

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At the start of the meeting President GINNY LEAR had JIM SUTHERLAND lead us in the Pledge. President-elect DANA TOM welcomed Visiting Rotarian Paula Snyder. SALLY TOMLINSON introduced her guest Pam Baer and AKRAM PIRACHA introduced Ron Ows.

## OPENING REMARKS;



In talking about who inspired her, EJ HONG first praised her mother, a survivor of the Korean War, and then Anna Chapman who changed her life, befriending and counseling EJ after her mother's death

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wearing her We Care hat, GINNY said that TRISH BUBENIK is doing well at Webster House after a stay at Stanford with double pneumonia. She probably will go home Friday and would appreciate cards there. JUDITH STEINER is recuperating from a knee replacement two weeks ago.

HAL MICKELSON announced a club "Pop Up Social", a 2pm performance at the Lucie Stern Theater by the Palo Alto Players of Shakespeare in Love, on Sunday January 20, and a post-show reception at 4:30. Better than the movie, HAL said, with tickets likely to go fast. Using discount code "Rotary" will get you a \$10 group discount on regular adult tickets.



We will celebrate Chinese New Year on January 30 at Chef Chu's Restaurant, Singapore style. Details to come, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

The tables served as ballot boxes for the unanimous election of the 2019-2020 Officers and Directors presented by President Elect DANA TOM, with BEN THRELKELD now our President-elect, Nominee, a full slate of Directors for a one-year term, and three members of the Endowment Board for three-year terms.



CASH ALAEE, this year's Chair, announced the 2019 PA Rotary Speech Contest for high school students in Palo Alto, to be held on January 31. Details follow on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

GINNY led the applause for BRIAN and Sandra STEEN for hosting the holiday party on December 13. BRIAN said at least 70 persons attended, consuming all of the available food, and certain beverages of choice. You can see photos of attendees on the Club's Facebook page

BRUCE GEE announced Saturday March 23 as the date of our annual crab feed and auction fundraiser. While he had the floor he joined the Presidents Club, shifting funds from his right shirt pocket to his left pocket, the Treasurer's pocket. His contribution marked his recent 2-week cruise to New Zealand and Australia, a treat he and other club members GINNY, plus PETER SHAMBORA with spouses, purchased at this year's auction. He found the cruise a great success, and a great bargain. .



ELIZABETH SANTANA joined the Presidents Club because of HAL's initiative respecting the Pop Up Social.

## AWARDS

GINNY presented Paul Harris awards for Rotary Foundation contributions, as follows:

JON STOUMAN and SALLY TOMLINSON Paul Harris Pin with 2 Sapphires  
JULIE JEROME, DAN QUINN and TIM WATSON, Paul Harris Pin with 3 Sapphires  
LEN ELY, Paul Harris Pin with 4 Sapphires  
BERT ROSE, Paul Harris Pin with 2 Rubies



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## THANKS

GINNY thanked meeting staffers BETSY BECHTEL & BRIAN STEEN greeters, KATIE SEEDMAN and REBECCA GERALDI cashiers, STEVE MADSEN and LAURIE LISTON microphone managers, STEVE MADSEN room setup and and DON MORGAN Pinion

## THE PROGRAM: WEST BAY OPERA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TOM GRACON welcomed musicians from the West Bay Opera, noting that in its 62nd year it is the second oldest opera west of the Mississippi,



The performers were mezzo soprano Veronica Jensen, bass baritone Krassen Korngiozov, and pianist Veronika Dafoe.



They sang a duet from the Barber of Seville, and arias from MacBeth, Samson and Delilah, Don Carlos and Carmen. They received warm and sustained applause.



Following is a URL for the photos that are available on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryclubofpaloalto/>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 24, DARK - No Meeting

December 31, DARK - No Meeting

January 7, MICHAEL PATRICK, San Mateo County Civil Grand Juror: "Civil Grand Juries"

January 14, TOM GRACON, SHERRI SAGER, BILL BUSSE: Vocational Talks