



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion



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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 31 - Judge Leonard Edwards - Creative Ways of Rehabilitating Drug Abusing Parents - and Reuniting Families

April 7 - David Magnus - Emerging Issues in Bioethics

April 14 - Martha Kanter - Foothill and De Anza Colleges: Our Mission, Accomplishments, and Challenges Ahead

VISITING ROTARIANS

AXEL MERK introduced Thomas Kritzler from Germany. Shai & Daphna Ronen are visiting from Israel. Local Rotarians included Flo Stafford from Sunnyvale & Larry Grace from Saratoga.

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

The Club welcomed back MARCIE COX after an extended tennis injury. MARCIE introduced GEORGE WHEATON & DICK MANSFIELD, as they had the pleasure of escorting the Group Study Exchange visitors from Taiwan, where it is the year 3470.

OPENING REMARKS

MONICA DEVINCENZI entertained the assembled with 'fun facts' of recycling. It was eye opening to learn Americans create 1 ton of trash per person per year & there are 20 million Hershey Kisses wrapped in aluminum per day, all recyclable.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

GEOFF ZIMAN had the pleasure of introducing new member, PIETER KARK.

PROGRAM – NEW & LONG TIME MEMBER TALKS

WES GARDINER was the Master of Ceremonies & Official Time Keeper.

Speakers:

DAVID BLITZ (Long Time Member) – As today's Pinion Reporter David assured New Members, **ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK** & **MARK NADIM**, the speaker reviews would be glowing. DAVID is from the Midwest & has been a member of the Palo

Alto Rotary for 14 years. DAVID & Cindy have been married 30 years this May & they have two daughters, currently residing on the East Coast. His work history includes 27 years in real estate & 8 years in health care. DAVID recently joined The Staubach Company, where he does real estate portfolio management & design/construction project management for the company, started 30 years ago by football great, Roger Staubach.

ADRIAN MIKOLAJCZAK (New Member) –

ADRIAN clearly displayed his unconventional, inventive & fun approach to life, as he showed a slide show of his wedding events that included a scavenger hunt & Rodin sculpture imitations. His high-tech career has included research & development, new product invention, marketing, system engineering & program management. ADRIAN's current work is in electrical components that are likely incorporated into your cell phone & other electronic devices. He has been married to Evelyn Horng for 4 years. ADRIAN was born in Connecticut, grew up on Coronado Island & attended Stanford.

MARK NADIM (New Member) – is a retired engineer who is now a commercial real estate advisor. He grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, & received a Bachelor of Electronics degree from Baghdad University. MARK came to the US in 1977 & has worked in the high tech industry for over 26 years.

MARK's wife, Sandra, is also a retired engineer. Their daughter, Nicole, is 10 years old. MARK & Sandra are active in the PTA & are volunteers in their daughter's school. MARK is vice president of his Neighborhood Association & ran for City Council. MARK discussed the crumbling infrastructure in Iraq, & how so many have left the country.

OTHER ROTARY MEETING PLACES.

<http://www.rotarypaloalto.org/MeetingInfo.cfm>

