

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA TOM started the meeting with a reference another inspiring Rotary International statement, "Believe There Is Good In The World".

President elect BEN THREKELD introduced Visiting Rotarian LARRY STONE from the SJ Rotary Club, and his guests parents BOB and DIANE THREKELD and friend K.C. HUANG. DANA TOM hosted his wife, NANCY KAWAKITA, OANA MARCU hosted CHRYSTAL AULSON, AMY ANDONIAN brought her two young children, GINNY LEAR hosted PATTY MCGUIGAN, and KAREN ROHDE announced that her guest RENATA VELCHEVA submitted a membership application.

Pres. DANA TOM reminded that Pledge voting closes this Friday Nov 1st at 5pm.

THANK YOUS went from KATIE SEEDMAN to SALLY AND TIM TOMLINSON for the TGIF party last Friday, and from Pres. DANA TOM to JON COWAN, TIM WATSON and daughter APRIL, GINNY LEAR and CHARLIE WEIDANZ for volunteering at the Youth Community Service "Make a Difference Day".

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- Saturday November 16: Volunteer for the Hands On Service Project of ushering at the Palo Alto Players. Contact DANA TOM or sign up at <https://www.rotarypaloalto.org/Event/volunteer-ushers-for-palo-alto-players-1>.
- Saturday November 16, Spin to End Polio event. An initiative of LINNET KWOK, HERSH DAVIS, JON STOUMEN AND LE LEVY will take place 11-11:55am at the Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way. Cost is \$55/bike and all proceeds go to The Polio Fund. Pre-register with Linnet or Hersh.



The PRESIDENT'S CLUB was joined by: TONY ADESSA to celebrate the GALA for Cystic Fibrosis this past Saturday;

LEANNAH HUNT, in honor of Past President and honorary member PAM BRANDIN.



ROGER SMITH in honor of CASH ALAEE as the escort for The Gold Rush Girls at the 49ers game.



CASH ALAEE to explain his dedicated side-job as one of the 5 line-guys who escort the 40 cheerleaders at all the 49ers games



HENRIETTA BURROUGHS to commend ROGER SMITH for his work with families victims of violence who go through the criminal justice system.



DANA TOM for weaning his son JASPER off the family payroll due to his new job in Washington DC.

TIM WATSON reminded that donations for the Rotary Foundation support World Community Service



projects, and CASH ALAEE provided an update on the "Water for Life" project, for which Palo Alto is leading a Global Grant in partnership with Los Gatos Morning, Saratoga, and Los Altos clubs. The grant was submitted July this year and is awaiting community assessment. The \$32,000 raised by the 4 clubs is matched by the district to \$64,000 to support clean water for students in 11 schools in Koh Samui, Thailand.

President DANA TOM thanked meeting volunteers greeters Past Pres. RYAN ELLIOTT and AMY ANDONIAN, welcome desk and cashier KATIE SEEDMAN, REBECCA GERALDI and JANE KHALAF, pinion writer OANA MARCU and pinion editor LYLE CONNELL, setup and A/V MATT DOLAN and RICHARD KELLER and microphone managers TOM GRACON and LAURIE LISTON.

SALLY TOMLINSON introduced MICHAEL ROSENFELD, Professor and Chair of Sociology at Stanford who studies the Internet's effect on society. Prof. ROSENFELD spoke about Dating and Mating in the Internet Era and showed data from How Couples Meet and Stay Together, a national longitudinal study. A staggering increase in marriages from online dating in the last decade is technically due the graphical interface of the web, which provides pictures of potential partners, and the use of smartphones. Paired with the psychological factor decrease of the stigma of internet dating, meeting online now surpasses connections made through family, friends and work. Prof. ROSENFELD suggested that contrary to the common perception of technology promoting isolation, in this particular instance marriages started online are just as healthy and stable as traditional ones.

Next Month's Program:

- Nov 04, 2019 - Katrine Joensen, Danish Consul on The Scandinavian Model - What is it all About?
- Nov 11, 2019 - Veteran's Day Talks
- Nov 18, 2019 - Chop Keenan, Keenan Land Company on Housing issues in Palo Alto
- Nov 25, 2019 - State Senator Jerry Hill - Update on what's going on in Sacramento!.