

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**ON MONDAY, JAN. 15, WE WILL NOT CONVENE FOR LUNCH AT THE ELKS' CLUB. INSTEAD, WE'LL MEET FOR "HANDS ON" TREE PLANTING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CANOPY, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M., AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, 1425 BAY ROAD, EAST PALO ALTO. BRING GLOVES AND A DIGGING FORK; SHOVELS WILL BE PROVIDED. If every Rotarian worldwide plants a tree this year, that's 1.4 million trees in all.**

To begin our club's first meeting of 2018, TODD LEWIS led the Pledge of Allegiance at the call of our president, BETSY BECHTEL. Among our guests: Lawyer MIKE PATRICK, a leader at La Comida and the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury, introduced by DAN QUINN; attorney JIM SHERIDAN, of Patterson & Sheridan, the guest of BETSY BECHTEL;

and MICHAEL HAWKINS of Canopy, who thanked us for \$5,000 that will nurture a hundred trees in addition to those that we'll set out "hands on."

Two sturdy aphorisms, shared by



**GEOFF ZIMAN:** "Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes old age comes alone." And: "The advantage of being opinionated is that you don't waste time listening to the facts"

A memorial for BRUCE LIEDSTRAND is set for noon on Sunday, Jan. 14, at Michael's at Shoreline ....



GINNY LEAR reported that Whole Foods Market Palo Alto will donate the January and February proceeds of its save-a-bag program "Nickels for Non-Profits" to our Palo Alto Rotary Annual Charities Fund. WFM contacted PARC to ask if

we would like to participate. We did.

KATIE SEEDMAN and GLORIA HOM announced plans for a Chinese New Year Dinner at Chef Chu's on Thursday, Feb, 8, \$65 per person. Breaking news - tables are filled. Thanks.



JACKIE SCHOELERMAN will welcome us to her home, 674 Loma Verde, for a TGIF from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26.

TONY ADESSA offered Three Truths and a Lie: > Played second violin at Tanglewood, conducted by Leonard Bernstein. > Visits France so often that friends say he knows it better than most natives. > In Little League, was an All-Star pitcher with an unhittable curve. > Was Wisconsin state chess champion in the 13-to-14 age group .... After a pause, we learned that Tony never won the chess championship.



Vocational Talks, as introduced by MEL MATSUMOTO:

ELIZABETH SANTANA, who joined



Rotary as Development Director for the Palo Alto Players, is now its Executive Director. She was destined for a career in theater: Her mother ran a dance school, her father was a speech and drama coach. She worked her way through cruise ship shows, summer stock and a non-theatrical gig at Google before joining PAP. Contributions have increased 300% since

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she arrived. Elizabeth reminds us that the arts have the power to educate, challenge and entertain our community. Her next role: Adelaide, opposite her husband as Nathan Detroit, in "Guys and Dolls," in San Jose.

STEVE EMSLIE felt a strong call to city planning from the time



he received his Architecture degree at Cal, guided by Rene Dubos, among the first to urge us to "think globally, but act locally." In 1980, not a great time to start, Steve told a prospective father-in-law that "there's no time like now for good planning." He became Planning Director for a small city, then served in bigger and bigger places, with more and more complicated problems, until reaching Palo Alto, the most complicated place of all.

Here, he gravitated to the City Manager's office, retiring in 2013 to pursue his current work as a planning and entitlement consultant.

Having worked herself out of a job by managing a merger between school districts, TRISH BUBENIK became a Red



Cross professional, and worked herself out of a job by merging the Palo Alto and San Jose chapters. She faced a "vertical learning curve": She wrote 4,500 thank-you notes for September 11 donations. She worked 37 days in a row (half a day off one Sunday) after Hurricane Katrina .... The Palo Alto chapter

pioneered Safe Ride, a peer-to-peer transportation service designed to avoid deadly danger for teens from 10:00 p.m. to midnight .... In 2017, 56,000 Red Crossers in the U.S. provided emergency and humanitarian service in response to 24 major disasters; 92% of that work was done by volunteers.

## PROGRAMS and EVENTS

January 15, Canopy Tree Planting.

January 22, Bill Neukom, Former Managing General Partner of SF Giants, and Founder and CEO of the World Justice Project: "World Justice Project of the American Bar Association"

January 26, TGIF Schoelerman Residence

January 29 Lissa Kreisler, Morning Show Co-Host KBAY 1988-2016: "Decades of Sunny Mornings"