

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President KHASHAYAR belled the meeting to order and then called on visiting Rotarians. Being none, he asked for Rotarians with guests. REBECCA GERALDI introduced Steven Lee who is interested in the club. GEOFF ZIMAN introduced his daughter Shosana Shur.

OPENING REMARKS: GLORIA HOM presented memorable and compelling words to live by. She shared some thoughts of a billionaire who was dying from pancreatic cancer at the age of 56. He said that wealth is meaningless on the deathbed. "My life is the essence of success, but aside from work, I have little joy...When you have friends or someone to talk to, that is true happiness. In conclusion, GLORIA added, being active in Rotary is a way to consider leaving a legacy.



PRESIDENT'S CLUB: TRISH BUBENIK joined in recognition of Hurricane Ida's arrival on the 16th anniversary of Katrina and celebrated the volunteers at the Palo Alto Area Red Cross who assisted clients from the 90 cases opened, and gave a shout out to GEOFF ZIMAN and his wife.



REBECCA GERALDI cheered

OANA MARCU's auctioned "evening extravaganza" which featured delicious food and after dinner discussions on Human Rights.



CASH thanked CHARLIE WEIDANZ for overseeing the Grateful Garment Backpack Project, with almost 30 Rotarians filling 96 packs. He also thanked IRIS and Hal KOROL for hosting the TGIF and MATT DOLAN for the wine plus fruit and vegetable cups enjoyed by the 25 participants.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: "Together Again Palo Alto" for family and friends, September 10-18. That includes the Moonlight Run & Walk (9/17), free movie night at Mitchell Park (9/10) and more. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/TogetherAgain. CHARLIE WEIDANZ encouraged



members to contact him directly.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: CASH sponsored GEOFF BALL, involved with environmental causes, especially during

critical climate change; and KEN SANCHEZ, originally from Costa Rica, joining after leaving his New Jersey club and with a passion for volunteering here.

WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP with ROTARY DISTRICT 5170: Heather Schomaker noted that she had been in Rotaract in college and then described the action based on the belief that all people have the right to mobility. While 1.2 million use wheelchairs, another 100 million are still in need, noting that 30 million children are not in school as a result. Each wheelchair costs \$150. Rotary can help by spreading the world and contacting high school Rotaract clubs.



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TODAY'S SPEAKER: SALLY TOMLINSON introduced Karla Dailey who received her BS in Chemical Engineering at Colorado School of Mines and has spent 32 years in Palo Alto in public service.



Today spoke about the City of Palo Alto Water Supply Planning for a Resilient Palo Alto. Palo Altans drink 10m gallons of water a day and that is pristine (and expensive) water from the Sierra.

Palo Alto and five other communities have access to highly treated waste water. Conservation is a way of life with awareness of uncertainties: drought, climate change, changing regulations, populations, demand and economy--plus consideration of sea level rise and flood management.

DIANA asked Dailey about the plan's time-frame (20-year) and the use of artificial turf (preference for native plants). ANNETTE shared concern over new, lush lawns (new housing density helps mitigate water use). HENRIETTA asked about our water from San Francisco (85% from Tuolumne River and 15%, Hetch Hetchy) and PA and EPA water share. SALLY wondered about high per capita water use in PA (San Francisco's water storage amount is the best in California).

CASH thanked: TRISH as Pinion writer; LYLE, Pinion editor; Zoom co-hosts, BEN & DANA. NOTE: NO meeting 9/6. Two committees meet (Centennial--8/31, 4 pm; & Endowment Board--9/7, 9 am; Board, 9/8, 8 am) *Belled adjournment at 1:39.*

SEPTEMBER 6: NO MEETING. LABOR DAY. FLAGS ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE - VOLUNTEERS CONTACT PRESIDENT CASH.

SEPTEMBER 13: FBI AGENT Michael Gimbel, FBI response, Gilroy Garlic Festival Active Shooter Incident