

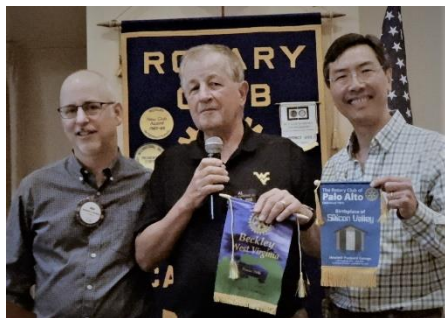
Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA TOM welcomed the group and reminded that "Rotary Connects the World." He shared an observation from his "better half", Nancy, that TOGETHER...PEOPLE...CREATE...CHANGE boldly jumps from the longer Rotary vision statement.



President Elect BEN THRELKELD recognized visiting Rotarians. Most Notably CHRISTIAN MARTINE, accompanied by his parents, was inducted into our club.

JESSICA SUN is his sponsor and CHRISTIAN'S father is our visiting Rotarian from West Virginia. To make this event even more special CHRISTIAN was the third inductee in three weeks. Be prepared to see the 4th in four next week.



Thought



for the Day: DIANA DIAMOND shared her thoughts regarding the board's decision to discontinue reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The board acting in good faith made a determination and Diana presented her opposing view point. Most importantly the

thoughtful and respectful dialogue only heightened our Rotary bonds.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS: A big thank you for the most pleasant TGIF at PETER and Christine SHAMBORA'S home. Be on the look out for upcoming enjoyable TGIF evenings with fellow Rotarians.

REBECCA GERALDI shared an update for Hands On Committee about the eight Rotary volunteer ushers at Palo Alto Players. Great fun and exceptional theatre. Hands On Committee events will cover a variety of participation opportunities.



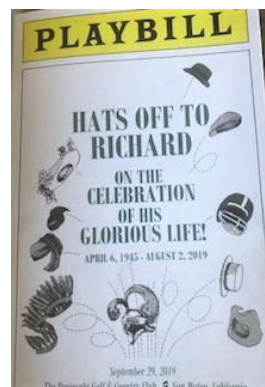
Membership Committee meeting is scheduled October 14th at 11:00AM just prior to our Monday meetings.



KAREN RHODE welcomes all contributors for membership.

GINNY LEAR shared the PlayBill from the "Hats Off To RICHARD" celebration of life. Family, two dozen Rotarians and friends gathered to celebrate in a creative and innovative

way. To bring the celebration to our meeting HAL MICKELSON lead us in a sing-a-long to the original score "Rotary." It was like you could feel DICK BUSH in the room with us!



Fellowship with Rotarians is available at the upcoming District Business Expo. Opportunities for networking education and provides an optional item to earn your Blue Badge. Register online at rotarydistrict5170.org

Efforts of Rotary International along with Gates Foundation towards Polio Eradication has made tremendous efforts with a 99.9% reduction in polio cases. Much work remains but Rotary is committed to complete eradication. DANA had a brief video of the project's beginnings in the Philippines.

GUEST SPEAKER: Palo Alto Superintendent of Schools Don



Austin shared his thoughts on the priorities and challenges and his desire to help all students realize their potential. Dr. Austin's experience as an educator will provide the resources to address the complexities of a high achieving school district. We look forward to his guidance and leadership at PAUSD. Active Q&A followed and we thank Dr. Austin.

President DANA adjourned the meeting.