

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

May 16, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 100th YEAR

Chartered: May 1, 1922

Our luncheon meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, was masterfully called to order by soon-to-be-former President **CASH ALAEE**, eager to move on yet still basking in the refulgence...**ANNETTE GLANCKOPF'S** guests were Brad Eggleston, the city's Director of Public Works, and Annette's partner Ron Owens.... City Manager Ed Shikada was technically a guest, but his application for membership is in process.

our club, Darcy Huston expressed thanks for our club's annual \$2,000 in support. Founded in 1912, the Girl Scouts offer training and experience in leadership, with a focus on "Service and Sisterhood," including new opportunities in fields like Engineering and Cybersecurity.... **ROGER SMITH** rose to his feet to match the club gift with an additional \$2,000, saying it was a tribute to "the nutritional value of Thin Mints."

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Thoughtful Opening Remarks were shared by **TOM DUBOIS**: As Richard Rohr has observed,



"Anybody who really knows also knows that they don't know it all." We've got to constantly remind ourselves that we *don't know*. The Buddhists call this

"beginner's mind." Imagine how our politics could change if we had that discipline in our conversations. Said philosopher Thomas Merton: "Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real." Said "Car Talk" mechanic Tom Magliozzi: "Our humility is what makes us great."



## THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

According to **SALLY TOMLINSON**, two really great opportunities remain available from the Silent Auction inventory: a guided Nature Hike to be followed by a paella lunch, on **Saturday, June 4**, to be provided through **KEN SANCHEZ and DAN QUINN**. If you're interested, please check with Sally, Ken, or Dan....

**ACT NOW** for **SPACE AVAILABLE** for a May 21st tour of **SF CHINATOWN**: join **GLORIA HOM'S** Chinatown tour on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm for \$100/person. Includes history, museums, fortune cookie factory, and dim sum lunch. Let Gloria know **today** if you are interested.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Representing adult leadership of the Girl Scouts, sponsored by



Space Available!

**Guided Chinatown Tour and Dim Sum Lunch**  
with  
Gloria Hom

ate: Saturday, May 21, 2022  
me: Approximately 9:00am - 12:30pm  
ocation: Chinatown, San Francisco  
ost: \$100 to our PARC Charities

## KAREN ROHDE

supplied the missing letters necessary to spell out a meaningful

### **RI Action Plan:**

“**TOGETHER**, we see a world where **PEOPLE** unite and take action to **CREATE** lasting **CHANGE** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves..”



## PROGRAM



Our exceptionally interesting speaker, helping us think about an exceptionally vital subject, was **Felicia Marcus Landreth**, Visiting Fellow at the Stanford Water

in the West program and recently Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board. Her subject was “Rising to Resilience in California Water.” Overall, her message was, “The answer to ‘What do we need to do?’ is ‘Everything...’” Most Californians live hundreds of miles from the sources of their water.... More Californians than you might guess rely on the Colorado River, hard hit by extended drought.... With climate change, more precipitation is evaporating before it falls to the ground, and more snowpack is evaporating before it melts.... An 83% decline has been observed in the numbers of chinook salmon in the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers.... California’s state action plan must include, among many other things, expanded water storage capacity, better groundwater management, increased flood protection, more extensive stormwater capture and renewal of aging infrastructure....

“Sustainability by itself isn’t enough.” We need to keep re-thinking what we should be doing and to be comfortable with complexity.

A [copy of her slides can be downloaded](#) here.

## CLOSING

**CASH** gave thanks to our speaker and to our meeting volunteers.

## TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Jon Stouman, Ginny Lear**

Room Set-up: **Matt Dolan, Hersh Davis, Bruce Winterhof**, in rotation

Welcome Desk & Cashier: **Katie Seedman**

Zoom Co-Hosts: **Ben Threlkeld, Dana Tom**

Pinion writer: **Hal Mickelson**

Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

May 23	<b>Long time Member talks: Chesley Douglas, Bob McCowan, Dave Smullin</b>
May 30	<b>Dark, Memorial Day Observed</b>
June 6	<b>Sheryl Klein, COO, Alta Housing</b> Affordable Housing
June 13	<b>Tammerlin Drummund, Strategist, ACLU:</b> California’s Hidden Slavery History
June 20	<b>Daniel Treisman, Professor of Political Science, UCLA:</b> Spin Doctors: The Changing Face of Tyranny in the 21st Century
June 27	<b>Dark, No lunch meeting: Debunking dinner at Michael’s at Shoreline for President Cash,</b> and to Welcome President Karen