

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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NO MEETINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020. \*\*\*\*\*

December 16th MEETING: With a ring of our bell, President DANA opened the meeting at exactly 12:30 PM. He then welcomed us to OUR Rotary Club. He expressed gratitude for the chance to be our President.

Pres. Dana continued by reading our Rotary Four Way Test that we should apply in our personal and business practices; Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

At 12:32, Pres. Elect BEN THRELKELD led the introductions of Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests. Visiting Rotarian Charles Arnold (RC Tiburon) introduced himself.

We had seven ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS: CHARLIE WEIDANZ introduced Peter Feldenweimer; LAURIE LISTON introduced his wife, Joanna Liston; MICHAEL WICK introduced Barbara Cameron; CHRISTIAN MARTINE introduced Johanna Andrea Flocz; JESSICA SUN introduced Alton Sun; DUANE KALAR introduced Ann Kalar; TIM WATSON introduced Ed Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President DANA encouraged us to reach out to our newest members: PATTY MCGUIGAN and RENATA VELCHEVA and to thank their sponsors, STEVE EMSLIE and KAREN ROHDE, respectively.

President DANA thanked BRIAN STEEN and Sandra Wilson and their helpers, GLORIA HOM and KATIE SEEDMAN for hosting our Holiday Party. GLORIA reported that 70 people came. They enjoyed good times, food and fellowship, and piano playing and singing.

President DANA thanked our Project WeHOPE volunteers: SUSAN LUTTER, RENATA VELCHEVA and two nephews, KAREN ROHDE with her husband Bruce and daughter Laura, TIM WATSON and his wife April, DANA TOM and his wife Nancy. They all helped feed the homeless at the WeHOPE shelter in East Palo Alto.

President Dana reported on, and showed photos of, our tour of Beechwood School. One of our Rotary community grants funded the construction of several planter boxes, shown in a photo with kindergarteners. Also shown was a solar-powered hydroponics system built by Rotarian and maker extraordinaire BRUCE GEE.



KAREN ROHDE encouraged us to join the Membership Committee.



ROB LANCEFIELD reported that AKRAM PIRACHA was recovering from a recent fall. AKRAM has been discharged from Stanford Hospital and transferred to Webster House for rehab.

President DANA reported our Club gave a holiday gift to our Elks Club servers from our Operations budget. He encouraged all of us to thank our servers individually.

Program Committee Chair SALLY TOMLINSON told us about our January programs: Jan. 6, Jon Haveman, The economics of "fixing" climate change; Jan. 13, Ann Ravel, "What Is the prospect for fair campaign finance regulation in the 2020 election?"; Jan. 20th, Hands On project; Jan 27th, Larry Magid, "Tech in the next decade"



KEVIN CURRY gave his Thought for the Day:

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: TOM Gracon Introduced José Luis Moscovich and the West Bay Opera Singers par excellence!

