



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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July 21 – Steve Ritchie – Wetlands Restoration

July 28 – Keith Humphreys – Rebuilding Iraq's mental Health Care System

August 4 – Esteemed District Governor Gary Citti

OFFICIAL GREETER(S):

The Official Greeter for today's meeting was Post-Trainee ROB LANCEFIELD, Greeter Extraordinaire (?).

OPENERS:

PREZ MIKE called on SAM WEBSTER to lead us all in the Pledge (great enthusiasm and allegiance).

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening Remarks were delivered by esteemed BILL BUSSE who, reminded us of the upcoming Olympic Games, and of the little known world records that haven't been challenged nor broken for years like, the Pushbroom Contest, the Midnight Tire Rolling contest, the Pre-Frisbee Record Throwing contest, Stuffing Ballot Boxes and more. All of which were performed in an earlier era and passed the Rotary Four-Way Test (in a manner of speaking). Thanks for reminding us of all our child accomplishments, BILL.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

Rotary visitors and guests were introduced by SHERRI SAGER.

Visiting Rotarians were MARK MARCIEL (Palo Alto University club, and RICK NELSON Elizabeth City, NC club).

Guests (Hosts) were PATTY WIPFLER

(ISRAEL ZEHAVI), ED DANGLER (KELLY MORARIU) and WAYNE RIDERSON (RALPH ADAMS). A warm welcome was expressed by all club members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROB LANCEFIELD announced the forthcoming visit by the District Governor who will acknowledge all our club's Double Sustainers during his visit. It's not too late folks; get your \$200+ in! ROB also announced this coming year's Rotary focus' - 1) Polio Eradication and 2) Child Mortality. PREZ MIKE announced the date for the social at his home; it's Sept. 4.

WALT HAYS received the 2007 District 5170 award on the theme, Rotary Shares. Congratulations WALT for the great effort.

HAL MICKELSON extracted a few bucks out of our club members by asking them to recall recent graduation or other significant events. ISRAEL ZEHAVI joined the President's Club in memory of the nine soldiers recently killed in Afghanistan. Thanks for the timely thought ISRAEL. Other contributors were SY GREENSTONE, DAVID NEGRIN, SAM WEBSTER, JOHN O'KEEFE, HAL MICKELSON, MARTHA KANTER, BERT ROSE and PREZ MIKE all in recognition of graduations by kids and grandkids. Thanks, g & g's.

THE PROGRAM:

PREZ MIKE introduced our speaker JAMES DESMET JONES of Leicester, UK, a noted wine expert who spoke on the subject of wine preferences and trends around the world. He referred first to California, which is emerging as one of the top wine producers in the world, in fact 4th compared with all other countries. Wine production around the world has doubled between 2000 and 2007 and wine consumption in the US is now 24 gallons per person per year, two-thirds of which is produced here in our country.

Winemakers are constantly expanding their vineyards and experimenting to further enhance their products. Also, new wine resource are emerging in Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand (especially in the Marlboro region).

The wine market is a very quickly changing phenomena, so get on board. Thanks James for a most interesting discussion, even for those of us who are sober.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

A cannibal came late to his club meeting. "You're late." shouted the president. "Everyone's eaten."

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

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