

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 16 – Rod Diridon – “High Speed Rail: International, US, and California”

March 23 – Dr. Robert Negrin – “Cellular Therapy, a New Direction for Treating Tough Diseases”

March 30 – Kim Keene, Palo Alto City Manager.

PRESIDENT ELECT RALPH ADAMS led today’s meeting.

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Visiting Rotarians included former members MARK HEYER from Boquete, Panama & CHARLES CHENG returning from Shanghai & GINNY LEAR from Los Altos. Guests included GAELYN GEORGIA, JAMES SUTHERLAND & BRUCE GEE.

OPENING REMARKS:

STEVE EMSLIE prepared us for next weeks discussion on high speed rail through Palo Alto. Approved Proposition 1-A includes \$1 billion for Palo Alto out of a total of \$9 billion in initial funding. The cost & environmental impact of grade separations will be the big challenges.

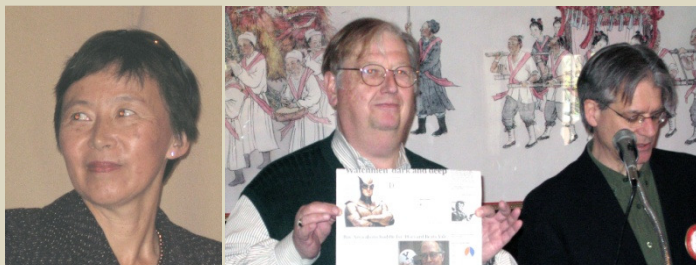


FLAG WAVING:

Club flags were presented by travelers PETER GUENTERMANN from St. Moritz, MARK HEYER from Boquete, Panama, WALT HAYS from Oaxaca Mexico. WALT received a standing ovation for his return to the club.

PRESIDENT’S CLUB:

ANDY COE was embarrassed into joining when newspaper clips from his football days at Yale were read to the assembled. YORIKO KISHIMOTO joined to celebrate her campaign for the State Assembly.

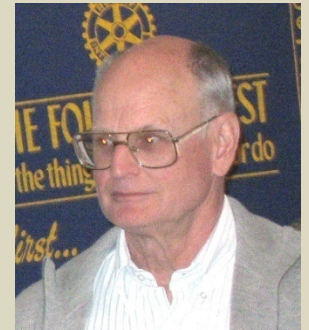


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE MAIN EVENT: KEVIN CURRY reminded us to sign up for the March 21st Gala to honor SAM WEBSTER & support our biggest charity event of the year.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome new members JIM KEENE (IRIS KOROL) & JIM SULLIVAN (WALT HAYS).



PROGRAM:

DENNIS SHEEHAN introduced today’s speaker retired homicide Detective JACK CLEARY who spoke on the challenges of his work. In 14 years CLEARY worked on an average of 25 homicide cases per year. His explanation of several cases highlighting the effort, detail, follow-up & sometimes luck to solve was fascinating.



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