



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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OPENERS:

JOHN O'KEEFE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

SHARON WAGNER introduced visiting Rotarians **STEVE ROSS, PATRICK O'REGAN, TOM PAMILLA, & JAN PIETZSCH** (Palo Alto University); **JAMES MCGREGOR** (San Jose Downtown) and guests **Gina Farnesi (LARRY BAILEY), Rick Raybin (TONY CARRASCO), Ed Dangler (ART STAUFFER), and Taher Fatehti (KELLY MORARUI).**

OPENING REMARKS:

RALPH ADAMS reminded us of the proud history of the United States & our role in bringing freedom to many parts of the world. In challenging times we should remember to keep the faith & believe in our values.

PRESIDENT FOR A DAY: See President **MIKE COUCH** if you are interested in having the power of the gavel to run a meeting.

Thank you **DENNY BOYLE** for an informative visit to Ideo.

ROTARY FOUNDATION:

Past President **ROB LANCEFIELD** asks that we turn in our pledge cards for the new Rotary year.

PRESIDENTS CLUB:

Generous Rotarians included **ISRAEL ZEHAVI, RACHEL MEYER, & LARRY BAILEY.**

FINING BOOMERANG:

Fine Master **HAL MICKELSON** solicited Club support for assessing a fine to **JUDY KLEINBERG** for taking 'his' airplane seat on a recent trip. The Club rallied around **JUDY** & demanded a fine be paid by **HAL.**

SPEAKER:

Steve Ritchie of the California Coastal Conservancy discussed the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. San Francisco Bay is the 'wilderness' of Silicon Valley encompassing 1600 acres & affecting 7 million people. The goals of the Project are 1) habitat restoration, 2) public access & recreation & 3) flood management. The Project is expected to cost between \$600 million to \$1 billion over 30 years, 60% of that being levee construction. See www.southbayrestoration.org for more information.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

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

August 4 – Esteemed District Governor Gary Citti

August 11 – New Member Talks

NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

[Palo Alto Rotary - Meeting Information](#)

TUESDAY

Los Altos: China Shuttle, 22382 Homestead Road, 19:15
Mountain View: Adobe House, Moffett & Central Mountain View, 12:15

Sunnyvale, Ramada Inn, 1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, 12:15

WEDNESDAY

Menlo Park: Menlo Park Recreation Center, Menlo Park, 12:15

East Palo Alto Senior Center, 560 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, 12:15

Woodside/Portola: Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 07:30

THURSDAY

Los Altos: Garden House, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos 12:15

FRIDAY

Palo Alto University: Sheraton Hotel, El Camino, Palo Alto, 07:15

San Carlos: Piaceri's Restaurant, 727 Laurel Street, San Carlos 12:15