

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Our November 27 meeting was called to order by President BETSY BECHTEL, who asked STEVE PLAYER to lead the Pledge of Allegiance....



PAM BRANDIN offered a Thought that tied in with our program: "All that glitters is not gold." Chaucer said that a couple of times, but in the Middle English spoken in the 14th Century. Shakespeare said it, but used the word "glisters...."



TODD LEWIS joined the President's Club to mark a trip to Vietnam in which he connected with his son, who is enjoying a Semester at Sea. They saw Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. Museum exhibits and memorials relating to the Vietnam War had a powerful impact on 60-something American visitors.

Three Truths and a Lie were convincingly averred by GEOFF ZIMAN. He stated he had been born on a sheep farm on the South Island of New Zealand; that his father had belonged to Rotary in Hamilton, in that country; that he once served as Sergeant at Arms at an RI convention; and that he has traveled to Africa to administer polio vaccine. Members were polled. Geoff's Kiwi-based stories drew the most skepticism. In fact: Yes, Geoff's father was in Rotary; yes, Geoff was a Sergeant at Arms; yes, he helped fight polio in Africa; but he has never set foot on the South Island.



JULIE JEROME, Chair of our club's Endowment Fund, asked us to consider making Endowment contributions as 2017 comes to a close. Income from the Endowment provided \$38,000 for locally chosen charitable and service projects last year, and will provide \$40,000 this year.

Julie introduced KELVIN QUAN, COO of the MayView Community Health Center, a thankful recipient of our support. Kelvin has a remarkable resume: a Master's from UC Berkeley, an Ed.D. from SF State, and a law degree from UC Hastings. He has served as an executive of On Lok Senior Health and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Kelvin explained that



MayView provides medical care for underserved, low-income members of our community who typically work multiple jobs and may live in apartments shared by three or four families. A Rotary grant of \$10,000 has helped MayView expand.

Our speaker was introduced by DANA TOM. Dana noted that GEORGIE GLEIM is a Rotarian in the Friday

morning University club and that her father, ART GLEIM, was a longtime stalwart member of Palo Alto Rotary. Georgie is a third-generation jeweler as well as a second-generation Rotarian, recognized for leadership by receiving an Athena award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Georgie shared pictures of the Kimberly



and Cullinan mines in South Africa, where magma rising from deep in the earth has brought diamond crystals toward the surface in volcanic "pipes." She showed us images of the Centenary Diamond, weighing 273.85 carats, colorless and flawless, and the Golden Jubilee Diamond, 545 carats, the largest cut and faceted diamond, now

part of the Royal Thai Crown Jewels, once displayed in Georgie's store.

Diamond color is graded on a scale ranging from D, E and F, colorless, to X, Y and Z, light yellow. Most people can't make good judgments about color until they see diamonds set side by side for comparison. Cut and clarity also help determine value. Georgie said purchasers are wise to deal with jewelers who belong to the American Gem Society, which promotes consumer protection and high standards of ethics for the industry. If a less-ethical jeweler quotes you a price that's too good to be true – it's too good to be true.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

