

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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With a cheery ring of the bicycle bell, President DANA TOM convened the virtual Monday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto at 12:30 pm on April 6, 2020, with 65 members and guests in attendance.

Asked to recognize a positive influence, JON



COWAN talked about Outward Bound, which he experienced more than 20 years ago. It taught Jon a lot about himself and how to be present for others who need support. He quoted Derek Pritchard, the program's Director in Hong Kong, as the author of this recipe: Take 10 strangers; remove wristwatches and friends; immerse in an opportunity to learn new skills; add a sprinkle of natural grandeur; stir in a spoonful of skilled instructors; simmer for 26 days; then deep-freeze until needed.



Our President-Elect, BEN THRELKELD, reported on our club's virtual Happy



Hour last Friday, April 3, and announced the next Happy Hour on Friday, April 10. The goals: To relieve stress and have fun.... ROB LYMAN asked that that you watch for news of our PARCTree program, an effort to keep Rotarians in touch while sheltering-in-place. Nearly 20 people from our club will function as a Check-in Team, making calls to all members; another four or five will serve as a Referral Team, matching needs for help with sources of help; another three or four will be a Tech

Support Team, our very own Geek Squad, advising on Zoom and other technical challenges....



KAREN ROHDE, Membership Chair, announced with satisfaction that we've recruited 12 new members to date in 2019-2020, with thanks to sponsors BRUCE Gee., GLORIA, LE L., STEVE E., CHARLIE W., TIM W., CASH, JESSICA, DANA and RYAN. Inviting someone to try us out is easy: Pass along the Zoom link and tell Dana you will introduce a guest.

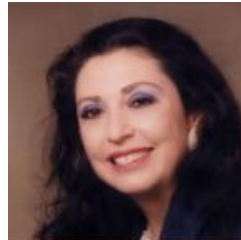
JIM SUTHERLAND introduced talks by three of our most distinguished veteran members:



GEOFF ZIMAN was born on a sheep farm in New Zealand, whose people speak "without any trace of an accent." He attended a public (meaning private) school in London; joined the Royal Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers; then earned a degree in math and physics from Oxford. With Marconi, he helped build atomic power facilities in the vacuum tube era. He came to California to join Ampex. In 1972, he established ZiTech Instrument Corporation, an import/export

business, balancing his time on the job with reading, sailing and otherwise enjoying the outdoors. He joined Rotary 37 years ago. Geoff has taken great pride in his work as a Red Cross disaster volunteer and his service in many roles with the Boy Scouts. Married to Ann for 60 years, he has four children, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, including three sons and four grandsons who are Eagle Scouts

NINA MOORE born in Cairo, Egypt, grew up enjoying summers on "the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean." She received bachelor's and master's



degrees from the American University of Cairo. At the urging of her mother, she moved to New York, where she studied for a Ph.D. in business at Bernard Baruch College. She went on to teach marketing and consumer behavior at CUNY, Bernard Baruch and the Fashion Institute of Technology; she greatly enjoyed being at FIT in the 1980's, a tumultuous time for fashion. After coming to San Francisco, she

became a member of that city's Rotary Club. Thirty years ago she became a real estate professional. With her late husband Donald Douglas, she founded Douglas & Moore Real Estate, with offices at Palo Alto Central. She joined Palo Alto Rotary in 1995 and was our longest-serving Social chair, with a long string of holiday parties to her credit.

DUANE KALAR has been a member of our club for 49 years. Born in Fresno County, he completed pre-dental studies at Stanford and graduated from



the USC School of Dentistry in 1960, then just 23 years old. His Air Force service was in Alaska, where he met his wife Ann. They arrived in Palo Alto after a year of travel guided by Europe on Five Dollars a Day. They have two married children, Christian and Joy, and five grandchildren. Duane was our city's first endodontist; he soon brought in younger colleagues to allow himself to pursue business interests in real estate, venture capital and banking. He's had teaching assignments at the Schools of Dentistry at

UCSF and the University of the Pacific. He was a member of the local Optimist Club, not a Rotarian, until he participated in a Rotary Group Study Exchange. His retirement at age 51 opened up a new life of cycling, mountain climbing, skiing, and gardening.

