

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Zoom meetings bring us all together apart!

PRESIDENT DANA used his bike bell as our call to order, welcome to your PAR, I'm DANA TOM, this year's Rotary theme is "Rotary Connects the World". Thank you for joining us.

Visiting Rotarians, Rotarians with guests: While no visitors or guests today we will look forward to others joining with future meetings.

Thought for the Day: LEANNAH HUNT A member for nearly 20 years applauded women members who have manifested the ideals, commitment and priority of the 4-Way Test. GLORIA HOM, BETSY BECHTE, LIZ KNISS,, JULIE JEROME, JUDY KLEINBERG, ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, DIANA DIAMOND, GINNY LEAR, TRISH BUBENIK, DARYL SAVAGE, JUDITH STEINER, PAM BRANDIN and, our dear, departed RUTH SCHNEIDER. An impressive list of dynamic Rotarians who have exponentially provided leadership..."to places we didn't know we wanted to go!"



President DANA addressed the difficult and traumatic time and how we may feel, it is also an opportunity for positive change. Last week, Rotary International released the following statement:

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.



Our Rotary Vision Statement nourishes me with inspiration:

We should continue to use the lens of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. It matters when people who are not directly affected do something. My favorite Rotary video has the line "I am willing to dig a well that I will never drink from."

I encourage all of us to reflect on what we do and how our choices help create the world we want to live in. Individually and as a Rotary Club, we can strive for that Rotary vision. At this pivotal moment for our country, I'm holding onto the hope that we can collectively seize this opportunity for positive change beyond what we previously thought was possible.



Club ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRUCE SWENSON, Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund Chair, presented on the

Endowment Fund to indicate current status. The Endowment is doing well but needs every member's support. Donations accepted by check sent to PA Rotary or by credit card on club website.



PRESIDENTS CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS:

LIZ KNISS – Congratulates BRUCE GEE as incoming Board Chair, Palo Alto Community Fund which provides direct support to local non-profits and individuals in need. Their good efforts are especially needed now with COVID-19 impacting our most vulnerable fellow Americans.



TRISH BUBENIK: Shout out to LEANNAH HUNT for acknowledging the contribution of our women Rotarians. Quite an impressive list.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS PART 2

Friday Happy Hours on Zoom 5:30-6:30 – BEN THRELKELD

Rotary video on 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention

President Elect BEN THRELKELD extended the opportunity to attend the virtual Rotary International Convention this year. This convention format is the next best thing and it gives all of us a chance to take part.

Thanks to volunteers who made today's meeting possible: Pinion writer: MATT DOLAN, Pinion editor: LYLE CONNELL

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM:

Lorin Koran, "Old and New Anxieties"

SPEAKER INTRO: TIM WATSON

Stuart Coulson: Presented the projects and efforts of



Stanford's Design for Extreme Affordability Program. Through his class affordable and practical products are designed and developed to improve the quality of life around the globe.

Tamara Mekler: Shared impact of Fortuna Cools manufacturing coolers from coconut fiber in the Philippines. Through study, evaluation and empathy and using this observation the idea developed to a life improving product.

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Thank you for making us part of your day.

May you be healthy, connected, and hopeful! Adjourn. Ring bell.