

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BETSY BECHTEL called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

## GUESTS

Winter Pickett, daughter of REBECCA GERALDI; Patrick Kelley, guest of STEVE EMSLIE; George Bechtel, guest of BETSY BECHTEL; Nathan Burns-Sprung and Migialy Lozada, both guests of MATT DOLAN.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

LE LEVY presented a quotation from Rev. Martin Luther King on the 50 year anniversary of his assassination.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

## 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE

OANA MARCU alleged she:

1. Designed a zero gravity gene experiment in outer space.
  2. Had her University President in Romania sign a fake document.
  3. Beat up a water polo athlete while she was in grammar school.
  4. Won an Argentine Tango contest.
- #3 is only partially correct.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED DANGLER presented a Rotary flag from Torrey Pines, CA club and contributed to the President's Club in honor of President Betsy.



PAM BRANDIN, in her first meeting after her shoulder surgery, contributed to the President's Club in honor of President Betsy.

HERSH DAVIS is recovering from back surgery.

JACKIE SCHOELERMAN asked for volunteers to put up the American flags on University Ave on Weds July 4th. Meet at 8AM at corner of University and Cowper. Volunteers are also needed to take the flags down at 5PM. Meet at High St. and University.



JULIE JEROME, Chairperson of the Endowment Board, presented the annual gift to Palo Alto Rotary Charities. This year the contribution is \$36,985.

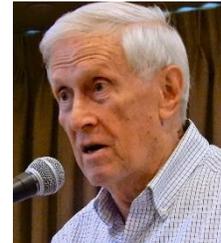
President BETSY thanked the Debunking Committee of BRIAN STEEN, GINNY LEAR, and LIZ SANTANA for a successful dinner and program at Shoreline Restaurant on 18 June, celebrating the completion of an outstanding Rotary year.

DICK BUSH raffled a pair of tickets to the Earthquakes vs LA Galaxy at Stanford Stadium next Saturday, donated by JUDY KLEINBERG. Starting with the next meeting, July 9, the price of lunch will increase to \$23, \$24 using a credit card.

## PROGRAM

The program consisted of Vocational Talks by three distinguished Rotarians from our club.

DON MORGAN talked about the first of his two vocations which he said



was more fun than his law career. He trained for a year to be a Naval Aviator then flew a P4M-1Q Mercator in the Western Pacific Ocean in the late 1950's during the Cold War. For details of this aircraft check out the Wikipedia entry. After earning his wings, Don was assigned to an Electronic Counter Measure Squadron in Japan. The planes flew signals intelligence missions along the periphery of China, Russia, and North Korea and participated in the Quemoy and Matsu islands conflict in the Taiwan Strait. One of the fun events Don described was landing on the Aleutian Island of Shemya with a 100 ft ceiling, one quarter mile visibility, and a 70 knot crosswind!!

After a 20 year, interesting and exhausting advertising career in Silicon Valley, SUSAN LUTTER, talked about the joys and challenges of her non-profit, Ape Action Africa, located in Cameroon, a couple of hours away from the capital Younde in a tropical forest. Ape Action's mission is to save orphaned, endangered primates from poachers anywhere in the country. After her initial visit, Susan asked how can I help? Among her activities are accessing services from her home on the Internet, contacting donors, and hauling thousands of pounds of and materials supplies (all dutifully inspected by Homeland Security) on her frequent trips to Cameroon. Among the joys of supporting Ape Action: exceptional individuals she meets along the way, the extraordinary generosity of Americans, working to strengthen the neighboring communities in the rain forest, and the satisfaction of completing projects such as the Palo Alto Rotary supported water project. The challenges include: long distance on-line communications such as email and Skype, and the difficulties of completing tasks at long distance.



The final speaker was MEL MATSUMOTO, Executive Director of Channing



House, who stepped in on short notice to tell of his 40 years of joy working with older people. He described some of the ethical dilemma's such as the "when to give up driving" conversation. There is no simple answer, it depends on what the resident thinks is right, and the family dynamics. The only agency that can forbid someone from driving is the California Highway Patrol. They can be advised anonymously. It is important to have the conversation.

## PROGRAMS and EVENTS

*July 2*

*DARK - No Meeting*

*July 9, Michael McFaul, Professor of Political Science, Director and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, and the Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution: "Confronting Putin's Russia"*