

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The meeting opened with JULIO NIÑO leading the flag salute. A

strong contingent visiting from the Palo Alto University Rotary Club were then introduced: Ken Graham (today's speaker and former member of our own club), Sandra Florstedt (who exchanged a banner), Judy Koch and Michelle Williams. BETSY BECHTEL's guest was Larry Bailey, a former member of the club. CHARLIE WEIDANZ's guest was Sheri Pan, a financial planner.



Palo Alto. Nowadays there are 11 such clinics in the Bay Area and Ken is still closely involved at the Board level. While Ken was the

CEO of El Camino Hospital in 2009, it was designated as the most technically advanced hospital in the world by Popular Science Magazine. Currently the speaker is serving as the Interim CEO of the MayView Community Health Center providing primary medical care at three clinics located in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale.



STEVE EMSLIE provided inspiration and explained why he is a liberal believing in two things: Personal freedom and that no one should be without basic needs.

President GINNY announced that a friendship card was being circulated for ED DANGLER who is now in hospice care at the VA Hospital. She also said that she had heard from Lisa Axelrad who appreciated the tribute to her father at last week's meeting as noted in that issue of

the Pinion. The Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo thanked us for our \$100,000 donation which we have made towards their rebuilding program and which will commemorate our club's centenary in 2022. To mark Veteran's Day on Sunday, November 11, volunteers are invited to help put flags up on University Avenue – meet at 8 AM at Cowper Street. To take the flags down, meet at 5 PM at High Street.

ROMAN KAGARLITSKY joined the President's Club reminding us of the ugly face of anti-Semitism. He told us that it is not governments but people that decide, and that it is good that the Rotary 4-Way Test has been translated into more than 100 languages.



RALPH ADAMS also made a contribution to the

President's Club in honor of three fine individuals: The late and highly esteemed Sid Axelrad, DAVE SMULLIN and LIZ KNISS.

President GINNY LEAR introduced the speaker, Ken Graham, a distinguished local healthcare administrator. He, along with DIANA DIAMOND, was responsible for establishing the RotaCare Free Clinic in East



Mostly, the speaker talked about various models for delivering health care to the poor and the three main avenues: Medi-Cal/Medi-caid (for those earning less than the \$20,300/year), County Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Clinics. He discussed the problems facing people earning between \$17 and \$22 per hour or those who worked with no insurance for companies with less than 50 employees contrasting their situation with those working for big corporations and having access to superior medical facilities.

Questions followed. ROMAN KAGARLITSKY asked if the speaker thought more efficiency could be introduced in the 4 trillion dollars being spent on health care. BETSY BECHTEL asked about the treatment for those earning more than \$20,300/year. The reply was that the health centers treated everyone regardless of income. Everyone who receives treatment gets billed six times and that 42% (even the very poor) end up paying something. HENRIETTA BURROUGHS asked about ACA. The speaker responded that he is of the opinion that more people were getting treatment from it than admitted it and that pre-existing conditions were the primary factor.

Duty crew today were REBECCA GERALDI and BRUCE GEE (Visitor's Desk); BETSY BECHTEL (Greeting); STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER (Set-up); GEOFF ZIMAN (Write-up).

## SPEAKERS AT OUR COMING MEETINGS:

November 12, Jim Keene, Palo Alto City Manager: "Palo Alto City Issues"

November 19, Richard Walker, Professor Emeritus of Geography, UC Berkeley, and author "Pictures of a Gone City": "Pictures of a Gone City: Bay Area Prosperity and Inequality"