

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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With the ring of the bell President BETSY BECHTEL called the meeting to order followed by a group recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

President BETSY noted the change in the room configuration with moving the buffet tables to the back of the room. This creates an open space for socializing and interaction among members before enjoying the buffet lunch.

FRIENDS AND VISITORS: While there were no visiting Rotarians we extended a welcome to new visitors and friends.

CHARLIE WEIDANZ introduced Frank Berry, DARYL SAVAGE included Andrew Binder, TOM GRACON included Karen Rohde who is a proposed new member, JULIE JEROME was accompanied by her daughter Jessica Jerome, DAVE THORTON welcomed our speaker Molly O'Neal and ROGER SMITH introduced Meri Cryves as his guest.



Thought for the Day: KATIE SEEDMAN stepped away from the registration desk to share a quote from Thurgood Marshall the 96th Justice on the Supreme Court. "The measure of a country's greatness is its ability to retain compassion in the times of crisis."

Three truths and a lie: Our investigative skills were challenged by DUANE KALAR. Which one was the false statement?

1. First job was earning 10 cents a tail setting

gopher traps.

2. His earnings from 50 head of Hereford Cattle raised the money for his education expenses.

3. Admitted to Stanford with Honors but never earned a degree.

4. Birthday Celebration guessing which countries visited in "Around The World In 80 Years" game.

It was only 76 countries reminding us that the truth is in the details!



TGIT: It's Thursday and bring a friend. To LE LEVY'S home in Palo Alto. Fun times!



CRAB FEED UPDATE: BRUCE GEE is approximately 90% completed in counting the proceeds from this year's record breaking event. The total proceeds are currently tallied at \$93,000 raised. Great job to all who planned, volunteered, donated, attended and successfully bid on auction items. How great is it that we can enjoy an evening of merriment, a bountiful meal, successful bidding on some seriously awesome

auction items all while raising money for Rotary charitable funds. We have a win: win!

PALO ALTO CHARITABLE GRANTS: The following are recommendations from the Grants Committee for fiscal year 2018. I'm sure we can all agree these funds will provide positive growth and support for the recipients. Kudos to the Grants Committee for turning the funds raised into grants creating actionable program support.

Fund-A-Need: \$10,000 to Project WeHope to purchase commercial equipment and supplies to support their evening meal service for their clients needing temporary housing assistance.

Ada's Café: \$5,000 for general support of their employment opportunities for developmentally disabled through the café and catering services.

All Students Matter: \$10,000 to design and test a literacy intervention program for 3rd to 5th graders reading below grade level at Ravenswood City School District.

Dream Catchers: \$5,000 to support implementation of a new system for coordinating, monitoring and communicating with parents of low income Palo Alto school district middle school students receiving support and mentoring.

EPA Kids Foundation: \$10,000 to fund mini-grants to educators in Ravenswood School District to purchase supplies and necessary classroom materials.

Nuestra Casa: \$6,000 to support a new ESL Conversation Workshop for parents of students in Ravenswood City School District to assist with developing English language skills.

Silicon Valley Urban Debate League: \$9,000 supporting students from East Palo Alto attending Urban Debate League's Summer Institute, a debate camp for low income high school students of color.

Youth Community Service: \$5,000 to support two, seven-week sessions of Ravenswood Leadership Academy a collaboration between Nuestra Casa and their middle school children with weekly opportunities providing support in developing better communication and leadership skills.

GUEST SPEAKER: The topic "Public Defense 101:" was provided by our speaker Molly O'Neal, Public Defender for Santa Clara County. She was introduced by DAVE THORTON and began her presentation by reporting she is a granddaughter of a Rotarian. Having earned an earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Francisco, School of Law



Molly has been described as having the "compassion and tenacity needed" to successfully lead the Public Defender's office. You can learn more about the Public Defender's office by visiting



<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/pdo/Pages/pdo.aspx>.

Due to time constraints we were unable to complete the video from Molly's presentation. For those wishing to complete their viewing the video link is attached. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2muuzSHOHTY>

President Betsy offered our appreciation for Molly taking time from her demands at the Public Defender's Office and adjourned the meeting.

PROGRAM & EVENTS

April 2 Paolo Parigi, Stanford Engineering Professor and Lead Trust Scientist at Uber: "Trust Me, I'm Reputable: Social Exchange in the Sharing Economy"

April 9 "TheatreWorks Team: "Oskar Presentation"

