

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER:

President GINNY LEAR rang the bell to commence with our Monday meeting. President Elect DANA TOM will preside at the December 3rd and December 10th meetings in GINNY'S absence. DICK BUSH led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

President Elect DANA TOM introduced our visitors and friends:

<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Guest</u>
JUDY KLEINBERG	Judge Len Edwards
BRIAN STEEN	Geoff Ball

<u>Visiting Rotarian</u>	<u>Club</u>
Paula Snyder	Franklin, TN Morning Club

Paula is here for an extended visit and eager to participate in any club activities while in Palo Alto. Welcome Paula!



INSPIRATION FOR THE DAY:

MEL MATSAMOTO introduced us to the thoughts of Hafiz, a poet who lived from 1325 to 1390. The poetry has inspired Mel to share the following lines of what he has found to be a wonderful and wonderfully colloquial poet, with a love for the divine, but also a willingness to address the shortfalls of religion. A beautiful sentiment expressed so simply.

"And still, after all this time,
The sun never says to the earth,
You owe me
Look what happens,
With a love like that,
Its lights the Whole Sky."
-Hafiz



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canned goods and shelf stable donations for the Foothill College Food Pantry collected at the meeting were ready for delivery Monday afternoon. Thank you to all who brought an outstanding assortment of food for those in need.

KATIE SEEDMAN provided an update for our upcoming Rotary Holiday Party. BRIAN STEEN will host this Holiday Soiree at his home located at

877 Moana court, Palo Alto. Plan to join the festivities on December 13 from 5:30PM until 8:00PM. The sounds of the season on the piano will add to the festivities. Food, Beverages and Friendly Rotarians make for an evening of Good Cheer!

GUEST SPEAKER:

JUDY KLEINBERG introduced our speaker Judge Len Edwards. To say he is a retired Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge is an understatement. While claiming the honor of introducing her friend Len Edwards for today's program Judy accurately described Len as "more than a judge, teacher and trainer" and more accurately as "an innovator and social entrepreneur."



His presentation indicated his empathic commitment to the children



of Santa Clara County and influencing others beyond his jurisdiction. His legacy through Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, a member of the National CASA Association (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has impacted children's lives and will benefit future generations. To learn more about Judge Edwards and the programs he has promoted you can search online at www.judgeleonardedwards.com.

Next week's program will be the perennial club favorite of "New Member Talks!" Be sure to be attend Monday, December 3rd to learn more about our new members!

Thank you to our Meeting Helpers: Greeter, BRIAN STEEN. Cashiers, REBECCA GERALDI and KATIE SEEDMAN. Microphone managers, GEORGE WHEATON and STEVE MADSEN. Room Set Up and AV, RICHARD KELLER and STEVE MADSEN. Pinion Writer, MATT DOLAN.

SPEAKERS AT OUR COMING MEETINGS:

December 3, New Member Talks

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

December 13, - Holiday party, Home of Brian & Sandra Steen