



# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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**Preface** There are several pitfalls that face the person reporting on meetings of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto for the Pinion:

1. Misspelling the name of a touchy member
2. Omitting the name of an important member in the list of recognitions
3. Giving credit (or discredit!) to the wrong member
4. Leaving out some crucial event that took place during the meeting
5. Putting in an incorrect place, date or time for a future event
6. Failing to make the annual District Governor's visit into an exciting report

Challenges 1 thru 5 can usually be overcome by the exercise of due diligence but taking care of 6 requires greater skill and effort so, this week, your indulgence on that point is sought.

**Taking Care of Business** IRIS KOROL collected our lunch money [It is not true, as some suggested, that she was doing this as penance for some sin, but that being a great person she willingly stepped forward when asked.] ROB LANCEFIELD greeted most of us with a smile, but others with a quip. ART STAUFFER put his naval background to good use following the lead of SAM WEBSTER in starting us appropriately in the salute to the flag. DAN QUINN reminded people of our important "Feed the Homeless" obligation on Wednesday, August 6. Even though he believed that there were enough sign-ups, additional members would be welcome. It was emphasized that this activity offered fellowship and more than just service to the community.

**Opening Remarks** DICK FREEMAN is the last person you would expect to be engaged in the numbers racket, but his remarks did center on numerals. However, he exonerated himself by some thoughtful comments on how important historical figures had reduced eternal wisdom to just a few phrases. For good measure the Rotary four-way test was included.

**Visitors** MONICA DEVINCENZI introduced visiting Rotarians TOM HANSON and CHRISTINA EGAN, both from San Jose. In addition to the District Governor GARY CITTI, we were honored to have ANGIE HASSLER, Lt. Governor and MIKE MANSCH Assistant Governor with us. NICK RUGH was a guest of KELLY MORARIU and TAHER FATEHI a guest of E. J. HONG.

**Upcoming Event** President MIKE COUCH and his wife, Jean, are kindly throwing a social at their home from 5-7 PM on Thursday, September 4; so mark it now in your calendar.

**Induction** PETER GUENTERMANN, previously a Rotarian in the Buckhead Club in Atlanta GA and sponsored by BOB SMITHWICK, had the distinction of being made a new member of our club by the District Governor.

**Introduction of DG** This was ably performed by Mike Manisch. For details of GARY CITTI's career and accomplishments you are recommended to review the August 2008 Program announcement e-mail of 7/28/08.

**DG's Remarks** Gary Citti covered many aspects of Rotary with the recurrent themes of making a difference, getting involved, reducing child mortality, "putting Rotary to work where you work," instilling ethics, and above all following through on the current Rotary theme of "Making Dreams Real". He exhorted us to attend the District Conference, April 17-19 next year at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel.

**Sustaining Membership** Already 30+ members of the club have stepped forward as sustaining members of The Rotary Foundation for this year. Those present at the meeting received pins and approbation for their generous support of this basic function of the Rotary organization.

**Question/Comment Time** SY GREENSTONE asked if birth control could be a Rotary initiative. The DG responded that there were difficulties for Rotary to do this. STEVE PLAYER asked about progress on AIDS prevention. RALPH ADAMS brought up the question of literacy and ethics. The DG ended by reporting on the Gates Foundation grant to Rotary for finally eliminating polio and the significance to Rotary of this gift.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

[Palo Alto Rotary - Speakers Schedule](#)

August 11 – Member Talks: PeterGuentermann (new), Warren "Hig" Higgins (longtime), and Steve Player (longtime)

August 18 – Steve Staiger, "Model T Ford and its impact on Palo Alto" or a similar topic

August 25 – Dr. Marc Feldman, "Human History Seen Through the Genes"

## NEARBY MEETING PLACES:

[Palo Alto Rotary - Meeting Information](#)