

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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**Call to Order:** While staying apart, President BEN THEIKELD, brought us together with a ring of the bell.

**Rotarians and Guests Visiting:** PE CASH ALAEE provided introductions. We did not have any visiting Rotarians however STEVE EMSLIE introduced guest and former PA Mayor Larry Klein while BETSY BECHTEL introduced Cari Templeton. Our club is always glad to welcome visitors and friends.

**Thought For The Day:** GEOFF ZIMAN on the Rotary practice of assigning classification for members. The practice has been updated to represent by vocation and not position. The goal of classification is to promote diversity of experience of members and ultimately a broader perspective among members. When we return to attending meetings be sure to notice the classifications and celebrate the variety of experiences.



**Hands On Service Project:** The ever busy REBECCA GERALDI shared updates on the upcoming project to support Resource Area For Teachers (RAFT.) A video shared their creative program and our next project is building education kits. Volunteers can pick up the materials Monday, March 8th at Homewood Suites and return completed kits on Monday, March 15th before Noon. Connect with REBBECA at winterskeeper@yahoo.com with questions.



**Winter Membership Campaign:** 45 guests attended the Winter Membership Campaign meeting. Marc Tessier-Lavigne was a popular speaker! A friendly competition resulted with Stans Kleijnen & Joop Verbaken taking the prize with 5 guests. Thanks again to all for recruiting members to keep our club vital and ensure its future. You don't need to wait until our Spring Membership Campaign to invite a potential member.

**New Member Induction:** CHRISTINA CHU, returning to Palo Alto Rotary was introduced to our members by President BEN. Her sponsor is GINNY LEAR. Feel free to connect with CHRISTINA who we know will contribute to making our Club even more dynamic by adding new ideas and energy. Welcome CHRISTINA!



**HATS OFF TO ROTARY!** During our meeting, members added \$5000 to our rising total of \$30,000 in sponsorship support. BRUCE GEE provided an update of our generous sponsors. The pandemic disruptions have not diminished the Rotary enthusiasm for keeping our club active and productive. This year's Annual Fundraiser and Celebration is scheduled for March 29th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. To learn more about sponsorships, donations and purchasing tickets select this link: <https://hatsofftorotary.square.site> or contact [bruce.gee@yahoo.com](mailto:bruce.gee@yahoo.com).



**Next Month's Programs:** The quality of our programs remains strong with an all star line up for March. 3/1 - Tom Dubois Palo Alto Mayor, 3/8 - Darrell Duffie, Stanford Business School Finance Professor, 3/15 - Stephen Manley, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge. 3/22 - Arlene Blum, Mountaineer and founder of Green Science Policy Institute with 3/29 Hats Off To Rotary being the highlight for the month of March.

**Meeting Volunteers:** Thank the volunteers that make today's meeting possible. Today's Pinion writer MATT DOLAN, Pinion Editor, LYLE CONNELL, *And Zoom Co-host Dana Tom.*

**Speaker Introduction:** BETSY BECHTEL introduced our speaker, Walter Moore Executive Director of POST, Peninsula Open Space Trust, who shared his thoughts on the challenges and vision of POST. Founded in 1977 and now over 80,000 acres of interconnected open space in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. Sharing his vision for the future of POST provided an insight into the idea of nature as infrastructure complexities of



continuing to expand open space and maintain the diverse use among farming, wild life, ocean front and the sustainability of these spaces. To learn more check out their website: [openspacetrust.org](http://openspacetrust.org)