

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA TOM called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm, reiterating that Rotary Connects the World. He wished us all a Happy MLK Day, noting we would be performing service today in honor of the civil rights leader. His own Quote for the Day was "One of the rarest strokes of luck we can encounter is the opportunity to do a good deed." Today is a lucky one for our club, he asserted cheerfully.

He asked President elect BEN THRELKED to welcome visiting Rotarians, of whom there were none, and guests of members. GEOFF ZIMAN more than made up for the absence of others by introducing his daughter Trisha Shur, visiting from New York, he said, to check up on him.



For her Thought for the Day LINNET KWOK discussed the Chinese lunar calendar. How is the Rat the first animal to have its own month? Unknown to the Ox, the Rat hitched a ride on the beast's back until close to the finish line, when the Rat leaped forward to win the naming race, consigning the Ox to second. The Tiger took last place on its own. The rat

was a Metal Rat; metal is one of the five elements associated with the Calendar.

DANA exhorted us to befriend and get to know SOHEILA MOZAYAN, our newest Member. Sponsored by CHARLIE WEIDANZ, she was among the many who were absent, perhaps unsure whether we would meet on a national holiday. Look for her at future meetings. LINNET KWOK returned to the podium to relate her happy experience cooking as part of Fight Hunger, in Project WeHOPE.



For the absent Chair CASH ALAEE, DANA announced that our Youth Speech Contest proceeds this Saturday January 25, 10 am to noon, at Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto. Speeches will relate to this year's Rotary International theme of Rotary Connects the World and will incorporate at least one of the principles of the 4-Way Test.

Guests are welcome in the audience.

The club's Chinese New Year banquet is fully sold out, at Chef Chu's Restaurant, Tuesday January 28 at 6:00 pm. Do check with GINNY LEAR, as cancellations can occur.

Those present enjoyed watching a video produced by a Rotary District on the North Dakota/Minnesota border, What is Rotary? A phone? Roasting chickens? A notarial enterprise?

Aha, a service club! DANA's thanks to those who staffed the meeting: Welcome Desk and Cashier, REBECCA GERALDI and JULIO NINO; Microphone Managers TOM GRACON and HERSH DAVIS; Greeters GLORIA HOM and GINNY LEAR; Sound and A/V JIM SHERIDAN and RICHARD KELLER; Pinion editor LYLE CONNELL; Pinion writer DON MORGAN.

Next week's program: Larry Magid "2020 Vision. How tech will make our lives better and worse in the coming decade".

REBECCA GERALDI introduced and explained today's service project, packaging under shirts (several sizes), toiletries, socks, note pads, pens, and cards for optional signing of first names, 80 sets for men and 20 for women, per request of Caminar, the recipient organization. After two rounds of packing by everyone, we adjourned early.

