

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

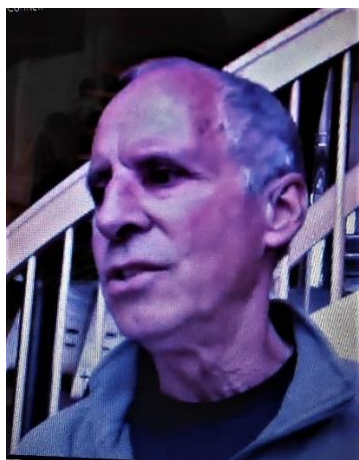
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PRESIDENT CASH ALAEE BELLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:30. PRESIDENT-ELECT KAREN ROHDE HAD NO VISITING ROTARIANS, BUT ASKED ROTARIANS TO INTRODUCE THEIR GUESTS. REBECCA GERALDI INTRODUCED CHRIS ZAPYTA, 2ND MEETING, AND HAMZEH ABU-JASSAR; DANA TOM INTRODUCED YASSINE LAGHZIOUI, 5TH MEETING; AND HENRIETTA BURGHOUS, LEENA KHARKAR-KALAKKAD.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: JON STOUMEN EXPLAINED THAT



ROTARY IS LIFE-CHANGING. IN THE 1980'S HE JOINED THE HEALDSBURG ROTARY. AS,,, PRESIDENT IN 1990, HE AND HIS WIFE ATTENDED THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PORTLAND AND WERE ENERGIZED. HE THEN ACCELERATED THEIR CLUB'S STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WITH THE CLUB MEMBERS AND HIS FAMILY HOSTING STUDENTS. HIS SON PARTICIPATED IN A ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE IN

OAXACA AND THEN WENT ON TO A ROTARY YEAR IN BARCELONA; HIS DAUGHTER SPENT A YEAR IN BERGAMO, ITALY.

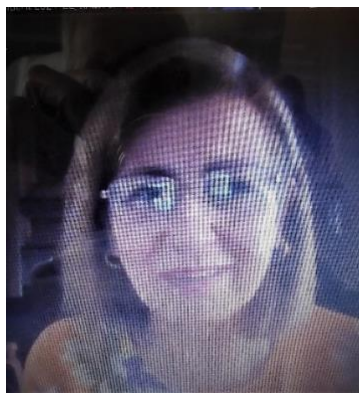
IN 2004, HE AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO PALO ALTO. WITH KATIE SEEDMAN AS HIS SPONSOR, HE JOINED OUR CLUB. HE SALUTED THE LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP'S HANDLING OF CLUB ACTIVITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING THE VIRTUAL "COFFEE WITH A ROTARIAN." AND THANKS TO WALT HAYS' CHATS, HE AND HIS WIFE MOVED INTO THE SEQUOIAS OF PORTOLA VALLEY. ROTARY IS LIFE CHANGING!

PRESIDENT'S CLUB: TRISH BUBENIK JOINED TO ASK PEOPLE



SHE'S INVITED TO PRESENT THE THOUGHT OF THE DAY TO RESPOND TO HER INVITATION YAY OR NAY TO HELP WITH PLANNING. SHE NOTED THAT ALL 5 NOVEMBER MONDAYS ARE OPEN— AND WELCOMED EVERYONE TO VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT.

SOHEILA MOZAYAN JOINED IN HONOR OF CASH AND ALL THE



DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE ROTARIANS WHO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 4 PM ON ZOOM; CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 5 PM, ZOOM.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS: TGIF, HALLOWEEN THEME, OCTOBER 29 AT PAT AND STEVE EMSLIE'S HOME; HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 8, PALO ALTO ART CENTER.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: INFO AT [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/CJU665YSipUPYj7](https://forms.gle/CJU665YSipUPYj7)

*NOVEMBER 2 AND/OR NOVEMBER 4 (ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM)

ACHIEVEKIDS: LEAD: JULIO NINO (ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS) *VAX AND MASK

*NOVEMBER 3 (1-3 PM) PALO ALTO COMMUNITY CHILD CARE (6 VOLUNTEERS)

LEAD: KAREN ROHDE (STUFF & SORT ENVELOPES, YEAR-END APPEAL) *VAX & MASK

• NOVEMBER 11: FLAGS ON UNIVERSITY FOR VETERANS DAY (MEET AT 8 AM, COWPER & UNIVERSITY AND/OR 5 PM AT HIGH & UNIVERSITY)

• NOVEMBER 13 (7-10:30 PM) PALO ALTO PLAYERS USHERING (8 VOLS)

LEAD: DANA TOM *VAX & MASK

• NOVEMBER 16 AND/OR 17 (1-3 PM) ABILITYPATH (7-8 VOLUNTEERS)

LEAD: SOHEILA MOZAYAN (WRITE THANK-YOU CARDS TO DONORS) *VAX & MASK

• NOVEMBER 16 AND/OR 17 (1-3 PM) MAGICAL BRIDGE PLAYGROUND (7-8 VOLS)

(WRITE THANK-YOU CARDS TO DONORS) *VAX AND MASK

* FINISH BY NOVEMBER 28 AT-HOME SERVICE PROJECT: PROJECT LINUS LEAD: REBECCA GERALDI (BUILD A NO-SEW BLANKET FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL OR TRAUMATIZED)

BEN ANNOUNCED 11 NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS AND LISTED *THE NINE WILLING TO BE IDENTIFIED:* CASH ALAEE PHF+2; HERSH DAVIS PHF+4; DIANA DIAMOND PHF+2; RYAN ELLIOTT PHF+(HIS FIRST); TOM GRACON PHF+3; DICK MANSFIELD PHF+5; BRUCE SWENSON PHF+4; BEN THREKELD PHF+8; AND DANA TOM PHF+5.



MIKE REYNOLDS, CHAIR OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) STATED THAT



HE KNEW HE HAD BIG SHOES TO FILL DURING HIS SECOND YEAR IN OUR CLUB. HE SALUTED WALT HAYS' LONG TENURE LEADING THE COMMITTEE AND FOLLOWED BY TIM WATSON. HE

LOOKS FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT WCS, STATING THAT HE JOINED ROTARY SPECIFICALLY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE. HE NOTED THAT ROTARY IS NOT MYOPIC SINCE THE ROTARY MAP COVERS THE WORLD TO PROMOTE SERVICE ABOVE SELF. HE WONDERED WHY HE HAD WAITED SO LONG TO JOIN ROTARY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT HALF OF WCS FUNDING PROVIDES SMALL, LOCAL GRANTS WHILE THE OTHER HALF SUPPORTS WORLD-WIDE GRANTS. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS HELP: FIGHT POLIO; PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING; FIGHT DISEASE; PROMOTE CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION; SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIES AND MOTHERS AND CHILDREN; AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. HIS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HAS 20 MEMBERS.

MIKE PRESENTED CURRENT PROJECTS: MOBILE DENTAL UNIT IN CHILE (WHICH CONTINUED OPERATION DURING COVID-19) TRANSFERRED TO CUPERTINO; PROJECT ALESI, DRILLING FOR GROUND WATER IN KENYA, ALSO TRANSFERRED TO CUPERTINO; ESPERANZA JUVENIL IN GUATAMALA, WITH PALO ALTO IN THE LEAD IN 2021 UNDER TIM WATSON'S GUIDANCE, FOCUSES ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS AND STEM TO REDUCE THE DISPARITY BETWEEN FEMALE AND MALE STUDENTS AND TO PROMOTE THE POTENTIAL OF FEMALE STUDENTS.

ALBERTO SOLANO, PRESIDENT OF AGROS, PRESENTED THE HEALTHY START PROJECT TO ADDRESS CHRONIC, CHILD MALNUTRITION IN CENTRAL AMERICA. PALO ALTO WILL LEAD THE PROJECT IN 2022-2023. AFTER 30 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR AND WITH 82% OF THE POPULATION POOR, THE PROJECT FOCUSES ON: PRENATAL CARE (INCLUDING NUTRITION TO PREVENT LOW-WEIGHT BABIES); HEALTHY EATING TO PREVENT MALNUTRITION; DAYCARE TO HELP DEVELOP

HEALTHY BRAINS AND THINKING SKILLS IN CHILDREN; AND MENTORING FOR MOTHERS WHO CAN LEARN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME.

WITH NO FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS, HENRIETTA BURROUGHS COMMENDED THE POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF AND FOCUS ON THE LOCAL VILLAGE LEVEL.

PRESIDENT CASH COMMENDED THE WCS PRESENTATION. HE REMINDED MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DRIVE FOLLOWED BY THE ENDOWMENT FOCUS NEXT WEEK, AS WELL AS OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR PLANNING.

NEXT WEEK WILL FEATURE CAL MANN, SILICON VALLEY ROTARY CLUB MEMBER AND RECENT PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:36