

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President BEN THRELKELD called us to order with news about next week's meeting: On Monday, April 19, our program will start at 12:45 pm rather than 1:00. We'll learn all about this year's 11 Rotary community grant recipients in

a 45-minute program. BEN promoted a Happy Hour on Wednesday, April 14, at 5:30 pm, and a TGIF on Friday, April 30, 5:30 to 7:00. At the TGIF, we'll learn about "Creating a Native Garden" from Juanita Salisbury, a qualified landscape architect. Ben plans to shake up something called a Bee's Knees, a potation made of lemons, honey, and gin on ice.... For our 20 Red Badgers, helpful reminders: You can earn your Blue Badge through such activities as attending a Board meeting, being part of a social event, inviting a guest to a Monday meeting, visiting another club, and offering Opening Remarks.

Opening Remarks

On cue, ANNE WARNER CRIBBS set our club's "course record" for the fastest time between induction as a new member and taking on the Opening Remarks assignment. We're 100 days away from the Olympic Games in Tokyo, so ANNE shared memories of her experiences as an Olympian in Rome, in 1960. She recalled the symbolism of each country's team marching in for the Opening Ceremonies under its own national flag, and then, at the Closing Ceremonies, members of all the teams walking together as friends. Olympianism, said ANNE, is much like what we believe in Rotary: friendship, respect, and showing people what we'd like the world to be.



More news and President's Club Donations

Our Visiting Rotarian was Alan Artman from Bellingham Bay.... This year's District Training Assembly will comprise 15 separate virtual sessions at convenient times from April 24 to May 6. By participating, you can build up useful skills for Rotary and other community activities, and you'll have a chance to hear SALLY TOMLINSON and REBECCA GERALDI in a panel on fundraising strategies... REBECCA and DIANA DIAMOND had good news about their families and made President's Club donations.... TODD LEWIS shared a "We Care" report: Unfortunately, DON MORGAN broke a hip, and BILL BUSSE "isn't doing well," at home and under hospice care.

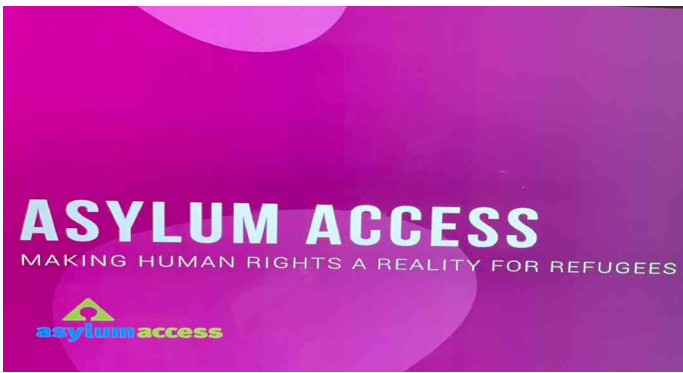


Today's Program

Emily Arnold-Fernandez, was introduced by STANS KLEIJNAN. Emily founded **Asylum Access**, the leading global refugee rights organization, in 2005. She was a Social Entrepreneur in Residence at Stanford in 2012 and has served on the Advisory Board of Oxford University's Refugee Studies Centre. She is a graduate of Pomona College and the Georgetown University Law Center.



Emily explained that most of the world's 26 million refugees live in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Many are confined to internment camps, unable to take jobs or attend school.



They may have blankets and enough food to survive short term, but little thought has been given to meeting their needs over the many years it takes to resolve their problems.... America’s response in recent years has had four elements: “metering,” or limiting the number of refugees who can seek safety in the US; requiring refugees to wait outside the US while their cases are processed; pressure on Mexico to interrupt their movement; and selective enforcement of US Code Title 42, relating to public health. The Biden Administration has reversed some but not all of these policies.... Emily says that she does not advocate “open borders.” She wants the US to accept what she calls its “fair share” of the world’s refugee population; she argues that doing so would require a city the size of Palo Alto to find room for just eight families. “We can easily add our share of refugees to the 750,000 people who now become naturalized US citizens every year.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS	
April 19	Community Grant Recipients: Bill Johnson, Grants Committee Chair
April 26	Morris Fiorina, The Hoover Institution: “Myths about American Politics”
May 3	Marshall Burke, Freeman Spogli Institute and Woods Institute for the Environment: “The Fallout from Climate Change.”

