

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President Dana opened the meeting at 12:30 PM and jumped straight into awarding OLIVER COOLIDGE a multiple Paul Harris Fellowship pin with a blue sapphire. The president reminded us that half of the Paul Harris contributions we make eventually come back to the District as designated funds to support our selected projects.



Club in Sunnyvale (JESSICA SUN); Elin Svedberg from Sweden (CHRISTIAN MARTINE).

Visiting us today were guests of the following members: Desiree Lyons who later spoke to us about Namaste (TIM WATSON); Renata Velcheva attending for the second time (KAREN RHODE); Grant Chang who thinks our club is better than his mother's Rotary

ELIZABETH SANTANA also joined to relate how well our ushering support at the recent "Bright Star" show had been received and to thank those members who had participated.



AMY ANDONIAN joined to announce that



Avenidas was celebrating their 50th anniversary with two free events. On Friday, October 18 they are having a Pre-Birthday Bash with fine wine, noshes and song between 4 PM and 5:30 PM. On Saturday, October 19 they will be having an intergenerational festival with the Stanford Band, ice cream, games and treats between 10 AM and 2 PM. Both events are at the Bryant Street building.

JANE KHALAF tested our perspicacity by asking us to discern which was the lie in the following statements: She had a son aged 6 months; She had a daughter aged 3 years; Her husband was 38 years old; She and her husband had met on Bastille Day. It turns out that her husband is older than 38. A short video titled "What is Rotary?" was then shown which made the point that being a Rotarian provided a satisfying, life-long adventure. In a couple of weeks our fancy new blue PARC T-Shirts designed by JESSICA SUN should be available to be worn with pride when performing hands-on projects. Additional T-Shirts will be available at cost for \$10.



MATT DOLAN provided details of the next hands-on service project assisting the grief counselling KARA organization with their "Walk n' Run to Remember" event. This will take place next Saturday, October 19 at Mitchell Park between 11:30 am and 1 pm. More details about this and another service project on Saturday, October 26 involving YCS has been e-mailed to all members.



GLORIA HOM thanked PETER SHAMBORA for hosting the recent successful TGIF event at his home. She also announced that the next TGIF would take place at SALLY TOMLINSON's home on Friday, October 25 between 5:30 and 7:00 PM.



TRISH BUBENIK was the first to join the President's Club to provide a reminder stemming from her Red Cross experience. October 17 is the great California shake out anniversary so everyone needs to be prepared. A full list of what you need in a survival kit can be found on the Redcross.org site. P.S. Add chocolate.

TIM WATSON introduced Desiree Lyons from the non-profit N amaste based in Guatemala. This is an organization that has been supported with a Global Grant in which our club participated in conjunction with others.



Namaste works with economically vulnerable women in Guatemala providing them with microfinance loans in addition to mentoring and financial literacy training. Desiree provided details of how successful this organization has been and the positive impact that it has made there with our help.



BEN THRELKELD introduced our speaker Dr Daniel Russell from Google. He is their Uber



Tech Lead concerned with improving search quality and user happiness both within and outside the Google organization. In an entertaining way, he provided valuable insight into the extraordinary fountain of knowledge that Google holds and showed us how to find obscure data by using imagination and ingenuity. The speaker's objective is to help people to search deeply, effectively and precisely. Anyone interested in knowing more about Google searching should go to the speaker's website Dan Russell's Home Page & Site where there are many useful links to his book (The Joy of Search), tips, classes and blog.



Volunteering today were WALT HAYS and JUDITH STEINER (Greeting); REBECCA GERALDI and OANA MARCU (Check-in); DICK MANSFIELD and STEVE MADSEN (Set-up and A/V); TOM GRACON and MIKE McMAHON (Mikes); GEOFF ZIMAN and LYLE CONNELL (Pinion Writer and Editor)