

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Promptly at 12:30 PRESIDENT BEN THRELKELD rang the ceremonial bell to start the virtual September 28, 2020, meeting of the Palo Alto Rotary Club. President-Elect CASH ALAEE welcomed Visiting Rotarian Anthony Greenleigh.

MARGARET BOLES devoted her Thought For The Day to discussing "subliminal space", how we feel betwixt and between as the Corona Virus wears on, and on, and Keys to navigate in these troubled times include start with conviction, remain calm and stay the course. Don't waste this time, focus on how we can work together to bring about beneficial and lasting change.



Past President DANA TOM displayed a certificate awarding our club the 2019-2020 Rotary GOLD Citation for helping Rotary connect the world. Dana explained how the

award was achieved. All club members made it happen.

BEN then discussed how we are faring respecting our Citation Goals for 2020-21. Each club can select at least 13 of 25 different categories of goals. We selected fifteen, including Social Activities, Membership, Service Participation, New Member Sponsorship, Annual Fund Contributions, and Polio Plus Contributions. We have made progress on six categories, and expect further progress later in the year.



BETSY BECHTEL discussed September being CA Coastal Clean-Up Month and her efforts in Rotarians Clean Up Nicely, inviting photos of garbage bags of debris to REBECCA GERALDI at winterskeeper@yahoo.com. Rotary attire in the photos earns us bonus points! BETSY reported a misadventure of sorts: last Friday morning BRUCE SWENSON and his wife Barbara were cleaning up trash at the



101 off ramp when an official shouted they had to leave. Their trash was not confiscated however.



PATTY McGUIGAN reported on our next TGIF, Oktoberfest on October 30th, 5:30 to 7:00, featuring beer, avoiding the tragedy of grain going into bread. Dan Gordon will be our featured speaker.

SALLY TOMLINSON covered upcoming meetings, with DIANA DIAMOND moderating the Forum on October 5th for candidates for the Palo Alto City Council. October 12 will bring an Update by District Governor Gregg Giusiana. TIM WATSON also will discuss our World Community Service Projects. October 19 features an overview of California Propositions by the League of Women Voters. On October 26th we will hear from Ron Davis, former East Palo Alto Police Chief and Executive Director of President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.



Saturday October 17 will bring an Avenues of Service Virtual Conference "Online Project Fair & Networking" from 9:00 to 11:30; register at dc.rotarydistrict5170.org.

DANA TOM introduced our feature speaker Matt Abrahams, Lecturer at Stanford GSB, whose subject he describes as Make Your



Communication

Memorable.



How? Have a goal! What do you want the audience to know, how do you want it to feel, what should it do? Use paraphrase, an aid to memory. As an

exercise, we broke up in two-person breakout sessions. The person with the earlier birth month spoke first, about something fun and exciting that had recently happened. The second person paraphrased what the first had said. A general session followed. Some tips for speakers were: be well lighted, think fast, think smart, speed up without freaking out, dare to be dull, stay off-camera during a general discussion of a topic you have introduced. BEN thanked Pinion writer DON MORGAN and editor LYLE CONNELL before adjourning the meeting about 1:30.