

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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\\ President-Elect **GINNY LEAR** welcomed us, **ROB LYMAN** lead the Pledge.



PAM BRANDIN circulates a good-cheer card for **WES GARDINER**. **MIKE COUCH** introduced, for the third time, Visiting Rotarian **Amy Doninian** of the Palo Alto University Rotary Club, whose application to join our club is pending. Members and their guests were **TONY CARRASCO** and his friend **Chris Taylor**; **KARISHMA JUMANI** and husband **Anand Ramachdran** ("who wondered where his wife was going all dressed up on Mondays"); **KLAUS HEINEMAN** and **Oluf Marcu**.



"Life is as amazing as you allow it to be" titled **KLAUS' Thought for the Day**, inspired last year by **Abraham and Esther Hicks**. In part: appreciate the little things working well in your life, enjoy your aliveness and zest for living, focus on being and feeling good, appreciate generosity and enjoy diversity.

GINNY thanked meeting supporters **STEVE MADSEN** and **RICHARD KELLER**, Set up and Sgt. At Arms; Past President **BRIAN STEEN**, Greeter; Red Badger **NANCY CHAN**, Cashier; **LYLE CONNELL** Pinion

Photographer and Editor; and Pinion Writer **DON MORGAN**.

GINNY invited participation in the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, June 24-27. The Club will pay Early Bird registration fees for up to three members; 80 discounted hotel rooms arranged by the District are available now, until gone. **GINNY** has enjoyed and benefitted from three prior International Conventions and would be glad to provide additional information to members planning or considering attending.

REBECCA GERALDI asked for donations of new or gently used clothing for patients of the **Mayview Community Health Center**, all sizes, all ages. She will collect donations at our October 2 meeting; the clothing drive continues until October 20.



KATIE SEEDMAN reminded us of the next **TGIF**, 5:30-

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September 29 at Peter



Shambora's (an Oktoberfest, bring a beverage), and the 2 pm October 1 performance of "The Million Dollar Quartet" followed by our 4-5 pm ice cream sundae social at the adjoining Palo Alto Jr. Museum and Zoo. **VIC ROSASCO** said he had attended the Quartet performance Saturday night and it was the best show he had EVER SEEN! He will go again.

BRIAN kicked off fundraising for the Rotary Foundation (separate from our



Endowment). The Club aspires to raise \$24,000 during October. The minimum expected contribution is \$100, the Club's norm for Silicon Valley is \$200, and more is of course welcome. Pledge Cards will mail this week, for the Foundation and for Polio Plus, which the Gates Foundation triple matches.

The Program. **Tim Watson**, Our Club's World Community Service Projects.

HAL MICKELSON talked about the importance of our WCS Projects and the

extraordinary leadership role **WALT HAYS** played there for many prior years, an exemplary record. His would truly be "big shoes to fill". Fortunately for us, **TIM WATSON** already has extensive relevant extra-Rotary experience and qualifications for chairing our WCS Committee. To start, **TIM** reviewed our WCS projects of the past two years. He moved on to our current project, **Un Mondo**. He listed and discussed the Committee's criteria for selecting projects, criteria which include a strong advocate on the Committee for any given



project and a local cooperating

Rotary Club or other non-profit.

Project work includes on-site visits and Hands On work, some of which **TIM** illustrated on slides. He demonstrated how the WCS Committee and services work, beginning with member contributions in October, processing funds within the District and pursuit of return funds and matching grants. The Committee also seeks contributions from other clubs which do not have their own WCS projects. He reminded us of our aspirations for member contributions. **TIM's** talk was very



well received; the "big shoes" fit.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

September 29, TGIF Home of Peter Shambora 5:30-7:00

October 1, Palo Alto Players at Lucie Stern 2:00 PM

October 1, Reception after the Play at Junior Museum 4:00 PM

October 2, Dr. James R. Doty, Stanford neurosurgeon and Director of the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education (CCARE): "Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart"

October 9, Linda Bidrossian, Senior Vice President of Policy, Bay Area Council: "Workforce of the Future" unity Relations: "Stanford's Updated General Plan"