

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** "Mating and Dating; the Internet's Effect on Society" Also, get an early start - wear a Hallowe'en costume!

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The Pledge of Allegiance. Emphasizing that "This was [our] Club," Prez. Dana acknowledged that our Board's decision to discontinue saying the Pledge had received mixed feedback from our members. This week, a vote of whether to say the Pledge or not will be conducted by email sent via Survey Monkey. **VOTING WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, NOV. 1ST, AT 5:00 PM.** Pres. Dana will announce "Yes" votes, "no" votes, and "not voting."

Next, Pres. Elect **BEN THRELKELD** led the introductions of Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests. Visiting Rotarian **Dick Henning (RC Los Altos)** introduced himself. **Steve Gelsheker (also RC Los**



**Altos)** introduced himself and his guest, **Will Smith.** **Heine Birkeland** from Norway introduced himself.

**Nick Leon (RC San Jose East-Evergreen)** introduced himself to invite us to attend a fundraiser in Milpitas to support his club's rapidly

growing World Community Service program to empower girls 14-17 years old, in Vietnam, on how to resist being conned into sex slavery in China, where they are forced into pregnancy 3 times by different men, then forced into prostitution the rest of their lives.



**CASH ALAEE** read his Thought for the Day by the Dalai Lama: "A satisfied life is better than a successful life. Because our success is measured by others, but our satisfaction is measured by our own soul, mind and heart."

**Announcements:** We have interesting new members: **JULIAN DEMALLEVILLE, CHRISTIAN MARTINE** and **RYAN ELLIOTT.** You'll be glad you reached out to chat with

them.

**TGIF** this Friday, Oct. 25th, 5:30-7:00 at Sally Tomlinson's home. Address to be emailed before Friday.

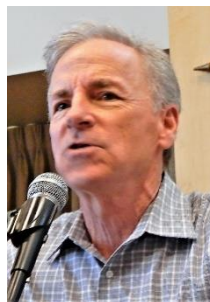
Pres. **DANA** thanked **RYAN ELLIOTT, SALLY TOMLINSON** and prospective member **RENATA VELCHEVA** for helping on last Saturday with Kara's "Walk 'n' Run to Remember." **RYAN** reported on the event.

Rotary t-shirts are here! Free! Great for wearing at Hands On Service Projects.

Upcoming Hands On projects: **YCS Make a Difference Day**, this Saturday (Oct. 26th) 8:30-9:30 AM at DLA Piper (near 4 Seasons Hotel). Need 6-8 volunteers to build bag lunches for YCS Day of

Service volunteers. **Palo Alto Players** on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 7:00-10:30 PM needs 8 Rotarians to usher for "A Christmas Story." Spin to End Polio bike ride Saturday, Nov. 16th, 11:00-11:55 AM at JCC, 11:00-11:55. \$55 per bike donation.

**BILL JOHNSON** invited members to join the Charitable Grants Committee. It winnows 60+/applications from local charities down to 6-8. Joining the Committee great chance to meet 3-4 times a year to help us give cash to people making our local community better!



**TIM WATSON** introduced **Will Smith**, co-founder of "Lead Africa," based in Monrovia, Liberia.

**Will** told how playing soccer can be a gateway to learning leadership skills for men... AND women!



President **DANA** showed a video about Rotary World Polio Day (Oct. 24th). The inspiring video emphasized the need for continuing vaccinations of thousands of people every year just in India to maintain "herd immunity" (98% immunized) to keep India "polio free."

Pres. **DANA** announced our Board of Directors has approved a new category of member: "Young Professional" (under 30) for 50% reduced dues and fees. We now have **SIX** members under 30!

Pres. **DANA** thanked today's meeting staff: **ROB LANCFIELD**, Pinion writer; **LYLE CONNELL**, Pinion editor. Greeters: **TIM WATSON**, and Immediate Past President **GINNY LEAR**. Welcome desk and cashier: **KATIE SEEDMAN** and **OANA MARCU**, Set-up and A/V: **DICK MANSFIELD** and **RICHARD KELLER**. Microphone managers: **TOM GRACON, LAURIE LISTON**.

At 1:00 Pm, **GINNY LEAR** introduced our speaker, **Simon Pennington** of Foothill College, current Interim Associate VP of Community



Relations, and former Dean of Fine Arts and Communication, on the "Importance of Design in the 21st Century Economy." Prof. Pennington started with, "The 21st Century will be the most consequential century in human history, thanks to exponential growth of computers and AI." [Ed. note: David Eagleman, Stanford Prof. of Neuroscience said similar 3 weeks ago when he spoke to the club about humans as "The Runaway Species," and human creativity changing the world.] Pennington said: "Design is the combination of art and science." "Design is envisioning, engineering and making of things that people use, or live in, or work with." "Good design requires Beauty, Strength and Utility." "Climate change will force us re-design everything in the next 30 years."