

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At 12:15, President Ben opened our Zoom chat room for several conversations among our members. Especially at the beginning, the 6 or 8 people present could replicate some of the personal table conversations we used to have. I hope you'll join us next Monday.

Promptly at 12:27, President BEN THRELKELD opened our meeting.

TIPS FOR USING ZOOM. Our Prez then took us through Zoom etiquette. Zoom is more complicated than it appears, with frequent updates. For those of us whose first experiences with technology were a rotary dial phone, or a push-button phone, the Zoom experience can be irritating. Prez. Ben sent us all an email about who and where to ask for help. Our meetings can still be fun.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF). TRF Chair DANA TOM can answer any of your questions. He can tell you how to donate by check or online. Eagle-eyed HAL MICKELSON noted that according to DANA, our Club is only \$25,000 short of having given cumulatively ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) to TRF! Historically, our club has given about \$25K annually to TRF. We hope we get 100% membership participation at ANY LEVEL in our COVID-19 era.

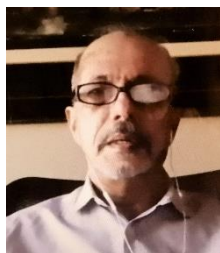
PRESIDENT ELECT CASH ALAEE INTRODUCED VISITING ROTARIANS and ROTARIANS with GUESTS. TIM WATSON, Chair of our WCS Committee, introduced Visiting Rotarian Jagi Shahani from Cupertino Rotary.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: DAVE PRICE reported that our American politics were as divisive and polarized in the early 1900's when Rotary was just beginning, as they are now. Rotary. Founder Paul Harris advised Rotarians to avoid contentious topics, but to focus on topics that lead to friendship.



Rotary WATER PROJECT ALESI led by Cupertino Rotarian

Jagi Shahani is a 3-club TRF Global Grant Project to drill water wells in an impoverished part of Kenya west of Lake Turkana. Jagi had several slides that told his story. When Rotarians asked local villagers, "What do you need?" they strongly answered, "Wells to give us fresh water!"



THANKSGIVING/HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE. Our Hands-On Service Committee led by REBECCA GERALDI will lead a Food Drive in November and December to benefit Project WeHOPE, a soup kitchen in EPA. Please drop off canned and boxed food at Prez. Ben's office, 250 Cambridge Ave, Ste. 102, Palo Alto, M-F 8:30-5:00.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB: This is a chance to share good news (brag) or make an announcement by giving tax-deductible funds (\$25-100) to Palo Alto Rotary Annual Charities ("Annual Fund.").

GINNY LEAR joined the President's Club in honor of women who have had the vote for 100 years, and participated in politics, honoring today, LIZ KNISS, our soon termed-out City Council member and former Supervisor.



Trustee of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District.

LIZ, in turn, joined in honor of BETSY BECHTEL, former City Council member and



TODD LEWIS joined in honor of "BIG MIKE" McMAHON, now recovering from an illness.



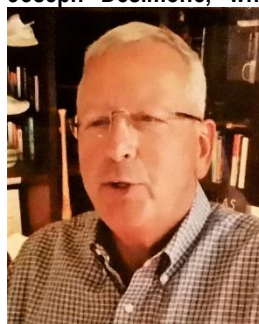
SOCIAL EVENTS FOR NOV. and DEC: HAPPY HOUR on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 5:30-6:30 PM. No TGIF because of Thanksgiving. HOLIDAY PARTY, Dec. 19, 5:30-7:00 PM. All events virtual.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS ROB LANCEFIELD, Pinion Writer, and LYLE CONNELL,

Pinion Editor. HAL MICKELSON provided a link to the website for Carbon, a company founded by our speaker.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER will be Harold McGee, Award-winning author and food scientist, speaking about his recent book, *Nose Dive: a Field Guide to the World of Smells*.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: President BEN introduced our speaker, Joseph Desimone, who spoke about "Novel Methods of 3D Printing." He is on the faculty of the Radiology Dept. at Stanford



Medical School. He is also the founder of Carbon, a startup marrying the intricacies of molecular science with hardware and software technologies to advance the 3D printing industry. Using a continuous liquid interface to build intricate molded shapes one micron at a time, Carbon can quickly build an astounding number of shapes at low cost. e.g., dentures, bones, car parts. Carbon has invented intra-dermal and trans-dermal vaccinations given through the skin and 50X more powerful than traditional intra-muscular vaccines. In addition to making product innovations, DeSimone is making innovations in his business model to prevent the weaponization of his products. For a truly mind-blowing sense of what Professor DeSimone and his company's technology, please go to <https://www.carbon3d.com/3d-printer-models/carbon/our-tech>

ADJOURNMENT: About 1:40 PM, President BEN rang our Club bell, and adjourned the meeting.