

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Promptly at 12:30, President GINNY convened our meeting. She noted this was her last meeting as our President. President GINNY then asked ROGER SMITH to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Elect DANA TOM came to the podium to introduce visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests. Visiting Rotarian Kathy Yates from the Cupertino Club introduced herself.

KLAUS HEINEMANN introduced his guests, Michael and Judith Picchetti. They live in a small town in southern Chile, where they moved from the Bay Area a number of years ago, and have done missionary and voluntary work. Michael, together with Judith, has spearheaded several Rotary World Community Service projects. The latest one is in conjunction with the Collipulli, Chile, Rotary Club, of which Michael is an honorary member. Our PA Club knows this project as the "Collipulli Mobile Dental Clinic." Last year, on initiative of Michael and Judith, our Club co-sponsored and co-funded this project.

The project was also co-sponsored by the Cupertino Rotary Club, with Kathy Yates as lead person. In December 2020, Kathy will be organizing a trip for Rotarians to Collipulli and several points of interest in Southern Chile and Argentina.

For planning purposes, contact Klaus Heinemann at [klaush@mcn.org](mailto:klaush@mcn.org) if you may be interested in joining Klaus.

GLORIA HOM introduced Lynnette Kwok, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. DANA TOM introduced his guests, Chris Richardson and Sara Baltierrez from Streets Team. Started several years ago as the Palo Alto Downtown Streets Team, the "streets team" program, "Changes lives, and makes streets look great!"

PREZ GINNY visited ED DANGLER. He says he is "Still here.", after moving from Palo Alto VA Hospital to BridgePoint. ED likes visitors and reading the Pinion.

Past President (2002-2003) LE LEVY recalled fond memories of members such as Joe Jedd (member of Polish Resistance group in WW II that stole Enigma machine from Germans), and Albert Wilson ("Dig It with Albert"). Too many stories to re-tell. LE closed by singing. "I Am a Modern Young Rotarian," to enthusiastic applause.



GINNY reported our Board has voted unanimously to support concept of Family Memberships. See DANA TOM or HAL MICHAELSON for details. Our club reached its goal of raising \$25,000

for The Rotary Foundation, according to BETSY BECHTEL.

Our Vocational Scholarships Committee chaired by PAM KRUDOP awarded 9 scholarships totaling \$25,000, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to 9 very deserving applicants.

Rotary Satellite Meeting will be held this Wednesday, June 19th, 5:30-6:30 PM at Homewood Suites. Price is \$5 for Happy Hour drinks & food. Debunking of Prez GINNY and Welcome to President Elect DANA will be Monday, June 24, 5:30 PM at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline. Register online. NO lunch meeting.



President DANA'S first meeting Monday, July 1, 12:15-1:30 PM, at Elks Club. New Member talks by Jon Cowan, Jessica Sun and Jocelyn Lee.

GLORIA HOM announced the re-start, hopefully, of TGIF parties the last Friday of each month. She asked for members to host.



## PRESIDENT'S CLUB:

TRISH BUBENIK announced the celebration of her 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 22nd.



ROGER SMITH gave \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund.



ROB LANCEFIELD announced Rita and he would celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 23rd, in Newport Beach



ART STAUFFER introduced today's speaker, Kenneth Schultz, Professor of Political Science, PhD, at Stanford. His topic was "The World's Strangest Borders, and How They Got that Way." Wars and geography are often the context. He gave examples from (1) South Central Africa in the late 19th century; (2) Libya (straight line boundaries); Egypt-Sudan "straight line" boundaries; (3) the Chile-Argentina boundary described BOTH in contradictory terms of "connecting highest peaks in Andes," and



"rivers and watersheds flowing to Atlantic and Pacific;" Belgium and Netherlands "patchwork" boundaries. Lastly, Professor Shultz described the confusing U.S.-Mexico border at El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, which is described by the meandering Rio Grande. Water law, international boundary law and politics make for boundaries based on the relative power of the parties, and sometimes the facts on the ground.



Meeting volunteers: Pinion writer: ROB LANCEFIELD. Greeter: MIKE

MCMAHON. Cashiers: KATIE SEEDMAN and REBECCA GERALDI. Microphone Managers: TOM GRACON and LAURIE LISTON. Room setup and AV: STEVE MADSEN, HERSH DAVIS and DICK MANSFIELD.

At 1:30 PM, PRESIDENT GINNY adjourned the last meeting of the 2018-2019 Rotary Year! Well done, PRESIDENT GINNY!!