

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The meeting started with Pres Betsy asking ANNETTE GLANCKOPF to lead the flag salute. Then DARYL SAVAGE introduced her guests Mark Garcia, retired lieutenant from the Santa Clara County Sherriff Office and Kevin Jensen, National President of the FBI Citizens' Academy. Also present was Clarissa Hamilton, supervisor of Palo Alto DA Office. Janice Svendsen, Executive Assistant to the Palo Alto City Manager, was ANNETTE GLANCKOPF's guest. BRUCE GEE, on behalf of DICK BUSH, introduced Ron Miller.



HENRIETTA BURROUGHS in her Thought for the Day shared the following pointed verses by Sidney J. Burgoyne: "We're passing through this life but once/And do we make each day/The better for our having lived/In any worthwhile way? Some heart the finer that we lived/Some life the richer, too/Because we bravely did our bit/As we

were PASSING THROUGH!"



DENNIS MCGINN made his 3 Truths and 1 Lie presentation. Was it true that his father was a roommate of Ronald Reagan? Did he and his wife meet with Jimmy Carter? Did his wife get a birthday kiss from Johnny Carson? With the help of Supreme Court Justice Sandra O'Connor, did he sit in the Chief Justice's Chair? Who would have guessed that it was his children not he who sat in the chair?

Advanced notice was given that on January 15, club members who are interested to do so, will be given an opportunity to plant \$5,000 worth of trees in conjunction with the PA Canopy organization.

TIM WATSON explained the importance of contributing to our Endowment Fund and the various tax advantaged ways that it could be done through planned giving – either a current or living legacy gift. He recommended talking to a tax planner or financial professional. More details can be found in the available Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund brochure.



GLORIA HOM reminded everyone of the upcoming holiday party being hosted by DICK BUSH on Wednesday, December 13 between 5:30 and 7:30 PM.

ED DANGLER was honored by being presented with a Paul Harris pin and took the opportunity to join the President's Club to make amends for missing meetings and to celebrate his recovery from surgery.



BRIAN STEEN drew members' attention to the Club's Facebook page - an easy way for us to market to younger people and to stay informed as club members. It can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryclubofpaloalto/> Go to this link and choose "Like" on the main page and on any of the following content entries there.

DARYL SAVAGE introduced our speaker Jeff Rosen, Santa Clara County District Attorney who has held that position since 2011 and who has performed in an exemplary manner.

The DA spoke about two important initiatives that he has introduced. Gathering together and sharing data in digital form from the 13 police agencies in the county of 2 million people has become a powerful weapon in



defeating crime. Although there are many factors influencing crime numbers, the levels in the county are still low. An important concern of the DA is tracking convictions to make sure that there is fair and equal treatment for all persons arrested in the county. The other concentration relates to gun ownership. Although the number of guns cannot be restricted, related

intelligence and education programs, especially with regard to safe storage of weapons, can make a difference and have been put in place.

In question time, ROGER SMITH asked about mandatory sentences. HENRIETTA BURROUGHS asked about Prop 47 reclassification and ROB LANCEFIELD asked about crime level reduction.

In closing, President BETSY BECHTEL thanked the duty team – REBECCA GIRALDI and BRUCE GEE visitor desk; BRIAN STEEN greeting; STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER setting-uppers; LYLE CONNELL photographing/editing and GEOFF ZIMAN scribbling.

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

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

December 13, Holiday Party - Bush Residence

December 18, Palo Alto Players: Musical theater singing

