

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** David Kennedy, Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History meritus, Stanford University: "CAN WE STILL AFFORD A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS?"

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President GINNY opened the meeting at 12:20 PM. She asked MEL MATSUMOTO to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Pres. Elect DANA TOM led the introductions of Rotarians with Guests. BRUCE GEE introduced Diego Osorio, from the Palo Alto YMCA. BRIAN STEEN introduced Jon Cowan. BILL JOHNSON, Chairman of the Local Charities Grants Committee, later introduced 8 guests representing this year's recipient organizations.



GEOFF ZIMAN gave his comments about inspiration and being inspired. GEOFF finds great inspiration in his interaction with quite a few younger people. They are eager, ambitious, interested in improving themselves, thoughtful, aware and ready to engage in social justice. They do represent a majority of younger people.

Last week, President GINNY announced her "Top Ten List," as she counts her final meetings as President. Today, she invited BERT ROSE, #9 of those great Past Presidents who still attend regularly, to



share some of his memories. He joined the Club in 1972, and was President 1981-82. BERT recalled meeting in the upstairs room of the old Dinah's Restaurant, in a very different era, and he brought a little black book of members that preceded websites. Fun to see!

Our District 5170 Annual Conference on the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda on May 17-19 was the next announcement of PRESIDENT GINNY. All of us have received Conference flyers in our mail.

**NEW "SATELLITE MEETING" IDEA:** P.A. Rotary Member "Happy Hour" Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-6:30 PM, at Homewood Suites, 4329 El Camino Real, to talk about club-related topics in a casual setting. \$5 per person. Happy Hour light food and beverages included. Any agenda will be generated in real time by the participants. FREE underground parking.

**TWO MEMBERS JOIN PRESIDENT'S CLUB.** (1) DERRICK BRITT told a



heartwarming story. For several years, he has bid on a round of golf at Menlo Country Club donated by TODD LEWIS for our Crab Feed Fundraiser. This year, DERRICK couldn't go to the Crab Feed. Afterward, BRUCE GEE told DERRICK he had won the bid. TOM WATSON had made the winning bid as a surprise birthday present to DERRICK! (2) LIZ



KNISS joined the Club in honor of BETSY BECHTEL, whose birthday is April 15th, and is a very good friend of LIZ.



**PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION AND PIN:** President GINNY gave BILL JOHNSON his Paul Harris pin.

Thanks to meeting volunteers. PRESIDENT GINNY thanked Greeter BETSY BECHTEL; Cashiers KATIE SEEDMAN and REBECCA GERALDI; Microphone Managers TOM GRACON and LAURIE LISTON; Room Set up RICHARD KELLER & STEVE MADSEN

For today's program, PRESIDENT GINNY introduced BILL JOHNSON, Chairman of our Local Charities Grants Committee of about 15 members. Various members of the Committee make "two person" on-site visits to ALL prospective Award winners. BILL announced for fiscal year 2019, our Club made grants totaling \$65,000. The winners were:



~~Adolescent Counseling Services- Philippe Rey ED-\$7,000 for mental health and counseling services.

~~Beechwood School- Melinda Christopherson, Dev. Dir., \$3,500 for raised planting beds.

~~Environmental Volunteers-Elliott Wright, ED, \$4,500 serving 4th and 5th graders in EPA.

~~Kara, Jim Santucci, ED, \$5,000, weekend grief counseling for youth ages 6-17.

~~Menlo Atherton Ecology Research Outdoors, Tyler McFadden and Kay Storme, \$10,000 for after-school science program for English language learners at M-AHS.

~~Pacific Art League, Natasha Cook, Financ Dir., \$10,000 for development pilot after-school design-based arts program in EPA.

~~Ravenswood Education Foundation (Fund a Need) \$10,000 to provide coats, uniforms and other clothing to homeless students in EPA.

~~Rebuilding Together, Alie Rerka, Mgr. of Dev. & Communications, for Safe at Home to repair homes for low-income seniors in EPA.

~~Stanford Jazz Workshop, Dev. Dir., \$5,000, for after-school music education for middle school students in EPA.