

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**Inspirational Person:** "A Kind and Loving Grandfather" was the inspiration for today's remembrance. **ROB LANCEFIELD** shared the lifelong impact of feeding the ducks, going to see the locomotives and learning the 23rd Psalm & The Lord's Prayer from his Grandfather who by telling him "I love you to the stars and back" gave Rob the hope and courage to be a good man. His grandfather passed away nearly 80 years ago but love surely lives on!



**Visiting Guests:** While we did not have the pleasure of welcoming fellow Rotarians a warm welcome was extended to visitor Grace Mah, guest of Ginny Lear and **REBECCA GERALDI** was accompanied by her daughter Winter who has been a smiling face at our registration desk over the summer.

**Presidents Club:** President **GINNY LEAR** offered to membership the option of \$50 Presidents Club donations in the hopes of having members participate more than once annually!



**DAVID SMULLIN** joined the Presidents Club in appreciation for **MIKE MCMAHON** organizing a tour of the WWII Submarine USS Pampanito located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park and a memorable day with friends learning more about this ship and maritime heritage. **GINNY** joined in appreciation for the auction dinner given by **BRUCE GEE** and **KATIE SEEDMAN**, with entertainment by **ELIZABETH SANTANA & company**. **JACK WOODSON** joined 3X for **GLORIA HOM'S** Chinatown Tour, his family trip to Africa, and for his renewed health following Ultrasonic Laser treatment for cancer at Stanford. Glad to hear all of that, **JACK!**

**Presentations:** Grace Mah, Board Vice President for Stevenson House in Palo Alto provided an update on the happenings at their senior residential facility. Palo Alto Rotary has supported their Farmers Market which is scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Stevenson House is an active and thriving residential facility providing affordable housing for lower income seniors. To learn more about their history and mission check out their website at <https://stevensonhouse.org>



**Guest Speaker:** Our new club members provided the presentation today and shared their stories that brought them to Palo Alto Rotary.

**NANCY CHAN** joins with a Real Estate classification. Her parents arrived in America in 1940 settling in San Francisco. Her studies took her to UC Berkeley earning a degree as

a Dietician followed by a Masters at Stanford in Physical Therapy. After experiencing a "one way" trip around the globe Nancy applied her experiences with fitness training and nutrition. Any golfers may be interested to know she could help with your game. However, she is most proud of her work tutoring her daughter and developing her public speaking skills. **NANCY** has begun a foundation to support and raise awareness of Selective Mutism.

**KAREN ROHDE** joins with a Human Resources classification. **KAREN** entitled her presentation "Who is Karen and what makes her tick." The classic middle child she experienced membership with Girl Scouts as both participant and leader, student exchange in Japan through Lions Club and the founding President for Alpha Chi Omega sorority at UC Irvine. **KAREN** is married thirty three years and twenty two of those years were experienced raising her family as a Palo Alto resident. Active in the community as board member for multiple non-profits while her career path originally in accounting and finance directed her to Human Resources. Here she applied the lessons learned from her student exchange program as she returned to Japan in a corporate role.



**AMY ANDONIAN** joins with a Non-Profit classification. Born on Christmas Day during a blizzard in Chicago **AMY** knew her destiny was the world of dance as a ballerina. She studied at the internationally acclaimed Salt Creek Ballet Company in Chicago. However a career ending injury redirected her talents which resulted in her acceptance to Stanford where she earned a degree in Human Biology and now is President and CEO at Avenidas in Palo Alto. She and her husband Tim have two children and have recently set up residence in Pacifica. Please extend a welcome to our newest members and introduce yourself at upcoming meetings and events



**Thank You Meeting Volunteers:** Muchas Gracias, Mille Fois Merci, Mahalo Nui Loa, Domo Arigato, Danke Schoen, Grazie Mille, Ogormnoe Spasibo, Shukran, Xie Xie, Cheers. A world of thanks for our meeting volunteers! Set Up/Audio Visual: **RICHARD KELLER** and **STEVE MADSEN**, Pinion Writer: **MATT DOLAN**, Cashiers: **REBECCA GERALDI**, **KATIE SEEDMAN** and **JIM SHERIDAN**

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*July 30, Ginny Lear and the Board of Directors: "New President Program"*

