

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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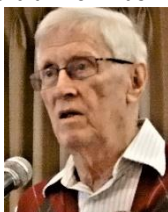
CALL TO ORDER: President DANA TOM called the meeting to order and noted the changes to lunch service with dining utensils and beverage service being prepared at one station. A lunch server or fellow Rotarian will gladly bring those items for any members who may need assistance.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: New member PATTY MCGUIGAN shared the thought for the day. "Opportunity is an inconvenience well received." An inconvenience directed Patty to an education fair to pursue new opportunities where she met Dick Bush!

VISITORS: President Elect BEN THRELKELD announced visiting Rotarians. Sandra Schritt from the San Diego Rotary breakfast club joined our meeting while visiting Palo Alto; from San Bruno Rotary, Robert George joined us for lunch. Rotarians with **GUESTS:** Heidi Reynolds joined her husband and new member MIKE REYNOLDS. Visiting Rotarian Sandra was accompanied by her daughter Francine Geller. ROB LANCEFIELD invited Ahmed Alghazi and Viana Pokeadmikor, and our guest speaker Craig Needham brought his daughter Samantha.

PRESIDENTS CLUB: HAL MICKELSON and JOHN O'KEEFE humorously celebrated BRUCE GEE, who joined the Presidents Club for being featured on the jumbotron at the Stanford basketball game. DON MORGAN joined after reading us a quote about Rotary in "The Guardians" by John Grisham



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Introduce yourself to our new member SOHEILA MOZAYAN sponsored by CHARLIE WEIDANZ. A great big thank you to GINNY LEAR along with BRUCE GEE and KATIE SEEDMAN for coordinating the Chinese New Year dinner at Chef Chu's. Chef Chu prepared a custom menu just for Rotary.

Paul Harris pins presented to BRIAN STEEN, TRISH BUBENIK and DANA TOM in recognition of attaining their next level of giving to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus. Congratulations Rotarians!



Project WeHope is an excellent opportunity for local hands on community service, the second Tuesday of each month. Our next opportunity is February 11th from 6:30Pm to 8:15PM. Family and friends 10 years and older can participate. Sign up is available on this week's club email to members.

Rotary Crab Feed: MARCH CRABNESS updates by BRUCE GEE, Saturday March 28th, Mitchell Park. Please SAVE THE DATE, and consider sponsorship or auction items for our annual local charities fundraiser. LOTS of FUN!

NEW MEMBER: MIKE REYNOLDS, our newest member will share in the dynamic contributions of Rotary. Sponsored by TIM WATSON who received an Ignite pin. MIKE shared his thoughts on joining Rotary as it aligns with his own values.



New members keep making Rotary an awesome club.

ROTARY VIDEO: An announcement by Bill Gates that the collaboration between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been extended in pursuit of eradicating polio. A wonderful partnership. Every dollar is matched 2:1.

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker Craig Needham, a Palo Alto native and San Jose resident, shared the bittersweet story of Jane Boyle Needham, Mother of three, who became paralyzed from the neck down by polio and confined to an iron lung from 1949 until her passing in 1962, at age 42. Craig gave insights into their family life, which Jane told of in her memoir "Looking Up." The memoir was dictated by his Mother from her iron lung. Craig shared this very personal story, offering gratitude for Rotary PolioPlus. It was positively inspirational, bringing a standing ovation.

