

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Call to Order: With High Hopes and Apple Pie pres **PRESIDENT GINNY LEAR** called our meeting to order. **BRIAN STEEN** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. With a priority of "Be the Inspiration" the meeting commenced.

Visiting Rotarians: Our speaker and District Governor **Tim Lundell** along with Lt. Governor **Judy Wilson** of the Cupertino Club broke bread with us today. **Paul Phipps** from the Nilas/Fremont Chapter in hot pursuit of his blue badge participated in our meeting, too.

Visiting Guests: **Leonardo Rosa**, guest of **MIKE McMAHON**, is a Rotary Global Grant Scholar earning a PhD – School of Education at Stanford University. Hailing from Sao Paulo Brazil Leo shared his gratitude for receiving a Rotary scholarship, the support from **MIKE McMAHON** and the ability to pursue his research on primary education in Brazil.



Leo Shared in a power point presentation the focus on his research and the direct benefits found in primary schools in Brazil. His research has provided positive results for primary grade students. His research studies are:

- Study 1: Reform Curriculum and impact on student achievement
- Study 2: Decision making process in selecting schools to teach.
- Study 3: Partnerships between schools and local government to connect policies

Presidents Club: **MIKE McMAHON** to memorialize his recent Canadian adventure contributed to the Presidents Club. He verified his achievements with a certificate proving his participation, not in the Iditarod but the "I did a mile!"



Opening Remarks/Inspirational Message: Despite his protests of never being inspirational **KEVIN CURRY** shared an experience from his days in Minnesota, quite



literally the Land of 10,000 Lakes, and a member of Rotary Edina MN. Cautiously avoiding an overtly political presentation **KEVIN** shared the club's demographics in Edina included a disproportionate number of politically conservative members. In the context of this demographic a most impressive guest speaker received a standing ovation by the club upon completion of the presentation. The guest speaker was Democratic Senator **Amy Klobuchar** who

we have most recently observed in recent Senate hearings. The topic of her presentation was on better government. A remarkable reaction to her presentation which indicates the value of thoughtful evaluation and effective leadership in overcoming divergent positions.

Rotary Foundation Auction: The radio voice of **HAL MICKELSON**



auctioned a 1/2 dozen farm fresh eggs provided by our District Governor. Going once, twice and sold to **MATT DOLAN** for \$50. Proceeds of the auction to benefit

Polio Plus.



Athena Award, sponsored by Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, is being awarded to Past President **SHERRI SAGER**. Congratulations to our very own award winner!

Social Activities: A big shout out to **STEVE EMSLIE** and his new pizza oven for hosting last week's pop-up social. By all reports a good time was had by all.



Next Monday, October 29th is our Halloween meeting. All are invited to appear as ghosts and goblins if the spirit moves you!



Service Work: **REBECCA GERALDI** has invited us to support "Make A Difference Day." Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing bag lunches for participants in a community service project this Saturday, October 27th. From 8:30-10:00 AM, Rotarians will assemble prepared lunches for the participants. Meet at DLA Piper Law Offices, 2000 University Ave., PA.

Rotary Speech Contest: **CASH ALAEE** has volunteered to keep the good work of the Rotary speech contest and continue the efforts of **Annette Glanckopf** and **Tom Chacon** supporting the student's efforts.



Rotary Foundation: Past President BETSY BECHTEL, now our Rotary Foundation Chair acknowledged 43 members – so far - for their support of the Rotary Foundation as Double Sustainers. High Five's to our fellow members for their desire to "Be the Inspiration."

Recognized members, including Paul Harris Society contributors TOM GRACON and Past

President PAM BRANDIN gathered for a picture with the District Governor.

BETSY BECHTEL introduced District Governor Tim Lundell who



shared his observations on the sustainability of service organizations and in particular Rotary. True to the motto "Be the Inspiration" Tim shared the priority of creating and promoting a dynamic organization that adapts to changing membership experiences.

Noting that current members are "sitting in the shade of trees planted long ago." The priority of selecting actual versus potential

leaders in service to humanity will continue the growth and continued good works of Rotary. Participation in Rotary Leadership Academy provides development of future Rotary leaders. Our President-elect DANA TOM is participating in the Leadership Academy.

Two video presentations provided relevant information regarding Polio Plus and Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and a video promoting Rotary District 5170 conference next May in Alameda CA, featured the USS Hornet Museum. Set to music it surely put us "In the Mood."

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Oct 29, Steve Smith, Astronaut and Director of Space-related Enterprises: "Lessons Learned in Space"

November 5, Ken Graham, Interim CEO of Mayview Health Clinic: "Methods for Delivering Care to the Poor"