

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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With the ring of the bell, PRESIDENT GINNY called our meeting to order, reminding us to "Be the Inspiration." Hand over heart, JIM SHERIDAN lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

We have been hearing from past presidents, from longest ago, who currently attend meetings. Today WALT HAYS who joined Palo Alto Rotary in 1991 and served as President 1996-1997 was intended to revisit his year as President. We will look forward to an upcoming meeting to hear recollections from his presidential year.

A big high five to JULIO NIÑO, one of our newest members, who earned his blue badge. His friendly outgoing manner and enthusiasm is a welcome addition to the club.



Visiting Rotarians: Bob Chamberlain a member of Greater Bend Rotary joined us for lunch today and shared that his club in Oregon has partnered with our club on a water project. We should have Cash visit with Bob for upcoming projects.

Guests: KATIE SEEDMAN announced her "better half" Eric joined her at the registration table and SHERRI SAGER introduced Mary Ann Gee, from Palo Alto, who was joining us for the second time.

Club Related Announcements: Plan to attend the Rotary Happy Hour and Satellite meeting Wednesday, May 15, 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Homewood Suites- Palo Alto. Located at 4329 El Camino Real. Complimentary on-site parking available. Cost of \$5 per person.

Los Altos Rotary is hosting the 44th Annual Fine Art in the Park this weekend May 18th and 19th. A most prestigious and recognized art show conveniently located for our enjoyment.



Social Chairs GLORIA HOM and KATIE SEEDMAN are promoting the benefits of our clubs' social gatherings to build camaraderie and community. Note your calendars for a return to TGIF Socials being planned for the last Friday of each month. If you are interested and willing to host a social at your home contact either GLORIA or KATIE to confirm your date. Rotarians have fun together, so it is not too early to report the events are enjoyable!

ENDOWMENT UPDATE:

JULIE JEROME, sporting a walking stick, as she continues recovery from her 2nd hip replacement shared the benefits and the challenges of the endowment. Currently, half of membership has donated establishing the goal of securing 100% participation. JULIE reminded us of the recipients who have attended our meetings over the past few weeks and spoke of the benefits of Rotary generosity. While the endowment fund is well established increased donations will provide for increased disbursements to worthy recipients.



President Elect DANA TOM has planned for a membership survey and invites membership to complete the upcoming survey. The information collected will provide for strategic club planning and resources. You may have already completed your survey before reading this edition of the 'Pinion.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

HENRIETTA BURROUGHS paid tribute to Mothers. She was an only child with memories of holding her mother's hand walking to begin kindergarten she cherished their time together. Of course, no sibling rivalry interrupted time with her mother and Henrietta tenderly recalls her mother stating she (her Mother) would "pass in her sleep" and a childhood event of attempting to awaken her mother from a nap. But it was as an adult that Henrietta discovered her mother did indeed pass during her sleep as she had predicted. Happy loving memories of her mother intertwined with having to say goodbye brought HENRIETTA to the understanding of how geo-thermic principle, that energy is neither created nor destroyed, applied to her mother whose energy has only changed form. Henrietta shared her heartfelt gratitude for the love of her mother and her gratitude for our sharing in her story as having our mothers is a commonality that binds us all together. Very sweet remembrance.



PRESIDENTS CLUB: In memory of her father who departed this life just three days shy of his 98th birthday. TRISH BUBENIK shared the story of her parents meeting through the USO during WW II and how her father filmed the horrific scene found when Western Allies liberated Bergen-Belson in April of 1945. Along with the survivors of the camp he carried the heartbreaking memories of humanity at its worst.

TIM WATSON promoted GLORIA HOM as the premiere tour guide for San Francisco's Chinatown. He along with LE LEVY and MEL MATSUMOTO enjoyed the personally guided tour which was an auction item at The Crab Feed. With these rave reviews the bidding can only be more competitive next year!



Avenidas Lifetime Achievement Awards Honorees will be celebrated at a reception and award ceremony May 19th from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. MIKE COUCH proudly announced that our own GINNY LEAR and GLORIA HOM are among the honorees! Congratulations to all the honorees but most especially GINNY and GLORIA Well done ladies!



GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. David Lampton, Professor Emeritus of China Studies Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, who among his many achievements and recognitions received his BA, MA, and PhD degrees from Stanford University. As an undergraduate he was a Stanford firefighter and added enlisted and officer rank of the US Army Reserve to his formation. He has authored several books along with relevant articles in popular and academic periodicals. In particular his book *The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money, and Minds* (University of

California Press, 2008) is most notable. A brief mention here can scarcely do justice to his expertise and the attached link to his page at John Hopkins provides in depth review of his curriculum vitae. <https://www.sais-jhu.edu/david-lampton>.