

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President BETSY BECHTEL called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GUESTS:** Thespian member ELIZABETH SANTANA introduced her guest Patrick Klein, Artistic Director for Palo Alto Players, who received a warm Rotary welcome.



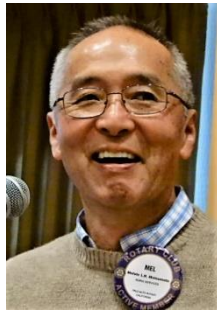
**THOUGHT OF THE DAY:** MARCIE COX provided an observation in celebration of the Olympic spirit of achievement. The determination and focus of the athletes brings the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The moral is to find the meaning and process and not be defined by the results. Good advice for Olympians and arm chair jockeys alike!

**2018 PALO ALTO CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR:** March 4th, 2018 from 2:00 – 5:00 at Mitchell Park

Library. A fun event to be enjoyed by the whole family. ANNETTE GLANCKOPF announced she will be demonstrating dumpling making. President BETSY BECHTEL encouraged members to attend and share in the cultural events.

**THREE TRUTHS AND A LIE:** MEL MATSUMOTO provided 4 statements.

Knowing 35 english words by the age of five.  
Dated Miss Hawaiian Tropic Runner Up.  
Defensive tackle for high school football team.  
Cycled across New Brunswick  
Dating a contestant of Miss Hawaiian Tropic was the whopper!



was happy to sponsor JAMES SHERIDAN as a new member while JUDITH STEINER extended the same to MICHAEL PATRICK. Both JAMES and MICHAEL are welcome additions to our club and we look forward to getting to know them better. Make sure to introduce yourself at upcoming meetings.

**BLUE BADGE:** TONY ADESSA received an "Atta Boy" for earning his blue badge. Congratulations on this Rotary milestone.

**NEW MEMBERS:** LIZ KNISS



**CRAB FEED:** Check out the flyers for opportunities to participate by attending, volunteering and/or donating an auction item. The date is March 17th – St Patrick's Day. By all reports the event is great fun or as they say in Ireland "the craic was 90!" More info - log on to [rotarypaloalto.org](http://rotarypaloalto.org).

**CANOPY TREE PLANTING EVENTS:** Two upcoming events to dig in the dirt and plant trees that will enhance our community by promoting the care of urban forest.

Saturday, March 24th, 9:00 AM – 12:00PM at Cubberly Community Center in conjunction with Cubberly Community Day.

Saturday, March 31st, 9:00 AM – 12:00PM for Green Meadow neighborhood with goal of planting 30 trees. Meeting space TBD. More information is available at <http://www.canopy.org>.

**NEW MEMBER TALKS:** Three new members shared their life events that brought them to Palo Alto and ultimately Rotary. Here are their stories:



**OANA MARCU:** Following her dreams OANA departed the bucolic village in Romania and followed the indirect path to Palo Alto through the snow of Canada to the sunshine of southern California. The study of biology and a desire to apply these lessons to behavioral understanding motivates her to accept the opportunities as life provides.



**KLAUS HEINEMANN:** Earning a PhD in experimental physics in his native Germany KLAUS has enjoyed a successful career as a scientist, researcher and entrepreneur. Along with his wife Gundi, he is embracing the union of science and spirituality. Find out more by checking out "The Orb Project" online.

**TONY ADESSA:** A Doctor of Music and a violinist Tony has pursued his passion for music through study, performance and as an educator. He balanced opportunities for performance and career options by contributing to health and well-being of others as Development Manager at CFRI and as a music educator. Tony's passion for the violin and his non-profit commitment adds beauty to the world.



**ADJOURN:** Upon completion of the new member talks President Betsy Bechtel reminded us LIZ KNISS will be our guest speaker next meeting.

## PROGRAM & EVENTS

March 5 Liz Kniss, Mayor of Palo Alto: "State of the City"

March 12 Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor: "Listening to Trump's America, Bridging the Divide"

March 17 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

