

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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KAREN AND MADELINE TO THE RESCUE!

Many of us probably had never heard of the organization represented by our speakers today. (I know of at least one who had not!) The organization is the INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE of which Karen Ferguson and Madeline Facker are Executive Director and Chief Information Officer respectively. The program was enlightening and very informative. The details will be found at the bottom of the Pinion.

TODAY'S GUESTS

MARGARET BOLES introduced her husband, John, along with Beverly Martin and Rudy Dyck. DAVE THORTON had as guests, Martha Wills, and Gene Casselli.

OUR VISITING ROTARIAN was Andy Jacobi from the Stockholm East Club.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY by Jon Stoumen. "In the long history of humankind those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed." – Charles Darwin

PRESIDENT'S CLUB... Steve Player joined in thanks to Gloria Hom for yet another great Chinese New Years dinner. Sign up today for next year's event as places are being reserved fast!



LE LEVY presented "Three Truths and a Lie". It was a bit convoluted, but it had something to do with the post marked envelopes he was able to obtain from people related to his age group. Earl Warren, Ted Williams, Babe Ruth and Herbert Hoover.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
TGIF...GLORIA ANNOUNCED that the Feb. 21st TGIF

will be held at STEVE and PATRICIA EMSLIE'S.



LOOPY BICYCLERS
JOIN BRIAN

STEEN at 10 am Saturday the 17th at the Shell Station on Sandhill Road for a "slow" trip around the Sandhill, Portola Valley, Alpine Road loop. BRIAN asked that we emphasized "slow"! (Take a sleeping bag in case it is really slow!)



THE ANNUAL AUCTION IS COMING!

BRUCE GEE bounded to the podium to promote our FUND RAISER



and introduce his fellow chairpeople.

The big announcement was that thanks to corporate sponsors and a few generous members we have reached our initial goal of 20K. WHAT WE NEED NOW are

live and silent auction items. Some wag mentioned that the live auction helps keep auctioneer STEVE PLAYER off the streets! Another great cause!

THINK OF HOW YOU CAN ADD TO THE EXCITEMENT!

By contributing, or asking others to contribute, such items as group dinners, restaurant free-bees, family members, (Suggested by Dick). Treats and retreats, trips, your special professional service and, now that it's legal, pot in a baggie.

Our compliments to the IRC. The International Rescue Committee, and what it does, was a revelation to many of those attending. First you should know that it was founded by Albert Einstein as a response to his days in Hitler's Germany. Consider the following:



There are approximately 22.5 million refugees world wide, the majority of which are orphans under 18 years of age.

The International Rescue Committee meets the individuals at the airport and provides basic needs including finding jobs. It was noted that the San Jose area is in need of motivated employees and many are relocated here. In order to be admitted into the United States a refugee has to endure an 18 to 24 month vetting period which includes 21 interviews. In spite of the fact more than 30 countries worldwide accept refugees, less than 1% of the world's refugees were settled in 2016.

Our compliments to the IRC for tackling such an inordinately challenging project!

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK since it's PRESIDENTS DAY!

PROGRAM & EVENTS

February 19, DARK - No Meeting

February 23, TGIF Emslie Residence 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

February 26 New Member Talks 5 PM –

