

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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MY GUESS IS THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS PINION! And why is that you ask? It appears as though the entire membership plus half of the Los Altos Club were in attendance taking their own copious notes. However, in keeping with an ancient tradition, your scribe will record his own recollection so that we can ensconce a summary of the program for future generations to peruse.

Our new President **GINNY LEAR** opened the meeting by inviting past President **LE LEVY** to lead the pledge followed by our Prez (“waiting-in-the-wings”), **DANA TOM**, introducing some 21 visitors.

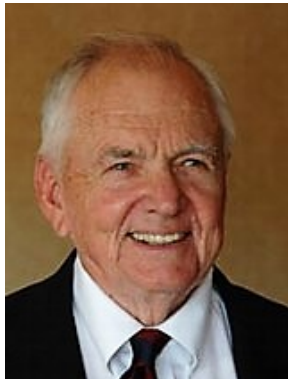


Since our speaker had to leave early, he was introduced first followed by Club announcements at the end of the program. However, so as not to confuse you, here are the announcements first.

PRESIDENT GINNY reported on a very successful Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Also attending from our Club were **GLORIA HOM** and **DARYL SAVAGE**. Some of our senior members can probably recall an earlier time when Rotary was strictly a men’s club. Then in 1987 **GLORIA** became the first distaff member in the world of Palo Alto Rotary. Way to go **GLORIA!**

PRESIDENTS CLUB

Genial **JOHN O’KEEFE** joined in honor of **GINNY** “for all you do”. **GINNY** joined for having been married to **KING LEAR** for some 53 years on July 4th. Holy smoke! King was among today’s guests.

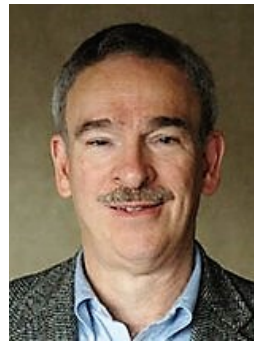


As an aside, **GINNY** announced that dues, prez club memberships, etc. could be paid on-line. The end of the line is genial Club treasurer **BRUCE GEE**.

THE BOARD MEETING will be Wednesday at the Presidio Bank at 8AM. Call **KATIE SEEDMAN** to confirm.. By the way, **KATIE** is our Social Chairperson. Her committee has plans for a very special event in September with some Pop-Up Parties throughout the year. Stay tuned!

DAVE SMULLIN announced that he and **PAM BRANDIN** compose the We Care Committee. Please contact them if you know of a member who could use a friendly call and/or a friendly greeting card.

BY THE BY. Relatively new member **AMY ANDONIAN**, just back from 2 weeks in Hawaii, has moved to Pacifica, but promises to attend all, or almost all, of our club meetings.



We assume that all of you Pacificans will car pool on Mondays.



PROGRAM NOTES

We were fortunate to have Professor Joshua Tietelbaum as our guest speaker. He has lived in Israel for 38 years and has had a long association with Stanford. He did an outstanding job bringing us up to date on the situation in the Middle East.

Here are a few of his comments:

The Middle East is in a state of flux

The U.S. influence has diminished.

Russia has re-entered as a serious player.

There is no clear U.S. strategy under Trump.

Israel plays a large role for such a small nation.

Israel is now the 8th most powerful nation in the world.

The two state solution is the only viable solution in the Middle East.

His latest book is “Saudi Arabia and the New Strategic Landscape”.

Outstanding questions from **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS**, **JOHN O’KEEFE**, **HAL MICKLESON**, **ROB LANCEFIELD** and others. All in all an excellent meeting!

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

July 16, Daniel Sneider, Lecturer in East Asian Studies, and Visiting Scholar at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University: "North Korea: The Path to Peace and to War"

July 23, New Member Talks