

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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“Rotary Connects the World”: President DANA TOM called the meeting to order and reported that he had joined CHRISTIAN MARTINE, ROB LANCEFIELD, and JOAN PLASTIRAS at the District’s Rotary Business Expo. He then presented a short tutorial about Facebook posting on a phone or PC before deciding to email instructions to members

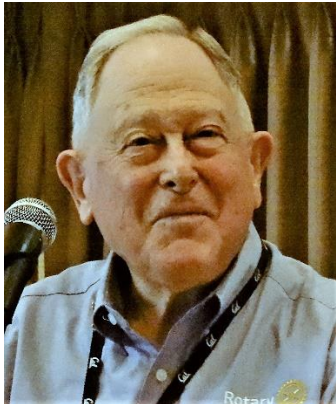


ROB LANCEFIELD

VISITING ROTARIAN and GUESTS: President-Elect BEN THRELKELD introduced Shaleaf Argawal from the Khadki, India Rotary; MATT DOLAN, John Huter, San Mateo County-Silicon Valley Convention Visitors’ Bureau; Ashley Yee-Masaw and Leif Erickson, Youth Community Service; KAREN RHODE, Joseph Schwartz, Palo Alto Medical Foundation physician.

to the podium. ROB had observed Ryan’s initiative and service in their condo community and invited him to join our club. RYAN, a patent attorney, said his commitment to community service motivated him to join Rotary.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: LE LEVY recently read Walter



Oliver’s book about the extinction of the dinosaurs and his successful location of the destructive, responsible meteor in Chinchilla, Chile. LE had also been there on a World Community Service trip to see a club-sponsored preschool program in action. He then commended

WALT HAYS who planned other WCS trips to Great Cameroon, Mumbai and beyond. He also noted Rotary travel by GEOFF ZIMAN and TIM WATSON. He gave special kudos to WALT HAYS for his 25 years of leading our Club’s international service to its premier status in the District and California by reaching out to other clubs to combine funds for these invaluable world service projects. Hats off to WALT—though absent for the ovation.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: DANA asked new members LINNET KWOK, JULIAN DEMALLEVILLE and CHRISTIAN MARTINE to stand before calling RYAN ELLIOTT and his sponsor

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Satellite meeting October 9, 5:30 at Homewood Suites, with food , drink and conversation

LIZ KNISS volunteered to represent us to the new County Rotary Climate Action Committee.

University Club holds no-host Friday gathering and invites us to attend on Friday, October 11, 6 p.m. at the Alpine Beer Garden (Rosotti’s or Zott’s), 3915 Alpine Road, Portola Valley.



Upcoming Hands-on Service Projects—JESSICA SUN invited 4-8 members to support Kara’s Walk ‘n Run event to fundraise for important grief support programs, Saturday, October 19, 11:L30-1:00 pm, Mitchell Park. Service will include helping cleaning up breakfast, putting away tables,

chairs, and canopies.

YCS’s (Youth Community Service) Make-a-Difference Day, Saturday, October 26, at DLA Piper (near Four Seasons), 8:30-9:00 am for about an hour, for 6-8 volunteers. Service will include building bag lunches for all-day YCS volunteers. Our third year in a row supporting this youth event.



Holiday Party—December 11 at BRIAN STEEN and Sandra Wilson’s house (AGAIN, thanks). Just bring yourself (and guest). More details later.

GINNY LEAR

reminded us that this time of year for donations to the Rotary Foundation and noted that donations to Polio Plus can be designated on the memo line of checks.



YCS director Leif Erickson and youth member Ashley Yee-Mazaw announced YCS’s 30th anniversary in 2020, with special thanks to the original founding sponsors BILL



BUSSE, ... BOB MCCOWAN, STEVE PLAYER, and DAVE SMULLIN..



PRESIDENT’S CLUB contributions and World Polio Day video were held over until October 14

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS: Pinion Writer, Trish Bubenik; Pinion Editor, LYLE CONNELL; Greeters. MATT DOLAN AND TRISH BUBENIK (yup, double duty); Welcome Desk and Cashier, REBECCA GERALDI AND OANA MARCU; Set Up and A/V, JIM SHERIDAN, RICHARD KELLER; Microphone Managers, TOM GRACON, MIKE MCMAHON.

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: Daniel Russell, “The Joy of Search: Adventures in Teaching People How to Search”

PROGRAM-- World Community Service (WCS): GINNY introduced our very own TIM WATSON , attorney and experienced social service volunteer in Guatemala and Honduras, emphasizing that he knows world service

on the “ground level.”

TIM referred us to the 4th Rotary International goal: “Advocate for international understanding and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.”



TIM reenergized WCS funding through the District Designation Fund (DDF) grants with matching funds from the Rotary Foundation, direct contributions, humanitarian grants in developing countries, and the annual Foundation giving drive.

Last year’s projects included establishing a mobile dental lab/clinic in Chile, in cooperation with Cupertino Rotary. The advocate for this project was KLAUS HEINEMANN. Other projects were creating computer materials for students (Guatemala), upgrade of computer lab for vocational center (Guatemala), expansion/establishment of high school graduation of female students to university (Guatemala), clean water in schools (Thailand) with Thai Rotary Club.

This year the focus is on Esperanza Juvenil in Guatemala, designed to empower female students to stay in school and move on to university.

TIM urged members to let the WSC know if you have an idea for a possible international project. He then asked members of the committee to stand, generating thunderous applause

DAN QUINN announced that in a few weeks, just-retired Stanford Professor Cindy Wilber will describe MadreSalva, a micro-hydro project in Guatemala which creates electricity. It is also building systems to empower learning, leadership and community building across villages—especially among women.

TIM expressed immense appreciation for past and future donations of support for WCS



DANA celebrated today’s ideal example of “service”.