

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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The Palo Alto Rotary Club met via Zoom on January 11, 2021. Our informal chat session began at 12:15. DAVE PRICE, Editor of the Daily Post, joined in a lively discussion of the undiscussed decision by PAPD Chief Jonsen and City Manager Ed Shikada to block public access to police scanners, an important source of information to journalists and the public. DAVE also reported that County Supervisor Joe Simitian had initiated a request to our Palo Alto City Council to donate about \$350,000 to the Belle Haven section of City of East Palo Alto, and the North Fair Oaks area of the unincorporated part of San Mateo County for vans for mobile testing for COVID-19 in two areas where the residents have been especially hard hit by COVID-19.

At 12:30, PRESIDENT BEN THRELKELD rang our club bell, and called our meeting to order. Zoom "how to's." He began by reminding us how to use the Zoom "hand raise." It's now under "REACTIONS" at BOTTOM RIGHT of your Zoom screen. OR you can hit At+Y on Windows and Option+Y on Mac. We can also use Chat to ask questions.



PRESIDENT BEN has a link to Lynn Orr's comments last week, for those who want it, regarding Clean Energy and Climate: Key Challenges for the Biden Administration.

We have 25 Paul Harris Award recipients so far this year. PH certificates and medallions can be picked up at PRESIDENT BEN'S office: 250 Cambridge Ave., Ste. 102.

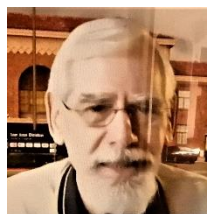
Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with Guests. President-Elect CASH ALEE led these introductions. Jeff Yen, who has applied for membership introduced himself as the guest of JON STOUMEN. STEVE EMSLIE introduced his guest, Ann Cribbs. BETSY BECHTEL introduced her guest, Jackie Wheeler, who has applied for membership. PRESIDENT BEN said his guest, San Jose Rotarian Rod Diridon, Sr., would make comments later in the meeting. BRUCE GEE introduced his guest, Mora Oomman. KAREN ROHDE introduced Gary Underdahl, who is applying for membership. GINNY LEAR introduced her guest, returning member Christina Chu.



Thought for the Day was by JACK WOODSON, who quoted Will Davidson, a personal friend and retired VC, saying that because of AI, in the near future one-half of adults will have NO jobs. Fiscal conservatives and social liberals will have to find new ways to take care of each other.

Wednesday, Jan. 13th, monthly Happy Hour was held via Zoom 5:30-6:30. This is one of our best kept secrets. Attendance is usually 8 to 10 members.

Zoom to Learn "Youth Services, Now and Tomorrow, Part I" (Interact, RYLA, and Speech Contest) was held Thursday, Jan. 14th, 6:00-7:30 PM. Part II: Youth Exchange, ELC and Youth Protection will be on Thursday, Feb. 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM. Register at <https://bit.ly/5170YouthService1>.



Rotary Climate Action Council is one of Rotary International's 7 areas of interest. Our District 5170 part of this is led by Rotarian ROD DIRIDON, SR. Rod reported that WE humans have only 12 YEARS to take effective action to reduce global warming and climate change. If we don't, the change is irreversible. The questions for US to answer are "What can we do? How can we help?"

Board of Directors' meeting was held Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 8:00-9:30 AM via Zoom. Members welcome.

President's Club contributions are a way to raise funds for our Charities Fund. Tax deductible donations from \$25-\$100 encouraged.

Speaker next Monday, Jan. 18th will be John Hibbing. Political Science Professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, on "The Securitarian" Personality: What Really Motivates Trump's Base and Why It Matters in the Post Trump Era."

President BEN thanked the volunteers for today's meeting: Pinion writer, ROB LANCEFIELD; Pinion editor: LYLE CONNELL; Zoom co-pilot: DANA TOM.

Today's speaker: Joan Ryan, journalist and author of "Intangibles: Unlocking the Science and Soul of Team Chemistry. DANA began by



saying Joan is a Bay Area sportswriter and pioneer in sports journalism. She explores the sociology, neuroscience and psychology of team chemistry. She has been consultant to the SF Giants since 2008. She described the team as open, joking, loving each other. The camaraderie and affection for each other can be seen in their eyes, and heard

in their voices. Our human brains can only SURVIVE and THRIVE with physical touch and eye contact. All humans beings have needs. Tribalism is based on needing to belong to a team! Our brains have room for social cues in the eyes and voices from the people around us."Love" hormones lead to "trust" hormones. When this happens, our brains release oxytocin. It is essential for brain development. Mirror neurons in each of us lead to our feeling connected to others. Any interaction between two people changes BOTH people. your connection to another person can help you bring out a part of you that you cannot bring out by yourself. HENRIETTA BURROUGHS and several other members asked many good questions too numerous to report here.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 1:45 PM, PRESIDENT BEN RANG OUR BELL AND ADORNED THE MEETING.