

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME: President BEN THRELKELD extends a virtual welcome to all participants and a ring of the bell calls the meeting to order

ZOOM ETIQUETTE: A best practice for a larger Zoom group is to “mute” participants and Rotarians wishing to comment should use the “raised hand” feature for questions. Unmute to make comments or ask questions and then re-mute when finished. This assists with an orderly meeting and avoids background noise interfering with the Zoom meeting.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: Our City Council Candidate forum last week was one our most well attended meetings. We have an action packed meeting with Greg Giusiana introducing himself and providing updates. TIM WATSON with the WCS Committee to discuss their projects for the year. Our meeting portion will be shortened to accommodate.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Gregg Guisiana and Katie Cooney are visiting and will be introduced later in the program

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: CASH ALAEE shared a simple but impactful thought. “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” – The Dalai Lama. A light hearted reminder of our ability to make a difference.



BOD Minutes: At the last BOD meeting a vote in favor of posting approved the minutes on the Palo Alto Rotary Website. The notes will

be available the 3rd week of each month following the monthly board meeting. Meetings are open for all and Rotarians are invited to participate and/or review the minutes.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Join in and make the Happy Hour even happier. Wednesday 10/14 between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. TGIF – Oktoberfest on 10/30 between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Beer and pretzels for Oktoberfest provided by Gordon Beirsch – ready for pick up at Cambridge Optometry between 10/26 and 10/30 between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm.

PRESIDENTS CLUB: BRUCE GEE gave a shout out to MIKE MCMAHON for his efforts in providing accounting support to our club and TIM WATSON recognized family member Lt Commander Mike Chang upon his retirement from the Navy. Congratulations!



DISTRICT GOVERNER: Gregg Giusiana was introduced by AG Katie Cooney. Gregg is a Rotary

member for over twenty years.

A longtime resident of Gilroy he has held local community Leadership position and a retired police chief for the City of Gilroy. Gregg's them for his year as Governor is



“Make Membership Meaningful.” We extend our gratitude for his leadership during this most uncertain time.

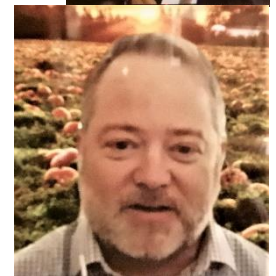
To make his participation more special Gregg presented The Rotary Foundation Level 2 Major Donor Award to RALPH ADAMS. Thank you Gregg for this presentation and congratulations RALPH on receiving this award for your dedication and commitment to Rotary and helping those in need. A diamond pin is being sent to RALPH.



SPEAKER: Past



President DANA TOM introduced TIM WATSON, WCS Chair. Dana shared a video supporting the efforts of the Rotary Foundation. TIM shared the



programs for the smaller grants and the three global grants with matching Rotary funds. He also shared the process for allocating funds for the program grants.

TIM introduced Kelly Kobza with Greater Good Haiti. Kelly shared the



wonderful story of the educational achievements and her commitment to the students in this program. Rotary donations are assisting with the development of six new class rooms. Truly an exceptional program. For those interested here is the link for donating to Rotary Foundation. <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Meeting Volunteers: Pinion editor LYLE CONNELL and Pinion writer MATT DOLAN.

Next Week: October 19th will feature The League of Women Voters with the topic of California Propositions: An Overview.