

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER: President DANA TOM rang the bell, welcomed members to the meeting and the year that Rotary Connects the World. Followed by ROMAN KAGARLITSKY leading the group in the pledge of allegiance.

President DANA provided an update regarding the recent membership satisfaction survey. The survey feedback is being analyzed by the board with plans to present the findings at the July 29th meeting. With mixed metaphors he expressed gratitude for the efforts of member KAREN RHODE in guiding the process through to ultimate action items. More to come.

President Elect BEN THERKELD introduced our guests: BEN THERKELD, his daughter Anne Threlkeld and guest speaker Clayton Nall; LE LEVY, 2nd visit for Julian d'Malville;

MIKE COUCH, Paul Thiebaut III, Mariamne Borden of Thiebaut Method Tutoring.

Visiting Rotarians:

David Neumeister of Brattleboro, VT, and Ervin Lauschner, Landsberg, Germany



PRESIDENTS CLUB: President DANA promoted President Club contributions as a line item on the club's charities budget but for the sake of time requested to delay for one week. He did offer his own Presidents Club donation to thank BEN THERKELD for presiding over next weeks meeting. Dana will be with his son who is on the American team for the World Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: BETSY BECHTEL reminded of the choice to share an inspiration, a tribute to the Four Way Test or Three Truths and a Lie. We had the challenge of guessing the lie: Betsy was a political science major at Stanford, taught deaf students, a board member at a community bank and finally winning speed skating races. The lie was political science major. The speed skating victories, however, were as a five-year-old.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hats off to BETSY BECHTEL and the merry performers from GINNY LEAR'S Debunking. The cast of characters included HAL, LE, PETER, STEVE, BRIAN, HENRIETTA, MARY ANN, ROB, KATIE, BRUCE and DARYL. A wonderful conclusion to GINNY'S year as President.

A great big thank you to GLORIA HOM and her grandson, ROB LANCFIELD, KAREN RHODE and husband BRUCE, BEN

THERKELD, wife Cindy and daughters, for placing flags on University Ave. for July 4th holiday.

Shout out to REBECCA GERALDI by GINNY LEAR for

her contributions to the club, followed with an update that



REBECCA will be giving a presentation later in the month regarding Hands On Committee. Be on the look out for an email to place your order for Rotary community service t-shirts.

Membership dues letter were mailed. Please process your dues payment either by mail, bring payment to a meeting or process payment on line.

Rotary Satellite Meeting: Wednesday July 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m., - at Homewood Suites. Happy Hour and casual Rotary conversation. \$5 each for appetizers and beverages.

PROGRAM:

President Elect BEN THERKELD introduced our guest speaker CLAYTON NALL Assistant Professor of Political Science at Stanford. He presented the topic "Why Can't the United States Fix Its Transportation Infrastructure" which was drawn from



his extensive research on the federal highway program. Dispelling myths about the development of the American highway system and addressing the underlying political challenges of transportation policy, he presented a unique view of the contributing factors to the current and mostly urban infrastructure crisis. His recently published book "The Road to Inequality" examines the social and political divides created by existing policy. More information is available on his website www.nallresearch.com

