

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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At 12:30, PRESIDENT CASH ALAEE opened our meeting by ringing the Rotary club bell, and calling the meeting to order.

**VISITING ROTARIANS AND ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS.** President-Elect KAREN ROHDE noted there were no visiting Rotarians. BEN THREKELD introduced his mother and guest, Toby Stanley, visiting from Maine, where BEN grew up. REBECCA GERALDI introduced her guest, Hamzeh Abu-Jassar, a Realtor. GEOFF ZIMAN introduced his daughter and guest, Shoshana Shur.

None of our members joined the PRESIDENT'S CLUB. However, President CASH thanked STEVE PLAYER, LEN ELY, and GLORIA HOM for showing up on Labor Day to place our American flags along University Ave. Unfortunately, the flag lockers were locked. No one knew how to unlock them. No flags were put up.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:** Lisa Blanchard, E.D. of Grateful Garments, gave her heartfelt thanks to the 30+/- Rotarians who assembled back packs with essential clothing and toiletries for victims of domestic violence.



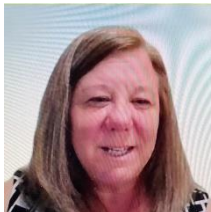
**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** BILL FOGARTY, a retired CPA who joined our Club in 1983, gave the Thought for the Day. BILL joined our Club to build his CPA practice. He stays in our Club to: (1) see and hear our speakers; (2) hear reports of inspiring Club actions; and (3) continue long-time friendships.



STEVE EMSLIE announced LEE PFAB, new E.D. of Palo Alto

Community Child Care Services, has rejoined our Club. LEE said she was glad to be back in Rotary.

**THANKS** to BEN THREKELD, MATT DOLAN and Homewood Suites for hosting last week's TGIF.



**ZOOM WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMM. MEETING**, Thursday, Sept. 16, 12:00 PM. Topic: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS.

Upcoming TGIF, Friday, September 24th, 5:30- 7:00 PM, Ability Path, 525 E. Charleston Rd.

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF.** CHARLIE WEIDANZ, Chair of our Service Above Self Committee, announced we have several upcoming programs we can participate in:



(1) Rotary-Peace Corps Week Webinar Series Sept. 20, 22 & 24

(2) Club Conversation, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 5:00-6:30 PM, "How can we help stop global warming?"

(3) Climate Action Leader Training, Saturday 25, 10:00 to 12:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help manage the 37th Palo Alto Weekly "Moonlight Run & Walk". Call CHARLIE WEIDANZ for date and time.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Usher for Palo Alto Players Sunday, Sept. 26th, 1:00-4:15 PM. DISTRICT AVENUES OF SERVICE 2 DAY EVENT:

(1) Zoom Thursday, Sept. 30, 5:00-8:00, PM online discussion with Avenues of Service Chairs. (2) In person or Zoom Event at Alameda County Fair

Amphitheater, Pleasanton, SATURDAY OCT. 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM. For more info contact MIKE REYNOLDS.

**FELLOWSHIP- TGIF EVENTS:** September 24- At PAT AND STEVE EMSLIE'S home. Oct. 13- At Ryan Elliott's home: 116 Emerson (1/2 block south of Palo Alto Ave).

CASH thanked the **VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY'S MEETING:** Guest Introductions, KAREN ROHDE; Pinion writer, ROB LANCEFIELD; Pinion editor: LYLE CONNELL; Zoom Co-Host: BEN THREKELD and DANA TOM.



DARYL SAVAGE introduced our speaker for the day, FBI Special Agent Michael Gimbel, speaking about "The FBI Response to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Active Shooter Incident on July 29, 2019." Agent Gimbel and his wife both live in Gilroy. Both work for the FBI. His wife leads the Crime Scene Interview Team. Both Michael and his wife live close to the park where the Festival was held. Both were actively involved in the response to the shooting. Soon after the shooter/killer cut a hole in the chain link fence surrounding the Festival, he



began firing. Three adults were killed. Twenty-one adults were wounded. Also the victims of the shooting were two children, 6 and 13, and a young adult 25. Agent Gimbel said, "Active shooter scenes are always complete CHAOS!" Agent Gimbel told and showed with slides in great detail how the FBI is highly trained and organized into many teams to respond fast to restore order out of chaos. What's more, the FBI returned all the purses, money, cars, and personal belongings to their rightful owners. There's even a Santa Clara County program to give counseling to the victims. Agent Gimbel gave us a glimpse into chaos and violence, and order.

President CASH thanked Agent Gimbel for his compelling story.

**NEXT WEEK'S MEETING WE WILL HAVE NEW MEMBER TALKS.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** AT 1:40 PM, PRESIDENT CASH rang our bell and adjourned the meeting.