

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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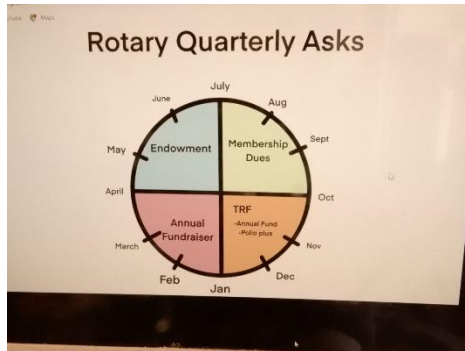
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President Ben belled the meeting to order at 12:30.

**ZOOM ETIQUETE:** BEN reminded all to raise zoom hand to speak, unmute and then mute when finished.

BEN then shared a diagram of the quarterly "asks." Letters went out last week describing donations to The Rotary Foundation which DANA will describe later.



**VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:** CASH asked KAREN ROHDE to introduce her guest, Prerana Vaidya.



**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:** STANS presented thoughts by James Clear. A favorite: "Spend time with someone who brings out your best qualities."

**CHARITABLE GRANTS COMMITTEE:** BILL JOHNSON presented an overview and encouraged members to consider



joining the committee which has 12-14 participants. They meet three times a year, beginning in December when they request nonprofits to submit one-page applications stating what a Rotary grant would fund. Usually, 50-70 groups apply. Fifteen semi-finalists are invited to submit full proposals. In January those proposals are researched and evaluated, including site visits. Due to the pandemic, Zoom visits with executive directors and selected staff or people who would benefit from the grant will be the norm. Each committee member leads the evaluation process for one applicant. In February, the committee decides how to allocate \$50-60,000 in grants, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 to 7-10 groups a year. BILL emphasized the joy of giving money away to nonprofit groups. Contact BILL if interested in joining the committee.



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:** DANA TOM announced World Polio Day on October 24 will celebrate the 2.5 billion children who have received the oral vaccine. In last week's letter, DANA urged every member to make any size donation to the Polio Fund and/or to the Annual Fund. Looking for EREY--Every Rotarian Every Year. Questions: [dana@danatom.com](mailto:dana@danatom.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

\*Annual service project on Veterans Day, November 9. During COVID we want to place flags on University AND keep members safe. Two volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. Email Ben if interested--First come, first served.

\*Octoberfest, October 30, 5:30-7. Dan Gordon will lead the beer tasting experience. To participate, pick up "supplies" at BEN'S office, 250 Cambridge Ave., Ste. 102, from 8:30 to 5 on Oct 26- 30. The supplies are limited to the first 40!! Email or call BEN with questions.

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE:** TIM WATSON, Chair of



WCS, introduced STANS KLEIJEN who described two grants with the Indian NGO that she spearheaded this year based on experience in Mumbai for two years. One project helps pregnant women with children which received \$3,500. Another, Kranti, helps 500 women of the "red light district" and their children with food and essentials.

**NEXT WEEK:** Ron Davis, former police chief of East Palo Alto and Executive Director of President Obama's Task Force on Policing-- "21st Century Policing"

**VOTE 2020:** BETSY BECHTEL introduced two representatives from the Palo Alto League of Women Voters, Kevin Ma and David Springer who then described 12 Propositions and 3 Measures in just 30 minutes.



DIANA DIAMOND asked if a proposition is limited on issue. (Yes) She then expressed her concern that they are complicated and cumbersome.

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PRESIDENT BEN belled adjournment at 1:38

