

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BETSY had ROGER SMITH lead us in the pledge to open the meeting. Roger then introduced his guest Meri Gyves who is the Work Experience Coordinator at Gunn High School.



existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun"

Later in the meeting, AMY came to the podium again to receive her blue badge.

AMY ANDONIAN provided the following quote by Napoleon Hill to honor the resilience of her 7 year old daughter who was, sadly, recently mauled by a vicious dog. "The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It is the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its



WALT HAYS challenged us to find the lie in the following statements: He was elected to the Council of San Jose when there were 600,000 residents; He took part in a Rotary project visit to Tanzania; He has driven a DH8 Bulldozer; He chaired a county-wide Republican dinner. Turns out the overseas visit was to Kenya!



BILL BUSSE was presented with a certificate for being a generous Grand Donor (\$1,000) to the Rotary Foundation. This prompted President BETSY to announce that our club had exceeded its goal and made a \$29,034 contribution to Rotary International. In addition, our club has raised \$3,555 for the PolioPlus Campaign.



Since the Global Initiative began more than 25 years ago, Rotary and its partners have reduced polio cases by more than 99.9% worldwide. When the Initiative started in 1988 more than 350,000 people were stricken by polio every year. To date in 2018, 3 polio cases have been reported but it will need for there to be three years without cases to pronounce the end of this dreaded disease. BRIAN STEEN reminds members that they can learn more about the fight by visiting [endpolio.org](https://www.endpolio.org). Your donations will be tripled when you contribute to Rotary's PolioPlus efforts, through the 2:1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>



JUDY KLEINBERG joined the Presidents Club to announce the upcoming Tall Tree event on May 17 and her expectation for the winner of a basketball event that evening.

LE LEVY was thanked for his hospitality last Thursday at his home and, in addition, was induced to part with a presidential sum in order to retrieve a historic newspaper where his photo was prominently displayed on the front page.



DANA TOM introduced our speaker Professor Paolo Parigi from the Stanford Sociology Department by asking how many of us had stayed at an Airbnb or taken an Uber or Lyft ride. This was because the presenter was also the Lead Trust Scientist for Airbnb – a position he had previously held at Uber.



He started his talk by pointing out that interpersonal trust was a key element in the rapidly growing sharing economy and that users of those businesses develop relationships in an entirely different way than ever before. He contrasted this with the conventional concept of "homophily" which is the tendency of individuals to form connections with people having similar characteristics to their own. Problems can arise from inevitable social biases.

He described a sophisticated study involving Airbnb users that showed the importance of communicating reputation exceeded any other of the expected factors in developing trust.



The work crew today were JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, KAREN ROHDE and BRUCE GEE on the visitor desk; NINA MOORE greeting; GEOFF ZIMAN Pinioning; STEVE MADSEN and RICHARD KELLER setting

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

April 9, TheatreWorks Team: "Oskar Presentation"

April 16, Gary White, Climate Reality Leader: "Addressing the Climate Crisis"

April 21, Interclub Social - Dinner and Movie
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

