



Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Promptly at 12:30, President CASH ALAEE rang our Club bell to make the transition from our informal chit-chat that begins at 12:15, to open our regular meeting.

Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests: President Cash introduced his two guests, Carol Stauffer and Giovanni Cattani, a participant in Rotary's "New Generations Service Exchange." Past President BEN THRELKELD reported there were no visiting Rotarians nor any other Rotarians with guests.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: FINING AND FUNDRAISING: *President CASH explained that quite a few years ago, our club ended its practice of fining us during the meetings as a way of raising money for Club charitable projects. The club has separate fund raising campaigns for our Endowment Fund and our Annual Charities Fund. Each fund is a separate non-profit corporation. Donations to each fund are income-tax deductible per IRS 501(c)(3).*



President CASH encouraged us to JOIN in our many hands on committees this month: Centennial Committee,

Climate Action Committee, Achieve Kids, observation of Veterans Day (flags on University Avenue on Nov. 11th), Ability Path, Magical Bridge Playground. Check our Club website for details.

VETERANS DAY on Nov. 11th. Formerly Armistice Day after World War I, this day honors all the men and women (and their spouses and children) who have "worn the uniform." Nineteen of us have "worn the uniform."

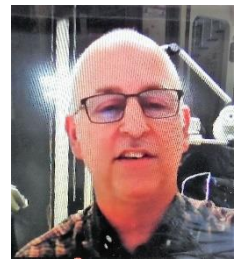
HOLIDAY PARTY HELPERS NEEDED on Dec. 8th for our holiday party scheduled for the Palo Alto Art Center. Email MATT DOLAN.

PALO ALTO ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND. The goal is to raise \$100,000, in addition to the \$100,000 pledged by 5 of our members. The Fund hopes for 100% participation at any level by our members.

President CASH thanked the volunteers for today's meeting: Guest introductions BEN THRELKELD; Pinion writer: ROB LANCEFIELD; Pinion Editor: LYLE CONNELL; Zoom co-hosts: BEN THRELKELD and DANA TOM.



Celebration of 100th birthday of LYLE CONNELL. Past President BEN THRELKELD announced that LYLE CONNELL will be 100 years old on Friday,



November 12th!

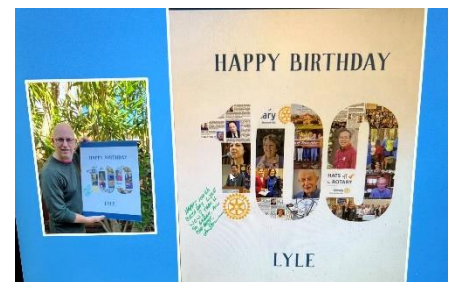
Only 28 people in 100,000 live to be 100. ELIZABETH SANTANA sang Happy Birthday" to LYLE. She then Zoom-led us in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow!" BEN followed by Zoom-presenting LYLE with a huge birthday card signed by many Club members, and a California State Senate Certificate of Recognition signed by our State Senator Josh Becker.



President CASH next asked if any members wanted to join the President's Club. Nine members responded: SALLY TOMLINSON, TRISH BUBENIK, STEVE PLAYER, HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, BETSY BECHTEL, ART STAUFFER, LE LEVY,

GINNY LEAR and DON MORGAN. Each of them reminisced about the many ways they enjoy working with LYLE, and how they appreciate his many contributions to our Club, especially as Editor of the Pinion.

LYLE, who joined our Club in 1998, responded by saying he enjoyed talking and working with the good people in our Club. BEN closed the celebration by wishing LYLE "Happy Birthday!"



FINAL HAPPY HOUR will be this Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 5:30-6:30 PM, at CALAVE, corner of California Avenue and Birch Street. BEN THRELKELD and JEFF YEN will be co-hosts.

SARAH CODY, Santa Clara County Public Health Director (and a graduate of Palo Alto High School) will be speaker next week, Nov. 15th. Her topic will be "County Experience with COVID-19."

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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: DANA TOM introduced Ryan Brown, Managing Director for Measurement at the Rice University Doerr Institute for New Leaders. He spoke about “Honor Bound: How a cultural ideal has shaped the American psyche.” He has Ph.D. in Social Psychology. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, and grew up in Alabama, one of many “honor states.”



To social psychologists, “honor” does NOT equal virtue or character. “Honor” equals reputation, and earned respect. For a man, “honor” equals strength, toughness, and intolerance of disrespect, especially for white males. For a



woman, “honor” equals purity and loyalty. In contrast, in dignity cultures, e.g., northern European, people are given honor by their birth. In “honor” cultures, disrespect is a threat to the masculinity of a man, hence gangs, Mafia, nations in Central America, and in the Southern and Western United States. Great value is placed on loyalty. To dampen the harm from combative white males, there is the “paradox of excessive politeness.” States with “honor cultures” have higher rates of domestic violence, “stand your ground” gun laws, more school shootings. States with honor cultures have higher stigma for mental illness and suicide. For more information, read Professor Ryan’s fascinating book, “Honor Bound.”

At 1:40, after a Q and A session, President CASH adjourned our meeting.