

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, President GINNY LEAR called us to order, then invited WILLIAM XUAN of Boy Scout Troop 5 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Among our guests: Enthusiastic repeat visitor JESSICA SUN; MICHELLE ABASADEH, the guest of DICK BUSH; Troop 5 committee member IMJU BYON; GEOFF ZIMAN'S daughter PATRICIA SHUR; BEN THRELKELD'S daughters BROOKE and ANNE; KATIE SEEDMAN'S husband ERIC.

As words of inspiration, MATT DOLAN paid tribute to his father EL DOLAN, who died when Matt was 13. Matt remembers that his dad was exceptionally well-liked, kindhearted and generous, a constant, protective presence for his family. He never missed a chance to teach Matt and his siblings about integrity, acceptance and tolerance. Matt recalls excursions to see the Saint Louis Gateway Arch under construction, followed by an ice cream treat or a taste of day-old pastry. What made Matt's father heroic was what was going on behind the scenes: As one of the police officers who made arrests in the notorious Greenlease kidnapping, Matt's dad had secret information about part of a record-setting ransom payment that went missing as the result of police corruption and mob influence. He couldn't tell anyone about it, and his knowledge kept him in danger and under surveillance, and resulted in the worst possible legal entanglements. After many years, Robert Kennedy and his organized crime investigators intervened, and Matt's father's good name was restored. He later worked for Kennedy's campaign organization, and received a full pardon from Lyndon Johnson on July 21, 1965.



MIKE BAIRD introduced two visitors from Boy Scout Troop 5, chartered under our club's sponsorship: Scoutmaster GARY ANWYL and Senior Scout



WILLIAM XUAN. They described the troop's mission and activities, made possible by our support: "Have fun. Grow. Learn leadership. Appreciate the natural world."



MIKE COUCH joined the President's Club to razz DICK BUSH about Oregon's 7-6 Redbox Bowl victory over Michigan State. Let's hope neither of them bet the Over....

MARCIE COX joined the PC and added an Endowment Fund contribution to mark four milestones:

Her new hip; display of her art work at the A-Space Gallery in Menlo Park; memories of her mother, who'd have been 96 this week; and her adoption of "Coco," a five-month-old Labradoodle.



We honored Dr. King with an in-meeting, hands-on service project organized by REBECCA GERALDI to benefit Caminar, a thriving nonprofit that supports behavioral health, wellness and independence for individuals and families.

REBECCA introduced HARRIET PECOT, Development Director of Caminar, and ADRIENNE KEEL, Director of LGBTQ Programs for Caminar Family & Children's Services.



Harriet explained that Caminar reaches 20,000 clients per year in five

counties with counseling, clinics and crisis treatment for problems like alcohol and substance addiction and family violence. A few of us learned for the first time from Adrienne's talk that "LGBTQ" means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning.



Our project assembled 250 personal care packages for young people in the LGBTQ community, providing a Starbucks card, gum, hand sanitizer, lip balm and a "Pride" bracelet....



REBECCA thanked SALLY TOMLINSON and GINNY LEAR for helping get the work moving.

Chinese New Year Banquet Delicious & Fun!

Wed., Jan. 30, 6:00 pm

**Chef Chu's Restaurant
1067 N San Antonio Rd - Los Altos**

**\$65 per person – RSVP: Bruce Gee
*Friends Welcome!***