

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Following PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was promptly called to order at 12:30 P.M. by our new President **BETSY BECHTEL**. **ROMAN KAGARLITSKY** brought in



banners from the Roma Est and Roma Appia Antica clubs. He enjoyed attending their meetings but did not understand much of the speeches given in Italian.

OPENING REMARKS

MELVIN MATSUMOTO gave a thought for the day, the new format in which pithy quotations will be provided in lieu of the Opening Remarks. The thought for the day was a favorite Oscar Wilde quote "True friends stab you in the front."



Englewood, New Jersey and his attendance at the Rotary meeting there. Their banner, once received, showed the local highways and their motto "Find a need and fill it."

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

ED DANGLER joined the President's Club in honor of a visit he made to friends in



TRISH BUBENIK joined the President's Club in memory of the passing of Tom Ashton, husband of **ANNETTE GLANCKOPF**.

GUESTS

CHARLIE WEIDANZ introduced his guest Casey Milone. Casey is a Creative Copywriter at NVIDIA. His background is in advertising.

PROGRAM

President **BETSY** announced that we would be having a club assembly rather than a speaker. She began with her goals for the coming year. **BETSY** announced that she is proud of our club. It has excellent programs thanks to **SALLY TOMLINSON** and the rest

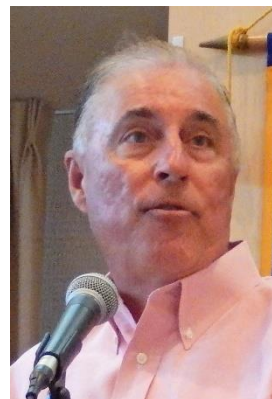
of the Program committee. The club has done a fabulous job of fundraising with the Crab Feed and donations to the environment. We are meeting our goals for the Foundations and Polio Plus. We are contributing \$21,000 to vocational scholarships. We are also successful with our global grants and we have fun at TGIFs and the holiday party. This year we will build on those great activities.

BETSY's goals for the year are to continue those activities, have fun, and continue to do good work in the community and the world. Ian Riseley, the Rotary International President has set his theme for this year of *Rotary: Making a difference in the World and in Our Community*. He envisions Rotarians planting 1.2 million trees this year. Our club will be part of that, helping a local group, Canopy, in January.

Another goal of our President is to get to know each other better. There is a plan for that with **DICK BUSH** and **HAL MICKELSON** leading the way which will be described at a future meeting. Madame President also told us she wished to focus on membership with all of us as part of the membership committee. We should ask everyone we know "Have you thought about Rotary?" She noted that the Mountain View club used to have 100 members and is now down to approximately 40. She then paid tribute to our great Board. **GINNY LEAR** is our President-Elect; **BRIAN STEEN**, past President; **BRUCE GEE**, Treasurer; **SALLY TOMLINSON**, Secretary; **DICK BUSH**, **REBECCA GERALDI**, **HAL MICKELSON**, **JACKIE SCHOELERMAN**, **DAVE THORNTON**, **PETER SHAMBORA** and **CHARLIE WEIDANZ**, Directors. Others volunteer to set up the meeting, handle audio-visual, collect money for lunch, write the Pinion (brilliantly) and keep us in touch.

We have enjoyed 5 years at the Elks Club in a lovely room. There has been no change in the charge for lunch over those 5 years. We have all had a good deal as the price went up 6 months ago and the Club did not increase the price to members. Now we must. So starting August 1st the lunch charge will be \$22.

We then heard presentations from representatives of many of the Rotary committees. **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** spoke about membership.



We are currently at 130. The biggest areas are finance and non-profits. We have nobody from the insurance industry. In the last year there have been 9 new members.

CHARLIE told us that when asked about Rotary 40% of people say they are not familiar with it, 40% are familiar with the name only and only 20% have some awareness of what Rotary is. People join for a variety of reasons but they stay because of the global impact and the friendships developed.

SALLY TOMLINSON and PAM KRUDOP made a presentation about the



Program Committee. The exciting part is inviting speakers, getting to know them and introducing them. SALLY told us that she listens differently and reads differently because she knows she is on the committee. Sometimes speakers themselves are so phenomenal the topic is less important. The committee meets every other month on the first Thursday at 11:45 a.m. in downtown Palo Alto.

GLORIA HOM and KATIE SEEDMAN spoke about social events. The July 28 TGIF will be at Gloria's; on August 17, we gather for music on Lytton Plaza. On August 25, TGIF at DUANE KALAR's. Labor Day we



will take down the flags and have a get



together at Gordon Biersch. Friday, September 8, there will be a reception for Pres. BETSY at her home. A TGIF at PETER SHAMBORA's home, Sept. 29; October 1, an ice cream social after a Sunday matinee at Palo Alto Players. In November there will be an international Thanksgiving dinner for Stanford's foreign students. The holiday party is Wednesday, December 13 at DICK BUSH's house. The annual Crab Feed is Saturday, March 17, at Mitchell Park.

PETER SHAMBORA talked a little bit about the Grants Committee and the fun of deciding where the money goes.



GINNY LEAR spoke to us about the



Pinion which needs more writers and the We Care Committee which needs new members.

REBECCA GERALDI spoke



about the youth service and Hands-On Committee which will be involved in the tree project with Canopy and the University Club.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

July 17, Heidi Feldman, Professor of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital: "Redesigning Health Care for Children with Disabilities"

July 24, Michael Kirst, President, CA Board of Education: "What's Working Well -- and Not so Well -- in California's Schools"

July 31, Amy Hutzler, Deputy Executive Officer, California Coastal Conservancy: "Restoring San Francisco Bay in an Era of Sea Level Rise"