

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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This virtual Zoomed Rotary meeting was opened with the president reminding us that this year's Rotary theme is "Rotary Connects the World" and that this would be the last meeting he would have the honor and enjoyment of presiding over. There were no Visiting Rotarians noted but a number of other visitors were present.



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STEVE MADSEN delivered the Thought of the Day by quoting Saint Francis reminding us that his advice that "In giving, we receive" is echoed by the Rotary motto "Service above

Former member PATRICK KELLEY was then warmly welcomed back after his return from his reassignment to Redwood City.



This year's Crab Feed goal was for it to produce \$75K for the club's charitable fund. Despite the disappointing cancellation of the event, BRUCE GEE was happy to advise that club members have generously stepped forward and, to date, just over \$73K has been contributed. In addition to Bruce, the Crab Feed Committee comprises GINNY LEAR, PETER SHAMBORA and REBECCA GERALDI.



Underlining the importance of our Endowment Fund, BRUCE SWENSON displayed a check for over \$42K that would be this year's contribution from the Endowment Fund. This amount would be added to our charitable fund in addition for disbursement to good causes in the next 12 months. PATTY McGUIGAN was specially thanked for her particularly generous contributions this year to both these funds.



Beside a Scout Troop, our club also sponsors Palo Alto Cub Scout Pack 6. GEOFF ZIMAN spoke of the difficulties of conducting these types of youth activities in the limited COVID-19 atmosphere. Daniel Templeton a leader in the Cub Pack was able to tell the club that a parent's meeting will be taking place this week to make sure that the pack continues to provide an active program.



GINNY LEAR urged us not to miss the next Monday's meeting on June 29 when President Dana will be dispatched with due ceremony.



SALLY TOMLINSON, Program Committee Chair, informed us that Upcoming Speakers and Events are: July 6 Incoming President Ben holding a Club Assembly; July 13 Francis Fukuyama, Senior Fellow, FSI Stanford talking about the Rise of Populist Nationalism; July 20 TBD; July 27 Professor Tom Soh, Electrical Engineering & Radiology, Stanford introducing us to Real-

Time Biosensor Technology. A short video on the theme of what Rotary means was then shown.

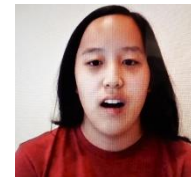
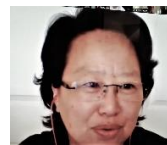
Following that, President's Club contributions were collected. STEVE MADSEN wanted to announce that he was celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary.



KLAUS HEINEMANN wanted to laud Dana for being an excellent president and to express his pleasure about being able to again use his house in Sea Ranch.



TRISH BUBENIK wanted to add to Klaus's compliments to Dana by stating that even though this was a tough one Dana has exhibited the best year of leadership.



EJ HONG wanted to add her admiration too before introducing her talented daughter Nicole to give us a beautiful acapella rendering of Ave Maria.

SALLY TOMLINSON introduced our speaker James Campbell, Professor of History at Stanford who provided us with interesting insight into the topic of African-American History and Reparations. As a base to his talk, he used a project he had headed at Brown University. That comprehensive study detailed the involvement of the Rhode Island community in the slave trade and recommended ways in which amends might be made for the injustices committed.



The important point that Professor Campbell made and stressed is that thinking about reparations in financial terms was fraught with many difficulties and that there were other practical steps that could be taken.

For those wishing to know more on this topic the following link is provided:

https://www.brown.edu/Research/Slavery_Justice/documents/SlaveryAndJustice.pdf In particular it is recommended looking at the section "Slavery and Justice: Concluding Thoughts" from pages 80-82 and the recommendations that start on page 88.

In the lengthy Q & A session following the talk, Professor Campbell made clear his view on both police practices and prisons. Although he abhorred the many aspects of their injustices to black people, society still needed these institutions. It was interesting that this distinguished speaker noted that his early academic career had been enhanced by receiving a Rotary scholarship.