrating searches that implied that love was the ultimate meaning in life. True to the promised Socratic method, Scotty then challenged us with the questions; 'Are you in a reading group?' and, 'What do you think of love as the ultimate meaning of life?' Only a few could recover from this sudden return to the tension of the classroom, but Hal, Ralph Adams, and Sally Tomlinson did us proud with thoughtful comments



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 3, Don Weden, Retired Principal Planner, Santa Clara County Planning: "Change, Growth, and Planning: Envisioning Santa Clara County 3.0" April 3

April 8, Annual Crab Feed and Auction, Fundraiser; Mitchell Park, Palo Alto

April 10, Mark Jacobson, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford: "Roadmaps for Transitioning States and Countries to Wind, Water, and Solar Power for All Purposes"