

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BETSY called the meeting to order. Guests included the following: SALLY TOMLINSON introduced her husband, Tim. ROB LANCEFIELD introduced his wife, Rita.

JAYNE BOOKER noted that 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, summarized his life, and offered the following quote from him as the thought for the day: "I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair."



Betsy made the following announcements: Congratulated ANNETTE GLANCKOPF for the coverage in the Post of her leadership of the Rotary Speech Contest. Noted that Thursday's Chinese New Year celebration at Chef Chu's will start at 5:30, not 6.



Recognized TIM WATSON, BILL OBERMAN, and MIKE BAIRD as Paul Harris Fellows.



DAVE SMULLIN described his pleasant experiences in bidding three years in a row on a dinner at the CrabFeed auction, and he and PETE SHAMBORA urged members to provide auction items and

volunteer this year.

ROGER SMITH joined the Presidents Club in honor of ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, both for her leadership on the speech contest and her good work in general behind the scenes.



ED DANGLER joined in recognition of HENRIETTA BURROUGHS for her outstanding radio work



JUDITH STEINER offered the following as three truths and a lie: (1) She has met Johnny Carson, John Kerry and James Franco; (2) she learned to speak German but was told she had a Czech accent; (3) early in her life she lived in a rough area and was a good "street fighter"; and (4) one of her ancestors went to high school with George Washington. The lie was that she did not meet James Franco.



For the program, HAL MICKELSON introduced Kate Paye, Associate Head Coach of the Stanford Womens Basketball Team, noting that she has a BA, an MBA and a J.D. from Stanford, worked for a time at the Cooley Godward law firm, played professional basketball, and coached at two other schools before coming to Stanford.



Kate started by stating that her parents and siblings all attended Stanford and played sports. Then she played a current video of Stanford women playing Arizona State, illustrating their passion for the game and the fun they have playing it. She said there was a time when women were not allowed to play basketball, but that changed with Title 9, which requires equal treatment, which Kate received at all times. Her brother John, whom she idolized, was nine years older, and played and coached at Menlo School. Her father took her to watch them practice, and she later attended and with her brother as coach won three national championships.



For college she applied to Stanford as well as other schools. Stanford did not consider Menlo School to be "elite" and did not offer her a scholarship. She did make the team as a walk on, but the coach told her "don't be satisfied," and she went on to play a starring role, coached by Tara VanderVeer, whom she greatly admires. Upon earning her other degrees, she went to work for Cooley Godward, where she did well but felt miserable, and therefore quit after six months and went back to her love, basketball. She played pro for six years, finding that the high quality of the play greatly improved her own game. She then turned to coaching, first at Pepperdine, then at San Diego state, and finally at Stanford, where she loves her work and the teams have a great record, with 13 Final Four appearances and two NCAA championships. She describes the current team as "great girls," who are tied for first place in the Pac-12, having recently defeated Oregon, which was formerly first. In that game Brittany McPhee was outstanding, scoring 31 points in the second half.

At the end of Kate's talk, HENRIETTA asked whether women ever compete with men, and Kate responded that they may play informally but not officially. LE LEVY asked whether the frequency of leg injuries indicates that women should not play, and Kate acknowledged the injuries but said that the experience of playing outweighs that negative.

With thanks to all who helped to make the meeting possible, we were adjourned.

## NEXT PROGRAM

Feb. 12 – Monday: Madeleine Fackler, CIO, International Rescue Committee: Personal Update on the Global Refugee Crisis

