

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BEN THRELKELD called the virtual meeting to order and began the meeting with pointers for those who are not getting the weekly Monday emails. If you have this problem, follow these steps:

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Search for parotary@gmail.com in the search bar of your email provider

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PATRICK KELLEY brought us our Thought for the Day with several quotes from Ruth Bader Ginsberg, two of which are:



"Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade."

"So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune."

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS AND REMINDERS:

Thank you to George and BETSY BECHTEL who had volunteered to organize the Labor Day posting of flags that was cancelled due to high heat and smoke. The next flag posting opportunity will be on November 11 for Veterans Day.

You can learn about local and international Rotary service projects at "AVENUES OF SERVICE", a District 5170 virtual event (via Zoom) on October 17. Registration is free but space is limited. Find out more and register here <https://dc.rotarydistrict5170.org>

Take a VIRTUAL VOYAGE at the next TGIF on September 25, 5:30-7! You will visit London, Shanghai, Harbin, and (time permitting) Argentina through photos shared by your fellow Rotarians. There will also be time for socializing, so put on your nice shirt, comb your hair, BYOB and settle in.

HANDS-ON SERVICE for August and September is Rotarians Clean up Nicely. Send REBECCA GERALDI your selfies as you pick up trash on your daily walk, wearing your Rotary t-shirt, Rotary face mask and gloves. Today's mystery cleaner-upper was.... SALLY TOMLINSON.

TRISH BUBENIK invites you to consider writing for the Pinion. It requires only a few hours every other month to take notes during the meeting. Join the Pinionista!



Six cyclists supported the Menlo Park Rotary by taking part in the ANNUAL TOUR DE MENLO yesterday.



PATTY McGUIGAN, BOB McCOWAN, HERSH DAVIS, DANA TOM, LE LEVY and Elliott Wright enjoyed the ride out Cañada Road in lovely weather. If you are interested in cycling with our club members who bike

together regularly, let LE or HERSH know.



PRESIDENT'S CLUB

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF is grateful that her house in Ashland was spared by the fire that destroyed Ashland and came within five houses of hers. If you are interested in helping the Ashland community recover from the fires, you can donate to the Ashland Rotary Club for the Alameda Fire Relief Fund <http://www.ashlandrotary.org/alameda-fire-fund.html> or to the Rogue Valley Relief Fund <http://www.mrgfoundation.org/rogue-vally-relief-fund1> or contact ANNETTE.



JUDY KLEINBERG honors STEVE PLAYER who planned for and organized the big Boy Scouts gala that took place as a virtual auction this past weekend. She noted that last year the Skyline Council served over 8000 boys and girls.

STEVE joined to reciprocate with thanks to JUDY who was the honoree at the Boy Scouts event. The event goal was \$200,000 and they at least got close.

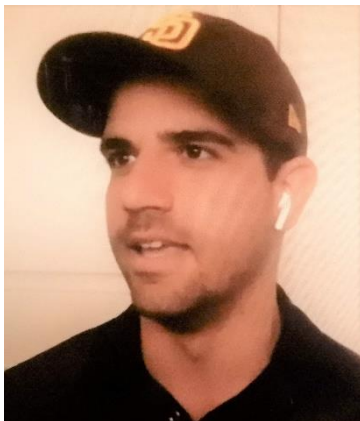


CHARLIE WEIDANZ joined to recognize SOHEILA MOZOYAN whom he sponsored and who is giving a talk today; to congratulate JUDY for the award she was given at the Scouts gala; and to thank our club for co-hosting the City Council candidates' forum which took place last week.



PROGRAM: New Member Talks by SOHEILA MOZAYAN, MIKE REYNOLDS, and PATRICK KELLEY

ROB LYMAN introduced our first speaker, PATRICK KELLEY with the info that Patrick served as the PA announcer for the SF



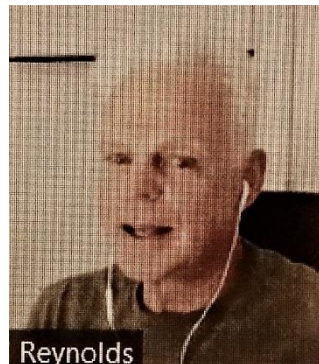
State Gators men's and women's basketball teams. PATRICK spoke to us wearing his San Diego Padres hat. Born in 1991 in San Diego, he developed baseball fever at an early age, and played baseball in high school. He was also heavily involved in scouting to the rank of Eagle. After college, Patrick's first job was as a barista at Starbucks. He moved on to the YMCA Silicon Valley where he worked in various capacities until last February, when he left to join the sales team of the start-up Trip Actions, which helps businesses manage their travel. He and his partner Tyler (who used to work for CASH ALAEE) love spending time outdoors.

ROB told us that SOHEILA has been a certified Red Cross emergency services instructor for many years. SOHEILA is Iranian American, a US citizen living here for the past 31 years. She is from Urmia, the capital of west Azerbaijan. Iranian Azerbaijan has 2 times as many citizens as the Republic of Azerbaijan. They speak the Azerbaijani language.



Urmia has been called City of Grapes - vineyards were a familiar sight for her. Her parents hoped she would become an engineer and sent her to study math and physics, but she was more interested in people and in helping others. She now has career in social service, working at Ability Path (formerly Abilities United). She has one son and boy-girl twins. All are doctors, two in residency and one in ER medicine. She loves to cook and entertain.

ROB recounted that MIKE says his hair first started turning grey in his early twenties when he had his first serious girlfriend. MIKE just turned 60 last week and this is his first Power Point presentation ever! He was born in Ohio and his family moved to Seattle when MIKE and his three siblings were still young. During the 80's after college, MIKE was able to travel, spending 2 months skiing in US, 5 months in Europe, and 9 months in Guatemala as a hospital administrator. He married in the 90's and moved to Silicon Valley in 2000. With his educational background in sales and business, he and a partner launched BioPharma Resource Groups and Oncology Resource Group, both of which do competitive intelligence for biotech and pharma companies. His church and family are important to him.



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