

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

December 13, 2021

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Call to Order: Ringing to order, the final meeting before the year's end **PRESIDENT CASH ALAEE** with "small cheer and great welcome made a merry feast." – William Shakespeare

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROTARY DISTRICT 5170 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

This virtual academic mentoring program needs your special skills and perspective to show a young person new opportunities and build their confidence to set big goals. To learn more use the following link: <https://beamentor.org/RI5170>

ROTARY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND:

PRESIDENT BETSY BECHTEL: The Endowment Fund for this Rotary Centennial year has provided an ambitious opportunity goal of raising another \$100,000 to be matched by five generous members of our club. To find out more go to: <https://palo-alto-rotary-endowment-fund.square.site/>



TOY DRIVE: To make the season a little brighter please consider participating in the Holiday Toy Drive, in cooperation with Project WeHope, by purchasing one or more new toys for children ages 2-17. Toys may be dropped off at Homewood Suites 4329 El Camino Real in Palo Alto. Phone 650.559.8700. Deadline for drop off is Friday, December 17, 1:00 pm. Please feel free to spread the word with friends and family. Gift cards for teens are welcomed.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

President-Elect **KAREN RHODE** provided introductions
Visiting Rotarians: David Fraser, former member of our club and now a Rotarian in Humboldt, CA.
Guests: Hamzeh Abu-Jassar, our newest member, was joined by his Mother to celebrate his membership in Rotary.

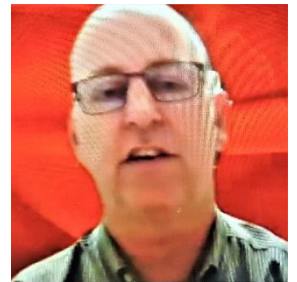
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

KLAUS HEINEMANN shared an untitled prose poem by Kitty O'Meara which begins with the line, "And the people stayed home" was Inspired by the pandemic shut downs. Written as a response to the common challenges, the author wanted to share the potential of goodness and encourages all of us to find our potential along with participating in healing to benefit each other. You can find the complete poem at: Poetry in a Troubled Time | To The Best Of Our Knowledge (ttbook.org)

PRESIDENTS CLUB:



KLAUS HEINEMANN: KLAUS completed his thought with a Presidents Club challenge to promote healing by respecting others through being vaccinated and by respecting the earth through our personal practices of conserving natural resources.

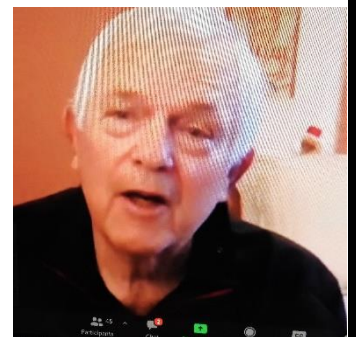


BEN THRELKELD: Elliott Wright Sacred Heart Community Service 12.14 and 12.15, to distribute food. Contact **BEN THRELKELD** for anyone available to donate time distributing food for the holidays.

LIZ KNISS: Honor **STEVE PLAYER** for his lifetime of commitment and community service along with his receipt of Avendas award.



STEVE PLAYER: Returned



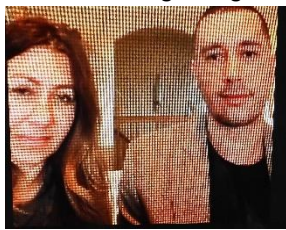
recognition for **LIZ KNISS'** years of service to Rotary and the community as a whole.

TRISH BUBENIK: Honors **BEN THRELKELD** and **CASH ALAEE** For providing FaceTime access so **TRISH** could participate in the Holiday Party.



NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Membership Chair **REBECCA GERALDI** extended welcome to **HAMZEH ABU-**

JASSAR, classification Real Estate-Sales, as our newest member, recognizing his “head and heart” as wonderful



contributions and strength for our club. All Rotarians are encouraged to extend greetings to HAMZEH as he joins our club. Welcome!

Board Member Chair: PRESIDENT ELECT KAREN ROHDE reviewed the proposed ballot of board members for '22-'23 fiscal year. Congratulations to our new board and we look forward to our club's continued achievements.



Palo Alto Rotary Board 2022-2023:

Officers: President Elect, Liz Kniss;

Secretary, Steve Emslie;

Treasurer, Linnet Kwok;

Membership Chair, Rebecca Gerdali; Directors: 1-year term; Kim Bomar,, Henrietta Burroughs, Len Ely, Stans Kleijnen, Pam Krudop, Charlie Weidanz.

Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Board 2022-2025: Trustees: 3-year term: Betsy Bechtel, Mike McMahon

Centennial History Memory: DIANA DIAMOND spoke of our Rotary sponsored RotaCare free medical clinic in East Palo Alto that opened in October 1993 at 7pm to provide healthcare for the underserved. The first night saw no patients and clinic time was changed to Saturday morning. The clinic closed after five years when other local health clinics began providing services. This was a major project that involved four Rotary clubs and provided much needed services to those in need.



Upcoming Meetings: December 20th and 27th dark...warmest wishes for peace, love, and joy this holiday season and throughout 2022.

January 3, 2022: Guest Speaker Terri Givens, Political Science Professor, McGill University, Montreal.

Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides

EJ HONG introduced a cheerful gift of music presented by Bill Liberatore and the Gunn High School Choir with a virtual holiday choral performance. The bright voices of these students provided good cheer as we end the year 2021.

