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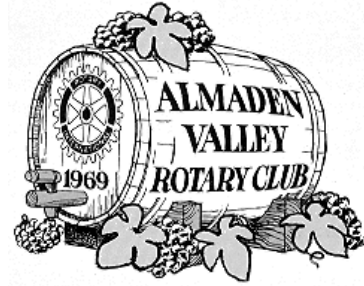
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Fred Eberle and guest speaker Mike Boullard field questions from members after their presentation on the Almaden Valley Rotary – Quin Ting (Pagoda) Project.

2017-2018

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Upcoming Events

Sep 21 – Boy Scouts 6pm
Sep 23 – Willow Glen BBQ
Grill-off
Sep 28 – Club Assy 12pm
Oct 05 – Ave of Services
Oct 12 – Book Found 12pm



Editor: Bruce Curley



President's Leaf 2017-2018
"Year of Attract Members and Engage Existing Members"



September 21st Night Meeting 6 PM Thursday

Program: Introduction of Boy Scouts new STEM/NOVA program

Hello Rotarians,

We were unable to do a FaceBook Live video because Mike Bolland's talk about Casa Grande Pagoda History and Project is too hot and filled with intrigue to be publicly available. Fred E., thanks for providing a great program. Also in attendance was a guest of Ken T., Lila Gemellos. Lila may be commissioned to paint a mural at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Avenue. This will add to the sign we already have at that corner.

At our next meeting is at NIGHT, 6 PM, Paul Johnson will present the program, which will be an introduction of the Boy Scouts STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program. Please attend and support Paul and Boy Scouts in learning about this new program.

October 5th, we are DARK, and the Club will pay for you to attend the Avenues of Services (it cost \$49). We want a large turnout from our club because Fred and Micheal Boulland will be there to talk about the Pagoda Project that we are planning for Casa Grande Park in Almaden Valley. We are looking for partners and help in reaching Rotary Clubs in China.

We will be discussing future plans for our Club on September 28th at 6 PM at our Second Club Assembly. Please bring your spouses and significant others to our Dinner on September 21st meeting to hear about the Boy Scouts STEM Program.

As we start a new year, Rotary Foundation donations will be starting up. Our Foundation Chair, John Baker, will be and is talking to all of you about Foundation pledges.

Date	Speaker	Time
September 21 st	Paul Johnson will have a Speaker from the Boy Scouts – regarding STEM	6 PM – Night Meeting
September 23^d	Participation in Willow Glen BBQ Grill-off	To be announced – Save the Date
September 28 th	-Club Assembly –	Noon – Lunch Meeting
October 5 th Club with PAY the COST!	Attend District Conference at the Biltmore Hotel. Address: 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara	5:00pm-7:30 pm Project Fair – Pagoda Project 7:30pm-9:00pm Dinner
October 12 th	Speaker: Judy Koch - Bring me a book Foundation	Noon – Lunch Meeting Bring your spouses and guests
October 19 th	Speaker: Comedian, national speaker, and Book writer: Eric Golub	6 PM – Night Meeting Bring your spouses and guests
October 26 th	Speaker: Noemi Conway, Executive Director of Stroke Awareness Foundation	Noon – Lunch Meeting – Bring your spouses and guests

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SAVE THE DATE! - OCTOBER 5, 2017

AVENUES OF SERVICE

“Leaders Keep on Learning”

Project Fair | Training Forums | Networking | Fun



RI Director John Matthews
2017/2019, Zones 25 & 26

Featured speaker: John Matthews

Former Senior V.P., COSTCO Wholesale, a \$110 billion company with 180,000 employees worldwide. John brings a fresh perspective to the business of Rotary. From membership growth to Rotary's impact on the world stage, this experience in corporate and community leadership underscores a powerful Rotary message.

WHO: Club Presidents, Committee Chairs, District Leadership, Red Badgers

WHAT: Connect with Rotary leaders and learn about the power of service

WHERE: Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara

WHEN: Thursday, October 5 from 5–9 pm

Cost: \$49 | Register at <https://events.rotarydistrict5170.org>

President Brian opened the meeting with the flag salute (the flag was printed on a piece of paper), a prayer read by **Ed Lacina** and a Thought for the Day read by **Bruce Curley**.

Announcements

Brian introduced **Lila**, who was invited by **Ken Tavernier** and who is a “public artist”. She paints large murals on walls and buildings, etc. depicting the theme and/or history of an area. She is currently in discussions with AVRC and San Jose City Councilman **Johnny Khamis** about the possibility of a painted mural at Almaden Expressway and Coleman Road across from the Almaden Valley sign.

Instead of the October 5th evening meeting, the club will be going to the District Avenue of Services event. All members are encouraged to attend. The \$49 cost will be paid for by our club. The event will be held at the Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel from 5 to 9 pm (see attached flyer).

The Almaden Valley Rotary Christmas party is scheduled for December 15th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Santana Row. Time: 7pm. Cost: \$50 per person. Entertainment: TBD. Mark your calendars!

Bill Bynum mentioned that he was contacted by past District Governor **Roger Hassler** about the Avenue of Services event. **Roger** encouraged members to attend for the opportunity to hear keynote speaker RI Director **John Matthews**. **John** was formerly a Senior VP with Costco Wholesale.

Rotary Foundation

John Baker was present, passing out Rotary Foundation pledge cards. This year, instead of pledging as Double Sustainers (\$200) or Double Sustainers (\$500), Rotarians are encouraged to pledge as \$1000 sustainers.

Speakers – Mike Boullard and Fred Eberle

Fred Eberle introduced speaker **Mike Boullard** whose topic was the Chinese Quin/Ting (Pagoda) project in New Almaden. **Fred** knows **Mike** because he is his neighbor, and **Fred's** son married **Mike's** daughter. **Mike** got **Fred** interested in the Pagoda project and Almaden Valley Rotary has been involved in the project ever since.

The small amount of history that was presented was extremely interesting. It seems that in the 1850's, a pagoda was given to the Almaden Quicksilver Mines by the Emperor of China as a thank you for mining a particularly valuable type of mercury that the Chinese preferred for the extraction of gold from gold ore. The pagoda was shipped to New Almaden from China in pieces along with craftsmen to put it together. It was like a puzzle since there were no nails or screws needed. Over the years (160+?) the pagoda was exposed to the elements to the point that it was completely destroyed except for the carved wooden poles or columns of which 5 remain. These were recently retrieved from storage at the New Almaden Museum. According to **Mike**, these poles are extremely rare, probably valuable and China may even want them back. The Chinese Quin/Tink (Pagoda) project was started to preserve these artifacts and to develop a plan for rebuilding the pagoda to its original form. The Quicksilver Mines area has been designated a National Historical site, the New Almaden Museum has moved to the historic Casa Grande and Mike Boullard has served as a docent at the museum for many years. If the pagoda can be rebuilt, it will be placed on the Casa Grande property at the site of the former swimming pool. A number of Almaden Valley Rotarians have been involved in examining the carved poles and moving them in and out of storage.

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The Pagoda.



