

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER: President Elect DANA THOM opened our meeting with a reminder to “Be the Inspiration”. Only four Mondays remain in 2018. It appears Dana will preside again next week as GINNY LEAR, BRUCE GEE and PETER SHAMBORA along with their spouses are enjoying a New Zealand cruise as high bidders from the Crab feed this past March. The 4th verse of the “Navy Hymn” 4th verse seems an appropriate wish for these happy wanderers...”Protect them wheresoe’er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.”



AKRAM PIRACHA led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In the spirit of gratitude for a life well lived we observed a moment of silence for former President George HW Bush who will lie in state at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington DC. Final services will be observed in the National Cathedral Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 11:00AM EST.

FACEBOOK: Thank you to BRIAN STEEN for posting pictures and updating the Palo Alto Rotary Facebook page. Want to know more about the happenings of our club and our fellow Rotarians? Click on <https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryclubofpaloalto/> and Like our page. Currently we have 160 likes and we all know our club is much more likeable than that!! Feel free to comment and share your good thoughts to assist others in learning more about the wonderful things happening in our club!

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Guest of MATT DOLAN, Maddy Wetta

Visiting Rotarian, Karae Lisle, Menlo Park Club -

Guest of PAM BRANDIN and assuming the role as Executive Director of Vista Center. Best wishes for happiness and success to both Pam and Karae.



PRESIDENTS CLUB:

STEVE PLAYER showing his continued support for developing a museum in Palo Alto complete with a BILL MILLER room.

BILL BUSSE joined in by honoring “Silicon Valley’s Thomas Jefferson” BILL MILLER as well.



MATT DOLAN shared the



positive news of his daughter, Elizabeth Dolan, being approved for a double lung transplant at the “mother ship of CF lung transplants” Stanford Hospital.

POP-UP EVENT:

Our good friend BRIAN STEEN will be hosting a Holiday pop-up social at his home December 13th from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. Plan to join in this festive holiday event to celebrate the joy of the season.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS:

In awe of the “spark of inventive genius” JIM SOUTHERLAND shared his inspiration from those who could see what didn’t exist and bring about a creation of new products and technology. As a child his 1st hero was Thomas Edison the creator of electrical lights, photography/film, alkaline batteries and a prolific patent holder. Additionally, Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin for their lifesaving medical breakthrough with polio vaccines. A cause near and dear to Rotarians everywhere.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today December 3rd is the first day of Hanukkah 2018. The eight-day Jewish celebration commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Hanukkah, which means “dedication” in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew

calendar and usually falls in November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts. This festive holiday reminds us all even the smallest candle can shine through the darkness! "Chag Sameach!"

Fellow Rotarian **DAVE SMULLIN** provided an update from the We Care Committee and shared the good news that Chris Durkin past president of our Rotary Club 1991-1992 and former Chief of Police in Palo Alto is enjoying retirement in Chico California. For a short while he and his lovely wife Kathy resided in Paradise California and fortunately have not been unduly affected by the most recent fire in Butte County. It is happy news that Chris and Kathy are doing well and we keep our thoughts and good will for those who have been directly impacted by the fires. If you would like to connect with the Durkins' please reach out to **DAVE SMULLIN** for the contact information.



PROGRAM



Guest Speaker: Membership is the power that runs the engines of Rotary. Our program was introduced by **ROB LYMAN** with presentations from new members..



MIKE PATRICK, (referred by **JUDITH STEINER**) hails from a long line of feisty Irishmen, began his journey in Cincinnati and by way of ocean liners, turnpikes and airplanes traversed the Northern Atlantic, the upper Midwest and the Eastern Seaboard eventually finding his way to UCLA Law

School which directed him to Fenwick and West Law Firm from 1986 to 2016. A family man who enjoys model ship building, historic and religious novels he has remained a continual supporter of the local community by contributing his time and efforts to positively impact the lives of others. When you have a moment stop and introduce yourself to **MIKE** and I'd bet he can recommend a good book or two!

JULIO NIÑO, (referred by **CHARLIE WEIDANAZ**) shared his story of coming to America as a teenager when his family striving for better opportunities walked away from their life in Mexico and ran across the desert in the dark of night. The story of a young boy risking his safety and finally reaching the "promised land" to connect with his brother Jaime, who had Downs Syndrome. A story



of courage and resiliency Julie now embraces his life and the opportunities that await him and his children. Julio's career is in medical robotics and by all reports he has a "very cool" work environment. Julio's excitement for life is palpable and manifests the American spirit of the land of opportunity. When you see Julio ask him about his robotics...you'll be amazed!

Big thanks to our Meeting Helpers: Cashiers, **REBECCA GIRALDI**. Greeter, **BETSY BECHTEL** Microphone Managers, **TOM GRACON** and **LAURIE LISTON**. Meeting Set Up and AV, **STEVE MADSEN**. Pinion Writer, **MATT DOLAN**.

With that we adjourn until Monday, December 10th!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 10, Chris Lorway, Executive Director Stanford Live and Bing Hall: "Stanford Live and Its Role In the Community"

December 13, BRIAN STEEN will be hosting a Holiday pop-up social at his home December 13th from 5:30PM to 8:00PM.

December 17, Holiday Program

December 24, DARK - No Meeting

December 31, DARK - No Meeting