

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Opening Remarks came from DR. SEUSS via PAM KRUDOP: "Love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't, and believe that everything happens for a reason..."

US Ambassador KARL EIKENBERRY was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, with GINNY LEAR doing the honors. It's a small world: His certificate



was signed for the Rotary Foundation by past RI President GARY C. K. HUANG, brother of a longtime friend of Karl's wife, CHING....



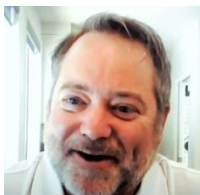
MARGE BRUNO was a Visiting Rotarian from Los Altos; GOPI GOPINATH was a guest of BRUCE SWENSON; SHOSHANA SHUR, GEOFF ZIMAN'S daughter, joined in as Geoff's guest; JUDITH STEINER introduced CAROL HUBENTHAL; STEVE EMSLIE presented ANNE CRIBBS; DANA TOM'S guest was KIMBERLY BOWMAR; HANK DEGREEF was the guest of LINNET KWOK.

REBECCA GERALDI said we've gathered 289 of the 1000 cans of food that we hope to collect for the Ecumenical Hunger Project. To help: Please put unexpired canned goods into a bag, write your name on it, and leave it outside Ben's office, Cambridge Optometry, 250 Cambridge Avenue....

PATTY MCGUIGAN promised that we'll enjoy a virtual tour of Bruce Gee's hydroponic plantations on Friday, July 31....



TIM WATSON reported on efforts by our World



Community Service Committee to select projects that merit our support, for example education in Guatemala and clean water in Thailand.

President's Club gifts came from REBECCA GERALDI, TRISH BUBENIK and CASH ALAEE.

REBECCA noted her daughter WINTER'S involvement in "Baking for Justice," raising funds for Black Lives Matter. For information, check <https://bakingforjustice.wixsite.com/bakingforjustice>.



TRISH recognized the stalwart work of SALLY TOMLINSON and our Program Committee.



CASH announced that he's pursuing a second master's degree at San Jose State, in Urban Planning....



BOB MCCOWAN and LE LEVY want you to know that the Palo Alto Rotary Cyclists take a two- to three-hour ride on most Saturday or Sunday mornings; please contact Le.



Our speaker, FRANCIS



FUKUYAMA, was introduced by SALLY TOMLINSON. He is Nomellini Senior Fellow at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute and Mosbacher Director of FSI's



Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law.

His 1992 book *The End of History and the Last Man* has appeared in over 20 foreign editions.... Professor Fukuyama reviewed some of the ways that the COVID pandemic is affecting global politics. Early, it was assumed that authoritarian regimes might be better equipped than democratic governments to handle the emergency. However, democracies like Germany, Norway, South Korea, and New Zealand have done well while dictatorships like Russia have suffered....

Factors that let countries to do well have been state capacity (having the trained people and material assets needed to cope); social cohesion and trust (convincing people to do painful things); and effective national leadership. In Professor Fukuyama's opinion, the US has been hurt by social polarization and a leader who's unwilling to be tied to bad news.... China had hoped to reap short-term advantages from the pandemic, but its clients are overextended, unable to pay for help, while Europe and the US are realizing they are unduly dependent on Chinese supply chains.... A crisis by its nature reveals weaknesses. The US can hope that the pandemic exposes some long-term problems and leads to fixing them.

Our next program, July 20: Rev. KALOMA SMITH, Pastor of University AME Zion Church and Member, City of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission, "Race and Reform."