

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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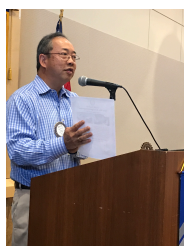
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Our meeting on June 12, 2017, was opened by President BRIAN STEEN, who introduced visiting Rotarian STEVEN BECKER from the University Club. Guests of members were DUDLEY and ELAINE ANDERSEN, introduced by LE LEVY, and SOHEILA RAZBAN and TONY ADESSA, invited by CHARLIE WEIDANZ. Soheila is VP for programs at Abilities United and TONY is with Cystic Fibrosis.

ED DANGLER offered Opening Remarks, starting with his memory of being in a group of Midshipmen sworn in as Ensigns on September 28, 1949, by Admiral CHESTER W. NIMITZ. Nimitz declared that the fitness of any ship depends on the teamwork of its crew; he observed that many strands of rope must be bound together to make the mooring hawser. To build teamwork: Treat people as you'd want to be treated. Look for the best in them. Keep no score of wrongs. Make all of them feel accepted, needed and important.



BRIAN noted that our club has a board meeting Wednesday, June 14, at 8:00 a.m., at Presidio Bank. BRUCE GEE, on behalf of ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, advised that a tour of Palo Alto's Emergency Services center will offered to our members Thursday, June 15, at 11:45. If interested, you must contact ANNETTE no later than Wednesday morning. BRUCE reminded us to buy tickets on our web site for BRIAN'S Debunking, to be celebrated Monday, June 26, Michael's at Shoreline, 5:30 p.m.; \$65 per member, \$125 with a guest.



BILL "It's never too late" OBERMAN received his Blue Badge with Congratulations from BRIAN.



BRUCE SWENSON, a Trustee of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District, introduced the day's speaker, Foothill College President THUY THI NGUYEN. President NGUYEN came to the US with a family fleeing Communist-governed Vietnam; they reached a refugee camp in Japan after 20 days at sea. She attended Oakland schools, including Castlemont High, where she was valedictorian and brigade commander in Army JROTC. She attended Yale and UCLA Law School, and in time became General Counsel for the Peralta Community

College District. She was interim General Counsel in the California Community College Chancellor's Office when named President at Foothill.

President NGUYEN doesn't hesitate to call Foothill College "a gem," uniquely successful and well-recognized throughout the community college system. Foothill serves 29,000 students, 27% of them from families in which they're in the first generation to attend college. 30% take classes online. Foothill will be among the first California community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees, starting in 2018, in Dental Hygiene. Foothill's new Sunnyvale Center will focus on such subjects as Accounting, Child Development, English as a Second Language and Industrial Design, enrolling 38% more students than Foothill's Middlefield site. The Sunnyvale facility will anchor apprenticeship opportunities, dual enrollment with high schools, and a workforce program. Foothill's Early College Promise program is making college accessible for low-income students from four high schools, providing free books and covering all other expenses.



Responding to questions, President NGUYEN praised Dr. MARTHA KANTER for focusing national attention on the challenge presented by young people who enter college without basic reading and math skills.... For-profit colleges, positioned to benefit from federal funding, engage in predatory, "go for the kill" recruiting; community colleges must respond with greater outreach and more creative around-the-clock scheduling.... At present, community colleges in California receive \$5,600 per year from the state for each full-time student, or equivalent part-timers. 40% of students receive low-income fee waivers. A "free" community college policy would cost \$400 million per year.... President BRIAN remembered that it was our club's own BOB SMITHWICK who chose Foothill's street address, 12345 El Monte Road.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

June 19, Vocational" Talks: Le Levy, Gloria Hom, Lee Lippert: "Our Fathers and their Influence on Us"

June 26. Dark - No Meeting.
PRESIDENT BRIAN'S Debunking