

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President GINNY LEAR called the meeting to order, and HENRIETTA BURROUGHS led in the flag salute.



President-Elect DANA TOM introduced visiting Rotarians: Yayoi Kaneko from Japan, Roger Zehil from Dubai and Heine Birkeland from Norway, with Banner exchanges.

DICK MANSFIELD introduced his wife, Ellie, and his daughter, Kathy, and gave the opening inspirational remarks. He recalled a time when he was in the army in Wurzburg, Germany, which the US had severely bombed. Americans were therefore extremely unpopular and most avoided public contact—but a friend and fellow soldier, John Corso, bravely ventured into the crowd and talked to them to the point that their hostility fell away.



GINNY gave a blue badge to JIM SHERIDAN. Sponsor was BETSY BECHTEL



The following members joined the President's Club:



TRISH BUBENIK, who honored the organizers of the Crabfeed; and ROGER SMITH, who passed around a Golden State Warrior victory ring and pledged \$1,000 if they win again.



KATIE SEEDMAN noted that the next Pop-Up Social Event will be from 5:30-7:30 on April 4 in the City's Art Center, featuring both a tour and hands-on action, plus food and beverages.

BRUCE GEE reported that the Crabfeed, despite a slow start, ended up with 190 attendees, including 107 Rotarians and families, plus 83 guests, generating a total net of nearly \$80,000, providing half of the club's annual giving of about \$150,000 to local charities.





For the program, E.J. HONG introduced Bill Liberatore, Director of the Gunn High School Choir, noting that for student tours such as the upcoming one to Italy, he raises about \$45,000/year to ensure that every student can participate. He thanked the club for our contribution, and then led the choir in several absolutely beautiful works.



In

conclusion,



In closing, Ginny thanked all those who helped with the meeting:

Greeter: BETSY BECHTEL

Cashier and Welcome Desk: REBECCA GIRALDI and
KATI SEEDMAN

Setup: STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER

Microphones: TOM GRACON and LAURIE LISTON

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