

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

April 11, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 100th YEAR

Chartered: May 1, 1922

President **CASH** belled the meeting to order at 12:30. He announced that there would be no introductions of visiting Rotarians or guests due to grant recipient presentations.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### LEANNAH HUNT

presented the Thought for the Day. She welcomed all to the first full month of spring and new beginnings. She then celebrated the appointment



of the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. And she acknowledged Justice Jackson's acknowledgement of her family's move from the segregated South and to the Supreme Court in just one generation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASH thanked **HERSH DAVIS, CHARLIE WEIDANZ, KEN SANCHEZ** and **NADA DJOMEHRI** for organizing the monthly service project at Nuestra Casa, first Wednesday of each month. On May 4, five volunteers are needed to fill the 2:00 to 4:00 pm and/or 3:30 to 6 pm shifts in Redwood City.

**CASH** again announced the lunch price increase, effective April 18: \$30 per meal; \$10 for coffee, tea; and no free guest lunches, except for our speaker.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**BEN THRELKELD** focused on **Happy Hour, April 13, 5:30-6:30 pm** at The Patio, 412 Emerson Street;

**Board** meeting is also April 13, 8 am on Zoom; **Tall Trees Awards** honoring **MATT DOLAN,**

**HAL MICKELSON, ROGER SMITH, and ELIZABETH SANTANA,** April 21, Oshman Family JCC.: [www.paloaltochamber.com](http://www.paloaltochamber.com)

**USHERING** at Palo Alto Players, Sunday, April 24, 1:00-4:30 pm. **DANA TOM** organizing.

## OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**April 30, 2022, 5:30-7:30 PM, Mitchell Park. Tickets are on sale now - Buy your tickets now: <https://www.rotarypaloalto.org>, or at the next two club meetings.**

OUR ONLINE SILENT AUCTION IS NOW LIVE. Please Bid HIGH and Bid OFTEN!! **STEVE PLAYER** urged members to check out the great auction items, including **STEVE EMSLIE's** BBQ pizza fest, which has already sold out, Lunch With the Mayor and GLORIA HOM's Chinatown Tour are two of many great items, restaurant certificates, vacation homes, tours, Palo Alto Players tickets, jewelry, etc. <https://www.32auctions.com/PARCentennial/>

**ALL PROCEEDS FUND OUR CHARITABLE PROGRAMS NEXT YEAR.**

## PROGRAM



**Rotary Grants Committee Chair BILL JOHNSON** led us through the ten grants that we have given this year and introduced each

organization whose caring and enthusiastic directors gave a brief summary of how their grant funds will be used..

Some were in the room and some on Zoom.

**Animal Assisted Happiness:** \$2,100 to support six visits of barnyard animals to Achieve Kids in Palo Alto.

**EPA Kids Foundation: our “Fund a Need” at Centennial Gala, April 30, \$10,000 goal:** To fund mini-grants to educators in the Ravenswood City School District to purchase supplies and other materials for the classroom and field trips.

**Eden Housing:** \$7,500 for the purchase of computer equipment for the community learning center serving residents at the 801 Alma Family Apartments, an affordable housing development in downtown Palo Alto.

**Foundation for a College Education:** \$5,000 to support students from the East Palo Alto area in the College Success Program, including a weeklong summer program for high school seniors transitioning to college in the fall.

**Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo:** \$3,400 to fund an after-school science exploration program at the Boys & Girls Club in East Palo Alto for 1st and 2nd graders.

**Peninsula Bridge:** \$5,000 for one-on-one tutoring of low-income middle and high school students from East Palo Alto and surrounding communities.

**Ravenswood Classroom Partners:** \$5,000 for tutoring and mentoring of K-5th graders in the Ravenswood City School District.

**Rebuilding Together Peninsula:** \$10,000 to support two facility repair projects at nonprofit agencies in East Palo Alto: Youth United for Community Action and Bayshore Christian Ministries.

**St. Anthony’s Dining Room:** \$7,000 to purchase a new refrigeration unit for one of two food delivery trucks.

**Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired:** \$10,000 to support programs for blind and visually impaired youth to acquire skills for daily living and take part and enjoy outdoor activities.

## CLOSING

**CASH** thanked Grants Chair **BILL JOHNSON**, his committee, the Grants recipients and members and guests for attending.

## TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **BRIAN STEEN, TOM GRACON**

Room Set-up: **BRUCE WINTERHOF**

Welcome Desk & Cashier: **KATIE SEEDMAN, REBECCA GERALDI**

Thought for the Day: **LEANNAH HUNT**

Zoom Co-Hosts: **BEN THRELKELD, DANA TOM**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

April 13	<b>Happy Hour, 5:30-6:30. The Patio, 412 Emerson: No Host</b>
April 18	<b>Erik Jensen</b> , Professor, Stanford Law School: <b>Seven Myths About Afghanistan</b>
April 25	<b>Elise DeMarzo</b> , Director, City of Palo Alto Public Art Program
April 30	<b>Centennial Celebration, 5:30-7:30 Mitchell Park, Palo Alto</b> <b>ACT NOW: Tickets on sale at our meetings and on the club website and the auction is here! Bid high!</b>