

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Tuesday, September 11th is the 17th anniversary of the events that occurred in New York, Washington DC and Shanksville PA. In the spirit of "Be the Inspiration" let us all pause to remember our collective loss from that tragic day and celebrate the resilience of the American spirit in overcoming.

As we begin the 11th week of our "Be the Inspiration" year, PRESIDENT GINNY LEAR by a ring of the bell, brought our meeting to order. Upon request JULIE JEROME lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Many thanks to the volunteers posting and retiring US flags, on Labor Day, downtown Palo Alto. All reports indicate the volunteers, along with University Rotary Club, shared a social outing along with the task of displaying the American flag to celebrate a national holiday.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 12th at 8:00 am @Presidio Bank. A standing invitation is offered for any "red badgers" in hot pursuit of earning a blue badge.

President Elect DANA TOM facilitated the welcome of visiting Rotarians and guests.

Rotarian Mary Coward, Victoria BC, Harborside Club joined us for lunch and fellowship. She shared the many activities of her chapter along with her plans to visit her children living in the area. We hope Mary will make Rotary lunch a part of her future visits. STEVE PLAYER invited Jocelyn Lee, Executive Director of Foundation for a College Education and DAN QUINN introduced guest Elliott Wright, Executive Director of Environmental Volunteers. STEVE EMSLIE introduced invited guests John Aikin, Executive Director and Lauren Angelo VP, and Kelly Bavor, Co-Development Chairs at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. John and Lauren were guests but much more...keep reading for the exciting story behind their visit.



In keeping with Rotary International theme "Be the Inspiration" DANA TOM shared that he had inspiration from family, especially his parents, but knew that may be too emotional. His inspiration can also be found from his school board mentor Carolyn Tucher who contributed her own time to the school board along with mentoring future

members. Her commitment to volunteering along with mentoring contributes to both organizational and personal growth of its members.

Presidents Club donation by BERT ROSE was in gratitude for an enjoyable evening at the Paella Party. While he gave up a microwave meal and his favorite soaps it sounds like he chose the better option by attending the crab feed auction inspired party.



We had an exciting moment today with our first Centennial Gift, as



we approach the PARC Centennial year of 2022. GINNY presented a



check for \$100,000 to the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. A photo op with \$5,000 donors who helped get us to the top - ROGER SMITH, RALPH ADAMS, DICK BUSH, BILL BUSSE, BRUCE GEE, MIKE COUCH provided many hands to hold the oversized check, ceremonially signed by every member of our club..

Executive Director John Aikin shared details regarding the redevelopment of the "hidden gem" currently under an approximately 18-month construction process. A popular activity for children and families along with local educational programs the new facility promises to provide exciting opportunities through interactive play and experiences for the child in all of us. More information is available on their website at <https://friendsjmz.org>.



Pop Up Social: Sept 13th from 5:30pm -7:30pm. IRIS KOROL will host this lively event at Gamble Gardens located at 1430 Waverly, Palo Alto. It promises to be a wonderful evening of Rotarian fellowship in the beautiful setting of a local garden. Check out their website in advance of Thursday to make your experience even more enjoyable <https://www.gamblegarden.org>.

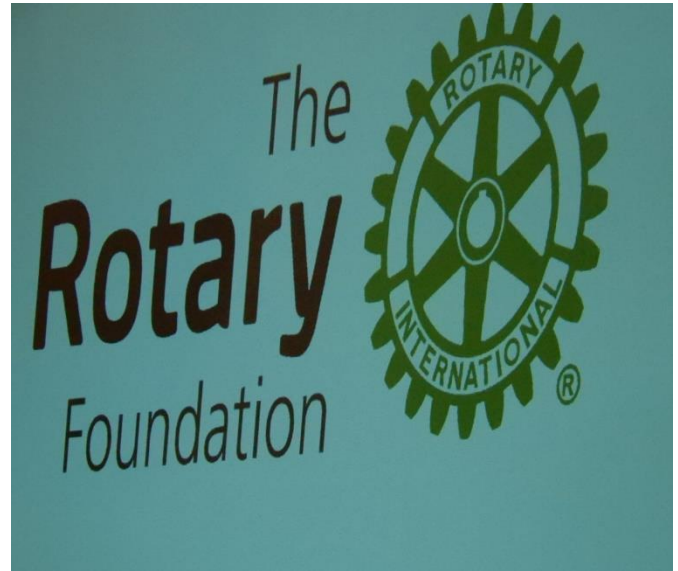


We heard from TIM WATSON regarding the Rotary Foundation and our chapter goal of 100% participation. Updates regarding World Community Service projects expanded our understanding of the many good works of our chapter along with giving opportunities available to all Rotarians.

Paul Harris Fellows- annual \$1000 giving and Paul Harris Society - pledge \$1000 annually are wonderful examples of giving opportunities and we had a confirmation of just who is Paul Harris. Current projects are:

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- Mend a Broken Heart (Philippines) – Heart Surgery for Children
 - CECAP Amigos de Santa Cruz (Guatemala) – Solar Panels for Occupational Training Center & Café
 - Adelante Foundation (Honduras) – Small Education Loans
 - Proyecto Itzaes (Mexico) – Education Materials for Kids
 - Lviv School for the Blind (Ukraine) – Tactile Graphics Printing Machine
 - Esperanza Juvenil (Guatemala) – Textbooks for Center
 - SOIL (Haiti) – Composting Toilets & Ecological Waste Management
 - Water for Life (Rotary Club of Koh Samui – Thailand) – Clean Water in Schools



PROGRAMS and EVENTS
September 17, Deborah Rhode, Stanford Law School Professor: "Cheating: Ethics and Law in Everyday Life"
September 24 Palo Alto City Council Candidates: Pat Boone, Tom DuBois, Eric Filseth, Alison McCormack, Cory Wolbach
October 1 Nadia Naik, co-founder of CARRD, Californians for Responsible Rail Design: "Caltrain Considerations for Palo Alto"