

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA TOM called the Zoom meeting to order at 12:37 PM. BILL FOGARTY led the Pledge which included some inspirational pictures which echoed the Memorial Day theme.



VISITING ROTARIANS and VISITORS

There were no Visiting Rotarians nor Visitors. A peak of 19 Rotarians attended via Zoom.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

MIKE McMAHON explored the history of what used to be called Decoration Day during the American Civil War, and its evolution to Memorial Day after World War II. He then read McRae's famous poem, "Flanders Fields."



PALO ALTO ROTARY ENDOWMENT FUND

ROGER SMITH discussed the Endowment Fund which is conducting its annual fund raising. He used the example of the late, esteemed Rotarian, SAM WEBSTER, as an example of generous giving, and how a gift results in a perpetual 5% annual donation to the Palo Alto Rotary Club. He also pointed out the tax advantage of donating the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA or 401(k) directly to the Endowment. He also suggested that Rotarians consider Legacy Gifts in their wills.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

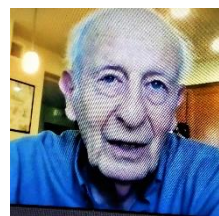
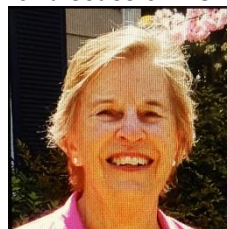
President DANA announced that there will be a Zoom replay of Ambassador Karl Eikenberry's May 11 Presentation at 4PM on Friday May 29th. The Ambassador himself will join the presentation at 5:15 for live questions and an update on the

current situation.

Next Monday, June 1st Rotary Meeting will include New Member talks by Patty McGuigan, Renata Velcheva, and Stans Kleijnen.

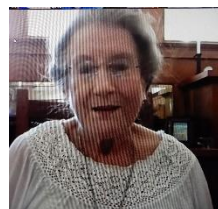
BREAK OUT SESSIONS

The attendees then fissioned into smaller breakout sessions for discussion. One session discussed current books being



read, the hopefulness of current graduates in spite of current limitations, good locations for takeout meals in

Palo Alto, and



thanksgiving for the gift of Zoom in bringing Rotarians together despite the current Covid restrictions. HAL MICKELSON suggested an entrepreneurial opportunity for a 3rd party to assist local community organizations such as Palo Alto Players, West Bay Opera, and Lamplighters who all face the similar, daunting challenge of how to reopen their operations in light of common challenges such as audience safety provisions, seating limitations, health provisions, etc.,



VOLUNTEERS

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Friday

May 29 4:00 p.m. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry via Zoom

Monday Meetings: 12:30 PM

June 1 New Member Talks

June 8 Stanford Design for Extreme Affordability

June 15 Longevity – New Map of Life

June 22 African American History and Reparations

June 29 Dana's Virtual Debunking