

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WHAT A SURPRISE!

Our speaker, Gary White is a Climate Activist trained by Vice



President Al Gore.

Many of us had expected a "Gloom and Doom" talk about the coming global climate catastrophe. What we learned was that there are numerous creative projects that may well provide low cost energy that does an end run around the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas. How about 300 foot long fan blade!

Incredible amounts of solar energy with new solutions to the storage problem. All in all I was surprised, if not shocked, by Gary's presentation. See a few of the details below!

HOW ABOUT STARTING THE MEETING WITH AFFINITY GROUPS?

And just what is an affinity group you might ask. It's a group of members with similar interests.

We were seated at tables with fellow members by what President BETSY assumed were our common interests. For example: Golf, Biking, Performing Arts, Sporting Events, Cars, Hands on Community, Day Excursions from Art to Birding. (Inadvertently omitted were Pinion Writers.) Oh well!



THE QUOTES OF THE DAY (Submitted by BRUCE SWENSON who was unable to attend.) Presented by BETSY BECHTEL

Ben Franklin was noted for: "In the world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

And it was Oliver Wendell Holmes who added, "Taxes are the price we pay for

civilization. I like to pay taxes. With them I buy civilization". Thanks for the reminder Ben and Oliver.

And it was Senator Long who added, "Don't tax thee, don't tax me, tax the fellow behind the tree".

And how about Paul Getty who reminded us that, "If you get up early, work late, and pay your taxes you'll get ahead....if you strike oil!"

Holy smoke! Tomorrow is the last day to submit our income taxes!

GUESTS

Charlie Weidanz introduced Julian Nino and Roger Smith's guest for the third time was Mary Gyves.

ROGER SMITH SHARED HIS 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE

To wit...

1. I went to a one room school.
 2. I've been a member of the Elks Club for 57 years.
 3. I founded two charity organizations.
 4. I graduated from Stanford University
- If you were unable to attend the meeting, take your best guess. The correct answer is somewhere else in this publication.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUCH



President BETSY presented JERRY ELKIND with his Paul Harris Fellowship Pin with 3 jewels.

OUR PROGRAM

Following an introduction by MIKE



McMAHON our guest speaker shared the latest news about global warming and the current efforts to reduce the problem. In addition to the installation of oversized fans as noted above, here are some additional innovations and practices that are encouraging:

1. Wind energy is growing rapidly world wide.
2. Apple, Google and other tech companies are building their own solar farms and selling any excess energy.
3. There has been a 99.5% reduction in the price of solar collection.
4. The answer to Roger Smith's three truths and a lie is 4. Roger did not graduate from Stanford although he has been on their athletic board and has milled around the campus for many years.
5. Storage of wind and solar power has been improved with the use of Tesla batteries and power walls.

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

April 23, Bill Liberatore and the Gunn Choir:
"Choral Numbers"

April 25, Interclub Social - Dinner and Movie
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

April 27, TGIF - Stouman Residence
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

