

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER: President BETSY BECHTEL, returning from successful eye surgery, called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Thought for the Day: MEL MATSUMOTO shared an appropriate thought of Thanksgiving quoting Meister Eckhart, a Medieval Dominican theologian, philosopher and mystic "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and Rotarian good will PRESIDENT BETSY acknowledged the

efforts of the team of volunteers greeting, registering/cashier, room set up and clean up along with Pinion writer, photography and editing!

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS: Seven visiting Rotarians from near and far participated in our meeting. Bob George – San Bruno, Peter Guentermann – Munich East, Steve Ross – Palo Alto University, Phillip Dean – Livermore, Susan Chatlos-Suson – Seattle/Fremont, Tom Suson – Seattle/Fremont, David Neumeister – Brattleboro, Vermont. A welcome was also extended to Dick Franke with host member TOM GRACON and Winter Pickett daughter of Rotarian Rebecca Gerald.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW ROTARIANS, DENNIS BOYLE,



SUSAN LUTTER and JOHN O'KEEFE were recognized for their exceptional support of The Rotary Foundation with the presentation of a commemorative pin in gratitude for the good

work their contributions will support.

ROTARY CARES DAVE SMULLIN shared the somber update of DICK FREEMAN who in his own words stated "the news is not good!" Cancer from long ago has returned and spread to his bones. His energy levels are limited and he is not



expecting to return to Rotary. As he has done for his fellow Rotarians, all in attendance were invited to send a comforting message on the greeting card provided.

GINNY LEAR: The spirit of Rotary came alive in two stories presented by GINNY. The sad news of the passing of our Past President TOM FRYER was shared with updates of his memorial service planned for February in Florida. His unique contribution to Rotary was recounted with the story of his accepting GLORIA HOM as the first woman member of Palo Alto Rotary. The group was reminded of TOM'S statement "seems a big step indeed but in 25 years it may not seem so big." GINNY affirmed it was a big step then and remains so today! President BETSY BECHTEL affirmed with a good natured "You've come along way...Rotary!"



On a more lighthearted note GINNY cited her experience of greeting the attendees at the Palo Alto Players performance of the classic tale "Peter Pan". GINNY felt the same excitement as the children and their parents who were magically followed to "2nd star to the right..." Made possible by the generous support of ELIZABETH SANTANA along with Palo Alto Rotary Charities & members at our last meeting. GINNY reports it was "worth every penny to see the faces of the children!"



Three Truths and a Lie: The convivial exercise of getting better acquainted provides a weekly challenge to refine our keen investigative skills and gain greater awareness of our fellow Rotarians. PRESIDENT BETSY extended an invitation for any fibbers to step forward! Today MIKE McMahon provided Three Truths And A Lie.

1. Bachelor's Degree Awarded by President Kennedy.
 2. Won Rowing Champion in Philadelphia Regatta without a coxswain.
 3. Spent 72 consecutive days under sea.
 4. Won an Olympic Medal for Rowing.*
- *No Olympic Medal is in Mike's trophy case.

Guest Speaker: Phillip Dean, the current District Paul Harris



Society Coordinator joined Rotary Club Livermore in 1997. He served as his club's past Foundation Committee Chair from 1999 to 2009. Putting service about self he contributed as a member of the District's Rotary Foundation New Vision Task Force and the

Foundation Planning Committee. Phil additionally serves as Major Donor Chair and Abuse Prevention Coordinator. Past President of Rotary Club Livermore he continues as an advisor to their Board of Directors.

A native of Houston, Texas Phil is a Biophysicist and graduate of Rice University. His post graduate experience includes serving as a Biophysicist at the Air Force Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, staff member of University of California, employed at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico specializing in radiological physics, analytical cytology and development of computers in biomedical research. In 1974 he transferred to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore continuing in the same field and adding three-dimensional image analysis to his wellspring of expertise. Retiring in 1993 he continues as a participating guest and part time contributor.

Bringing forward "the purpose of doing good in the world" proposed by RI President Arch Klumph 100 years ago Phillip

shares this same level of commitment to The Rotary Foundation which transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. A 4-Star Charity over 90% of TRF funds are spent directly promoting peace, providing clean water, saving mothers & children, supporting education, growing local economies and fighting disease. Most notably the global eradication of polio.

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

November 27, Georgie Gleim, President and Owner, Gleim Jewelers: "Diamonds: What You Should Know About Origin, Mining, Grading, and Beauty"

December 4, Jeff Rosen, District Attorney, Santa Clara County

December 11, Applied Wisdom: An interview with former CEO of Applied Materials, Jim Morgan

December 13, Holiday Party - Bush Residence