

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA TOM called the meeting to order and acknowledged DICK BUSH who succumbed to liver cancer on August 2. He celebrated Dick's



Rotary leadership and friendship, noting that his personality filled the room with laughter and good cheer. He showed a photo of former District Governor Jeff Orth's presenting DICK with Paul Harris certificate and pin for reaching a giving milestone to The Rotary Foundation. Best of all, DANA showed Dick in his "crab" hat, worn annually to encourage participation in our Crab Fest. We will miss his spirit. Information about his services will be shared when available. DANA then asked all to stand for a moment of silence which was followed by the Pledge, led by BILL BUSSE.

**VISTING ROTARIANS :** Linnet Kwok , Shanghai Club and Bryan Neider from Burlingame.

**GUESTS:** Jenn Hinton and Bryan Nieder, CHARLIE WIEDANZ; Christian Martine, JESSICA SUN; Doug Krudop, PAM KRUDOP; Julian Demaniville, LE LEVY; Samson Tse, BRUCE GEE; Veronica Panov, OANA MARCU ; Leni Gruendl, Lilli Gruendl , DANA TOM; Ann and Dave Stow (parents of speaker Bryan Stow), PAM KRUDOP

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** HAL MICKELSON shared "three truths and a lie."



1) Growing up in Los Angeles, he stated that the official county seal features a tuna; 2) two friends from the Stanford marching band earned a Pulitzer Prize and Minnesota senate seat; 3) he served as an attorney for HP for many years and was asked to help with beta testing for a LaserJet printer; 4) he is a longtime fan of Gilbert and Sullivan and Shakespeare. Lie: HP would never entrust him with a beta test.

**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DANA thanked members who participated in the Club Assembly last week, reminding all that this is our Rotary club. He noted that had he known some wanted more singing , he would have conducted the Assembly in song and interpretive dance--noting, however, that there were many much better ideas presented. The Board will soon make recommendations for specific actions to improve our club. He looks forward to their reporting and shared his excitement for our club.

Look for the opportunity to sit with different members at different tables at an upcoming meeting. Members can look forward to diverse conversations with table mates. In addition, he invited members to take advantage of available seats at the head table

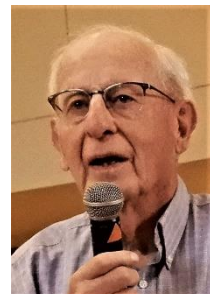
HERSH DAVIS then invited members to join the MenloPark Rotary Club Bike Ride, August 17. This is not a race but offers 35, 46 and 65 mile options. Bikers meet at 8:45 at Menlo-Atherton High School. More information at TourdeMenlo.com.



Finally, DANA introduced Leni Gruendl, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, sponsored by her German Rotary Club (which does not allow women). She is studying for an MD and PhD at Stanford where she focuses on global disease prevention, particularly on maternal disease following

giving birth in East Africa.

**PRESIDENT'S CLUB:** A member's sharing good news or an announcement contributes a \$100 tax-deductible gift to our charities' fund. GEOFF ZIMAN announced that a grandson graduated from Virginia Tech and is now a resident at Baylor. LEANNAH HUNT celebrated her knee replacement and recuperation, attendance at the debunking and seven-day Alaskan cruise.



**THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:** Pinion writer, TRISH BUBENIK; Pinion editor, LYLE CONNELL; Greeters--OANU MARCU, GINNY LEAR; Welcome Desk and Cashier-- KATIE SEEDMAN, REBECCA GERALDI; Setup and AV--DICK MANSFIELD, RICHARD KELLER; Microphone managers--LAURIE LISTON, MIKE McMAHON

**SPEAKER:** PAM KRUDOP introduced BRYAN STOW whose family started the Bryan Stow Foundation following his brutal, near fatal, beating outside Dodger Stadium on March 31, 2011, just because he was wearing a San Francisco Giants' shirt . The two bullies who savagely beat him were tried and imprisoned-- but changed Bryan's life and family forever. Bryan, his family and medical experts fought tirelessly for 8 1/2 years to bring him back to a life he could live. Before the beating. Bryan was a paramedic, father of two and skydiver. After nine months in a coma, he spent two years in five hospitals, struggling with severe brain damage relearning to speak, eat, walk, and read. He mastered the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches and is now trying to tame



cane. His current goal is to be able to drive again. The Foundation formed in 2015 is a call to action: Stand Up, Speak Up, Lead by Example. He has made over 300 presentations to schools at all levels and to other youth groups. Suicide is the second cause of death among young people. Far too many young people stay home from school to avoid bullying. Bryan's mission is to tell his story of survival: Don't be a bystander but be an upstander; tell what is wrong and stand up for what is right; in all, follow the path to kindness. Bryan's new career is to save lives. Not only did his powerful story and mighty presence inspire, but his ready sense of humor endeared him to the audience.

**NEXT WEEK:** David Eagleman, "Expanding Our Sensory Perception."