

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER

President DANA TOM called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. PETER SHAMBORA led the Pledge. LE LEVY, LIZ



SANTANA and MARY ANN GEE led assembled Rotarians in the singing of LE's latest hit version of "Rotary" to the tune of "Ain't She Sweet".

VISITING ROTARIANS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAMESH HARIHARAN of the Passport Club, Subha Hariharan, of the East Palo Alto Rotary Club, Tina Orsi-Hartigan, Chief of Staff to the District Governor and member of the Los Gatos Rotary Club. Frank Verlot, Assistant District Governor of Area 9 (Our club's Area), and a member of the Los Altos Rotary Club.

VISITORS

Lisa Blanchard, Founder and Executive Director of the Grateful Garment Project, guest of REBECCA GERALDI. Ryan Elliott, guest of ROB LANCEFIELD. Christian Martine, guest of DANA TOM.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



KAREN ROHDE was inspired by a recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal of 5 August entitled Killers in our Midst about the recent mass shootings. The article attributed the decline of "mediating institutions" such as businesses, social clubs, churches, and social clubs such as Rotary.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

TOM GRACON announced that it has been 50 years since the Steelers played their last game at Forbes Field. It is also the same day that TOM met his wife, Helen.



ROGER SMITH made a contribution to honor LE LEVY, Past President, former Mayor, lyric creator, and major donor to both the waterfall in Lytton Plaza and the Magical Bridge Playground in Mitchell Park.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President DANA announced that DICK BUSH'S Celebration of Life would be on Sunday Sept 29 at 1:30PM at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club, 701 Madera Drive in San Mateo.

TODD LEWIS of the We Care Committee circulated a card for JUDITH STEINER who is recovering from a knee replacement, and another card for CHALMERS SMITH who has transferred to the Memory Unit at Channing House.

TGIF at the house of President DANA and Nancy, this Friday, August 30 5:30 – 7:30. Bring your favorite beverage.

Help put up FLAGS ON UNIVERSITY Ave on Labor Day at 8AM. Meet at Cowper and University Ave. Help take them down at 5PM. Meet at High and University Ave. Palo Alto Players HANDS ON SERVICE PROJECT for up to 8 Rotarians to usher at the presentation of "Bright Star" on Saturday Sep 28 at 7PM. LIZ SANTANA plays the leading role in this show. Sign up on the website.

PROGRAM



DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAMESH asked what is the purpose of Rotary:

- Service to others
- Promote integrity
- Promote world understanding and peace

He then discussed the Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Campaign, how Nigeria is now polio free, and the only two countries left with polio

are Pakistan and Afghanistan. A prime example of the success of the campaign occurred in Sri Lanka during the Civil War between the Sinhalese and the Tamil residents in the north. Rotary was able to help obtain a three day cease-fire to enable the inoculation of both the Tamil and Sinhalese children, leading directly to the elimination of polio in Sri Lanka.

REBECCA GERALDI and guest **Lisa Blanchard** of the



Grateful Garment project then explained how to load the backpacks with clothing and items for victims of sexual violence which was our **Hands On Project** for the meeting.



VOLUNTEERS

Pinion writer: Mike McMahon, Pinion editor: Lyle Connell, Greeters: Peter Shambora, Past President Ginny Lear, Welcome desk and cashier: Katie Seedman, Jane Khalaf, Setup and A/V: Dick Mansfield
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Aug 30 TGIF at Dana Tom's house
Sep 2 Flags on University Ave
Sep 9 Palo Alto Fire Chief Geo Blackshire
Sep 16 Professor Jonathan Rodden on urban/rural political