

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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CALL TO ORDER: President BEN THRELKELD with a ring of the bell called the meeting to order. Expressing his good wishes as the outgoing President he extends welcome to incoming President CASH ALAAE. for Rotary year 2021-2022.

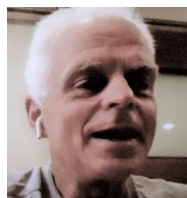
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEBUNKING: Today is the last regular meeting of the 2020-2021 year with next Monday being the Debunking event. Should be great fun.

HYBRID MEETINGS AT THE ELKS: While a few final details remain, a target date for resuming in-person meetings at the Elks Lodge is scheduled for August 9. This date will allow time for planning between Rotary and Elks Lodge. The Hybrid meetings will be both in person and Zoom attendance accommodating individual preference and comfort level.

MEMORIAL: Saturday, July 10, an outdoor service is scheduled on the patio at Lucie Stern Community Center. Coffee and tea will be served at 10:30 AM with the memorial commencing at 11:00 AM. Casual attire. Please mark your calendar for celebrating the life of our fellow Rotarian Past President BILL BUSSE.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A perspective on "Teamwork" from our new member MIKE REYNOLDS, who was compelled to share his praise of Rotary and the example of teamwork expressed by our club and members' commitment to service.



His thoughts on teamwork are a wonderful way to complete the Rotary year, and as one of his quotes stated "the strength of the team is each

individual member."

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Each member of Rotary adds a unique contribution to the growth and development of our club. With each new member we are reminded of our commitment to support our members. Despite meeting virtually, we have the opportunity to extend a hearty welcome and greetings by phone, email or snail mail to our newest Rotary members ED LAUING and BRUCE WINTERHOF. Welcome to the Club!



SUPPORTING YOUTH SERVICE: Our clubs support of youth programs includes Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. GEOFF ZIMAN introduced Daniel Tempelton representing the Cub Scouts Pack 6.

Despite the challenges of the past year the Pack is committed to Pack growth and activities.

PRESIDENTS CLUB: In honor of Father's Day TRISH BUBENIK provided a creative exercise by requesting members share their "Favorite Fictional Father." The results are: Jim Anderson, "Father Knows

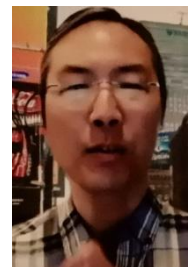


Best" by GLORIA HOM, George Bailey, "It's a Wonderful Life," by BETSY BECHTEL; Jean Val Jean, "Les Misérables," by REBECCA GERALDI; Mr. Touchett, "Portrait of a Lady," by JUDITH STEINER and with four mentions Atticus Finch, "To Kill a Mockingbird," by TRISH BUBENIK, BEN THRELKELD, KAREN ROHDE, and MATT DOLAN.

RALPH ADAMS: Joined to promote Team Work and Rotary Leader BEN THRELKELD for continued leadership through the time of COVID. Certainly a challenging year like no other. Remember Debunking is June 28th, 12:30 PM!



DANA TOM: Celebrating the Pinot, Pizza and Players event last Friday, an auction item from our fundraiser. Via Zoom, six winning bidders enjoyed the thespian talents of our own ELIZABETH SANTANA and 3 more Palo Alto Players, who provided Broadway musical entertainment; HAL MICKELSON brought Broadway Trivia, REBECCA GERALDI coordinated the pizza, and DANA, the Pinot. Also, DANA is delighted about his surprise delivery for Father's Day. His son Jasper appeared in the doorway! Best present ever!



REBECCA GERALDI Joined to recognize RALPH ADAMS. The two shared participating in a 10-months long Rotary District training on leadership. Another example of Rotarians being lifelong learners.



Speaker: Suzanne Simard, Professor of Forest Ecology, University of British Columbia, author of finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest. Hailing from a logging family, raised in the forest and ultimately studying Forestry at University. Her family experiences, study and communications with First Nation individuals provided the basis for her approach to studying trees and the forest. This was a most fascinating presentation about trees and the symbiotic nature of our world. Suzanne has a TED Talk on this topic.

Today's Meeting Volunteers: Thank you to the following Rotarians for making our meeting possible. Pinion writer: MATT DOLAN • Pinion editor: LYLE CONNELL • Zoom Co-host: DANA TOM

Adjourn: President BEN THRELKELD closed the last meeting of his most virtual year.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 28 – Debunking of President BEN

July 4 – Flags on University Avenue

July 5 – Dark: July 4th holiday

July 12 – Barb Coll, Bird Watching