

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At PRESIDENT BETSY BECHTEL's suggestion, the meeting started by welcoming back PRESIDENT-ELECT GINNY LEAR. We also welcomed Visiting Rotarian Bob George of the San Bruno Club, DANA TOM's guest Alan Eng, MIKE McMAHON's guest Charles Arnold, AKRAM PIRACHA's guest John Beynon, and CHARLES WEIDANZ's guest Julio Nino.



BETSY awarded SUSAN LUTTER a certificate recognizing her contributions to Rotary International.

"Unless the sea within the drop, the whole within the part Appear, you play like children; you still lack the seeing eye".

AKRAM PIRACHA explained that his Thought for the Day came from Ralph Russell's translation from the Urdu of poet Ghalib's, The Seeing Eye, and that "clair voyant" aptly describes the concept.



BETSY welcomed into club membership and awarded Red Badges to MERI GYVES and CHRIS TAYLOR

After reviewing the fully truthful Chamber of Commerce's Tall Trees awards, JUDY KLEINBERG told a lie, mixed with three truths: 1. At a presumably younger age, she sneaked onto a luxury cruise boat in the Bahamas, partook at an island destination freely, really freely, of fine food and vintages, and sneaked back aboard for the return trip, thus avoiding a fare of at least a thousand dollars; 2. while walking with girl friends in front of the U.S. Department of Commerce Building, she and friends were accosted by whistles from motorist Ted Kennedy, yes, distracted driving, who rear-ended another vehicle; 3. acting in a New Zealand Maori cultural celebration, she grimaced and stuck out her tongue; 4. employed misleadingly as a fast-cook chef near a sports venue and producing inedible entrees, she was instructed by a star athlete how to cook a hot dog, hamburger, etc, and still cooks that way! The untruth? The Maoris story.



BETSY invited us to join her this Wednesday at a movie night double feature, and at a TGIF Club party April 27 at the home of OMalley

and Jon Stoumen, 1530 Castilleja, in the Southgate area of Palo Alto. BETSY thanked those staffing the meeting and said next week we would hear a Coast Guard presentation.

THE PROGRAM: Bill Liberatore and the Gunn Choir: "Choral Numbers" E.J. HONG, whose daughters graduated Gunn and its choir, amused us with the joys of chaperoning 100 teenage choir members on a 10 day visit to Ireland last summer. She lauded the Choir for assuring that all choir members made the trip, regardless of financial resources, some of which our club provides.



Choirmaster Bill Liberatore gracefully led seven songs: 1) a South African folk song of hope and freedom; 2) Pilgrim's Hymn, by Stephen Pollock; 3) Psalm 115; 4) Beautiful Echo, a Renaissance madrigal; 5) Flight Song of St. Albans choir, on branching into new life experiences; 6) "Dear John, Dear John", a tale of the power of



punctuation; 7) a Haitian folk song, accompanied by drummers. Choirmaster Liberatore said that items 1 and 2 are featured in "From the Top", an NPR special coming this weekend. He thanked us for support, and BETSY responded, "The check is in the mail", as she handed him the traditional book for a student in East Palo Alto.



## PROGRAMS and EVENTS

April 25 Interclub Social Dinner and Movie, 5:30PM  
April 27, TGIF - Stouman Residence, 5:30-7:00 PM  
April 30, Cmdr. Matthew Waldron, Executive Officer of the USCGC Stratton: "Counter Narcotics Operations, Coast Guard Intelligence Programs, and Weapons Controls"