



# Palo Alto Rotary Club Pinion



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**PRESIDENT: ROBLANCEFIELD,  
GREETER: SHARON WAGNER**

Though the weather outside was frightful,  
Our meeting was delightful;  
Regardless of rain or snow,  
Rotary was the right place to go!

## VISITORS

No visiting Rotarians, but many guests. BOB WHITEHAIR introduced Nick Nichols, dashing in leather jacket, with guest Ajayi Lawrence, from East Palo Alto, on Winter break from Amherst. CHESLEY DOUGLAS introduced Kai Johansen. TOM GRACON brought along Knight fellow Lisa Stotlar, and Knight administrator Violet Gonda. GEOFF ZIMAN's guest was Pieter Kark, a fellow volunteer at the Red Cross. BOB McCOWAN's guests were Ralph King and Emmett Carson. Emmett is director of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, manager of our Rotary Foundation endowment.

## OPENING REMARKS



Octagenerically speaking, BILL BUSSE reflected on events and people that have contributed to his reaching this point in his life. A thoughtful tribute to the people we don't think about, often doctors and researchers, who bring us (and our progenitors) to health and longevity. (Future opening remarkers are urged to consult with BILL about writing excellent, entertaining opening remarks.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



President ROB presented his Blue Badge to BRUCE SWENSON.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**January 14 - John Taylor - The Untold Story of International Finance in the Post-9/11 World**

**January 21 - Dark in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday**

**January 28 - Steve Blank - Secret History of Silicon Valley**



PRISIDENT ROB called up for special appreciation, CARL KING, outgoing Program Committee Chair, and his successors, JUDITH STEINER and E. J. HONG. CARL's tenure has seen outstanding speakers (including today's; see below). Congratulations to a committee whose efforts resulted in a



year of entertaining, stimulating meetings: DARYL SAVAGE, NATASHA FRENCH, DIANA DIAMOND, JOAN PLASTIRAS, RALPH ADAMS, ROB LANCEFIELD, SKIP HOYT, JAYNE BOOKER and ART STAUFFER.

DENNIS MCGINN, announcing we will feed the homeless this Wednesday, January 9th, was greeted by an overflow of volunteers; a nice way to start the new year of community service.

DANA TOM, filling in for BARB MITCHELL recounted our delivery of dictionaries to the kids at Green Oaks Academy in East Palo Alto. The books were truly appreciated.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



DIANA DIAMOND, but recently deplaned from South America, introduced Rick Young, Knight Fellow at Stanford, and documentary producer for Frontline on NPR. Rick's topic was the economic forces challenging capitalism. He recounted touring the L. A. harbor and seeing large numbers of container ships bringing foreign-made goods to the U. S., but just a few outgoing ships carrying our

exports. (Ironically, our major export from L.A. is scrap cardboard from the boxes in which those imports were wrapped!)

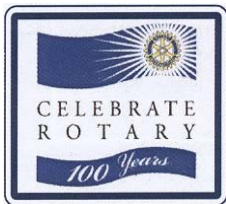
From China we import ten times the dollar volume that we export. Meanwhile, he asserts, unemployment is rising and income per worker going down. The gap between executive pay and worker pay is widening. And workers, he feels, are being ill-treated by the movement away from defined pensions towards 401 k's.

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**A new year now has started,  
No need to be down-hearted;  
Since there's such a great place to go,  
Let it rain, let it sleet, let it snow!**

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