

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Visiting Rotarians: Larry Christorse, from the Palo Alto University Club. Guests: Introductions were provided by HENRIETTA BURROUGHS for her son, Kwame, who has received multiple recognitions for outstanding work; Barbara Alhouse, widow of former member Billy Alhouse by VIC ROSASCO; and a guest whose name was not on the guest list, by TONY CARRASCO.



Quote for the Day, given by DON MORGAN: "Travel is fatal to prejudice," from Mark Twain.



Presidents Club: BERT ROSE, ED DANGLER, and ELIZABETH SANTANA, praising the success of the Crabfeed and those who worked on it; and JUDY KLEINBERG, half, to honor Henrietta's son, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and the University itself for being in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, with a promise of the other half if it wins.



The organizers of the Crabfeed described their work and thanked their helpers: REBECCA GERALDI said that food service was provided by 10 volunteers from Paly, 14 from our Gunn HS Interact Club, and students with special needs from Ada's Cafe. PETER SHAMBORA thanked the club volunteers



who set up, tended bar, etc. GINNY LEAR thanked those who provided auction items. STEVE PLAYER thanked ELIZABETH SANTANA for playing the role of Vanna White, and KATIE SEEDMAN and AMY ANDONIAN for keeping track of bids.



DICK BUSH noted that the goal of the event was to raise \$65,000, which was exceeded: a third of contributions came from each of three categories: corporate sponsors, silent auction and live auction. BRUCE GEE thanked STEVE as live auctioneer, HAL MICKELSON for his introductions as MC, and Ada's Cafe for their catering service; and he finished the presentation by reporting that the event raised slightly more than \$88,000, a record.

BETSY explained that the club lunch buffet was moved to a location further from the entrance with the objective of encouraging members to socialize before eating. She also noted the following dates:

Planting trees with Canopy on Saturday, March 24, 9-12 at Cubberley (bring gloves); and THIT on Thursday, March 29, 5:30-7, at LE LEVY'S home, bring drinks to share.

PAM KRUDOP introduced our speaker, Dave Edlund, otherwise known as McCovey Cove Dave. Dave has been a baseball fan for 50 years. He managed funds for HP for 20 years, retired in 2001, and has devoted himself since then to following the Giants and catching home runs, including 34 in McCovey Cove. He showed a video of ball hunters in the Cove, paddling, diving and swimming to retrieve home runs.



His strategy is to use his knowledge of where



batters hit, together with his skill in math, dealing with factors like wind speed, to calculate the most likely spot for a ball to hit. A ball floats for about a minute, and there is a mad dash to retrieve it.

Having won a national championship in kayaking gives Dave an advantage in getting there first. He gets to know the players, and asks every hitter whose ball he catches to sign the ball. The contestants in the Cove become friends and use social media to communicate while waiting. Because of Dave's success, they named him McCovey Cove Dave and

gave him a sweatshirt with that name which he wore for his talk.

In 2016, Sports Illustrated named him Fan of the Year and treated him to a dinner where he was served an \$800 bottle of champagne. He has also been awarded Catch of the Year, and a bobblehead has been created in his image.

Questions: BETSY: What do you wear, and if you swim, how do you get back in the kayak? Answer: A wetsuit, and having been an outstanding runner, he is able to jump into the kayak. E.J: How do you support yourself? Answer: He uses the investment skills he learned at HP, and also recycles golf balls.

KEVIN CURRY: How avoid collisions, and how will you deal with drones? Answer: No powerboats are allowed, and drones might be used if they could float.

GINNY LEAR: Don't the hitters want their home-run ball back? Answer: Only one has asked for it, and he gave it back even though Dave feels he should be entitled to keep it.

TRISH BUBENIK: Are you going to write a book? Answer: He is collecting materials to do so.

HENRIETTA BURROUGHS: What are you going to do with the balls? Answer: He hopes to donate them to the baseball Hall of Fame.

PROGRAM & EVENTS

March 26, Molly O'Neal, Santa Clara County Public Defender: "Public Defense 101"