

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Today, members could choose if they wanted to sit at a table with others with a particular interest in one of the following pursuits: Community Service; Sporting Events; Rotary; Cars; Performing Arts; Biking/Golf; Gourmet Wine and Dine or Day Excursions - Art to Birding. (It is rumored that the Club Directors narrowly voted against having a group for Couch Potatoes!)

The meeting opened with the president inviting BRIAN STEEN to lead the customary flag salute. The sad news was then announced that NINA MOORE's husband Don Douglas has recently passed away and that a sympathy card was being circulated.

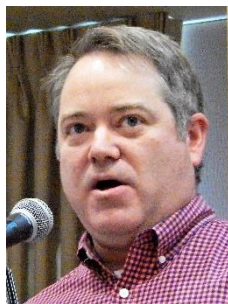
The only visiting Rotarian was Charlie Wasser from the San Jose Evergreen Club who was presenting a table full of Rotary emblomed clothing for purchase. Chris Taylor was a second-time visitor, guest of TONY CARRASCO.

The following Thought for the Day was presented by LYLE CONNELL who was commended for the excellence of his devoted work in taking photos at meetings and then blending the results with the edited Pinion text for publication.



"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not: unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of uneducated derelicts. Persistence and Determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and will always solve the problems of the human race" – Calvin Coolidge, 30th US President.

To commemorate World Polio Day, a short video encouraging final eradication of this dreaded disease was shown before TIM WATSON stepped to the podium. He announced that the club was two thirds of the way to achieving this year's Rotary Foundation \$24,000 goal with 60% of the membership contributing. There are only 2 weeks left to make it 100 per cent and MIKE MCMAHON would be glad to receive your contribution unless you would rather make the payment to Rotary International on line.



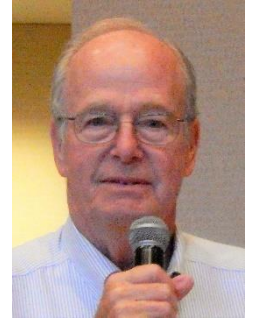
Paul Harris pins, representing reaching another \$1000 donation level, were presented to BRIAN STEEN, DICK BUSH and BETSY BECHTEL (selfie!)

There were two President's club contributions. The first from JOHN KIDD was in appreciation for the get well card sent by the members to his wife undergoing surgery. The second from TRISH BUBENIK was to acknowledge the



truly remarkable performance of the American Red Cross

organization in the face of the recent overwhelming series of disasters.



GLORIA HOM stepped up the podium with SARA TIERNO to announce the upcoming TGIF event next Friday, October 27 at the home of BRIAN STEEN and Sandra Wilson (877 Moana Court, PA) from 5:30-7 PM. Details were also given of another special social event to be held at the Indian Street Café (927 East Arques Avenue, Sunnyvale) on Sunday, November 5 from 4-7 PM. It is a buffet with unlimited beer and wine for only \$22/person provided you pay GLORIA HOM or KATIE SEEDMAN before 10/30. After that date it will be \$25/person. Also there was a reminder of the special discount day on November 19 at the women's clothing store Chico's in PA organized by Terry McMahon.



At our next (10/30) meeting come wearing a Halloween accessory (or even costume!) and you will be helping to extract a RI Foundation double sustainer contribution from ANNETTE GLANCKOPF as well as acknowledging the seasonal event.



The following members were recognized for taking part in the recent community service project in East Palo Alto: REBECCA GERALDI, OANA MACU, AMY ANDONIAN, DANA TOM, GINNY LEAR, BETSY BECHTEL and ANNETTE GLANCKOPF.

Being the Pinion writer for new member talks meetings presents a special challenge in trying to cover a multitude of interesting aspects in the personal presentations. In the following reports an effort is made to document a few highlights. If that is found inadequate then, in the future, it is recommended that you attend such meetings to get the full intriguing flavor.

ROB LYMAN started by introducing SARA TIERNO who spoke in glowing terms of her birthplace Trivandrum in the State of Kerala in Southern India.



She is excited now to be working as a realtor. After graduating with a Master's Degree in Computer Science she worked as a teacher and IT support specialist in Connecticut before moving to the Bay area. She has been involved in the organization of two non-profits. One involved promoting

awareness of Indian culture and the other concerning women's health. She has several strong Rotary connections in her family.

Next up was MATT DOLAN who is one of two sets of twins in a very large family of Irish descent on both sides.



His home territory is St Louis, Missouri and Wichita, Kansas. One of his three children suffers from cystic fibrosis so purposely making life enjoyable for those with this malady is a major focus. Currently Matt is the manager of the nearby Homewood Suites Hotel. His philosophy can be summed up with the following Irish blessing/curse he presented: "May those

who love us, love us; and those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts; and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we'll know them by their limping."

The third speaker was KARISHMA JUMANI who hails from Chennai



in South East India and is an orthodontist who came to the US in 2003 on a one way ticket. Aided by 100% scholarships, she has studied and taught at Columbia University in New York before moving to San Francisco in 2014 where she met the love of her life. Her special interest now is helping the less fortunate in the community obtain affordable dental care through her Ordemy Foundation.

Doing duty today were BRIAN STEEN and DICK BUSH (Greeting); REBECCA GIRALDI and JANE KHALAF (Front Desking) GEOFF ZIMAN (Recording); STEVE MADSEN and JOE SINNOTT (Upsetting).

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

October 27, TGIF Home of Brian Steen

October 30, Okke Schrijvers, Recent Graduate Student, Stanford University: "Artificial Intelligence"

November 5, Indian Street Food Experience

November 6, Kim Steinhardt, Writer and Marine Wildlife Photographer: "California Sea Otters"