

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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BEN rang the meeting to order at 12:30

He then announced the passing of longtime member WES GARDINER who joined in 1987 and was named Honorary in 2018. GINNY LEAR sent a card of condolence to the family on behalf of our members.

VISITORS:

President-elect CASH ALAEE called on JUDITH STEINER who introduced Jerry Underdal, who will be inducted as a new member next week, and Winter Dellenbach. LIZ KNISS introduced Alison Cormack; STEVE EMSLIE, Larry Klein for his second meeting; and CASH welcomed Ed Shikada, City Manager.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: ANDY PIERCE referenced famous



dropouts Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg before citing another, Buckminster Fuller, a contemporary of his grandfather who also left Harvard to join WW1. Fuller once, while unemployed, considered taking his own life. But he changed his mind deciding that he had no right to end his own life and had the

responsibility to use his experiences and intellect in the service to others.

He took some time out to contemplate and to make sense of his world and his contribution to humanity. Fuller also patented the geodesic dome. He then quoted him:

“Never forget that you are one of a kind.

Never forget that if there were no need for you and your own uniqueness, you would not have been put on this earth.

Never forget that no matter how overwhelming life’s challenges and troubles may come about, it is always one person who makes a difference in the world-- so be that one person.”

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

BEN welcomed ANNE CRIBBS sponsored by STEVE EMSLIE and PATTI McGUIGAN who shared her interest in a service club, especially embracing Rotary’s international activity and commitment to youth.



TOM DUBOIS, sponsored by ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, is our current mayor, cited his experience with Rotary, competing in a youth speech contest

and that his sister served a year as an exchange student through Rotary.

CARI TEMPELTON, sponsored by BETSY BECHTEL, is excited for the opportunity to participate in Rotary programs and services and give back to the community.



BEN asked members to help welcome them into the club. DANA called this a “trifecta day,” building the class of 2021!

HATS off to ROTARY—Annual Fundraiser: CASH urged members to buy a ticket for the March 29 (virtual) event, 5:30-7 pm and to donate that night by participating in the live and silent auctions.

Website: hatsoffrotary.square.site. So far, we have raised \$37,000 toward our goal of \$60,000. Those funds support next year’s local and international charities during CASH’s term.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Members GLORIA HOM, MIKE MCMAHON, KAREN ROHDE, STANS KLEIJNEN, PAM KRUDOP, BILL JOHNSON, TRISH BUBENIK, gave succinct reasons on why they “Donate to Rotary” Video arrangements and background music were organized and directed by REBECCA GERALDI and DANA TOM.



INTERACT FUNDRAISER: BEN introduced this project happening among high school “Rotarians.” Just go to local, small family restaurants and order to go or with outside dining from now through March 7. Take a picture of your receipt and upload to



tinyurl.com/interactrestaurant. You directly assist small businesses. Also, our Area 9 Rotary clubs are matching the receipts between 20-50% and donating the money to the Interact community and international projects focused on feeding the local homeless, and a hunger project in Yemen. You get a good meal and help others. BEN’s daughters are in the Interact Club at Paly.

PRESIDENTS CLUB:



Six members joined today! BEN applauded CASH for his stellar



leadership of the 10-member Fundraising Committee, with a shout-out to SALLY and REBECCA. SALLY celebrated the “feel-good feelings” of the meeting, three new members and special video, growing club.



STEVE PLAYER, honored ANNE CRIBBS, longtime friend.



ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, hailed TOM DUBOIS—and the “outbidding practice” for the fundraiser.

LEANNAH HUNT, also welcomed “fellow Capricorn” ANNE.



BEN thanked meeting helpers: CASH, TRISH BUBENIK, LYLE CONNELL, and DANA TOM

TODAYS SPEAKER, TOM DUBOIS:

LIZ KNISS introduced the Mayor whose topic was “Last 12 Months, a Look Back” which is an excerpt of the State of the City, March 4, 7 pm.

[Bit.ly/PASStateoftheCity2021](https://bit.ly/PASStateoftheCity2021)

He acknowledged that this was a challenging year personally, for the city and for Santa Clara County. He also noted that Palo Alto had a lower rate of infection and that 80% of residents 65+ have had at least one vaccination, according to SC County. Special attention was paid to emergency workers and first responders. He was proud of the COVID Call Center and Coronavirus Report online. He also saluted services such as the COVID-19 testing facility, adjusting the budget quickly, 55 grants to small businesses, city support for signage for closed streets, and promotion of internal air freshness in offices. With sheltering-in-place, many staff worked from home and city government meetings were held on Zoom. Looking ahead at spring, summer and fall annual events, he noted that most will be put on hold. Seven members asked questions.



BEN thanked Tom, acknowledged new members and rang adjournment at 1:31.

Next week’s Program: Darrell Duffie, Stanford Business School of Finance, Cryptocurrencies Could Eliminate Banking’s Easiest Money-maker”

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