

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

May 23, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR CLUB's 100th YEAR

Chartered: May 1, 1922

The meeting opened with a call for guests. President-elect **KAREN ROHDE** noted that, except for almost new member Ed Shikada and today's inductee Rick Block, there were no extracurricular persons present.

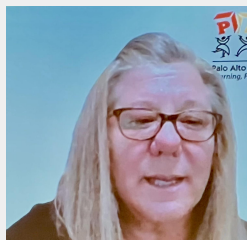
## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**BRUCE WINTERHOF** chose the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend as the theme for his Thought for the Day and reminded us of the 1.3 million Americans who had made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. He closed by quoting Ronald Reagan that freedom is not bought cheaply.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

### SALLY TOMLINSON

joined to express her enjoyment of two events that she had purchased at our auction this year. These were the Swirl Works Watercolor session arranged by **KIM BOMAR** and the fabulous Chinatown Tour provided by **GLORIA HOM**.



**LEE PFAB** joined to express her thanks to everyone who had supported and comforted her in the last two difficult weeks. **BRUCE GEE** joined to honor the Palo Alto Community Fund that has just announced its

annual grants of \$1.7 million to 96 local non-profits. He also wanted members to be aware of the upcoming ["Community](#)

[Celebration"](#) on June 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. **DIANA DIAMOND** joined just to express appreciation for the fellowship within our club.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



After an absence of 23 years, former member Rabbi **RICHARD BLOCK** has returned to Palo Alto and rejoined our club. Membership Chair **REBECCA GERALDI** conducted his induction assisted by Rick's sponsor **LE**

**LEVY** with a warm welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30** we will again support the displaying of flags on University Avenue in conjunction with the Palo Alto University Rotary Club. Set up starts at 8 AM at the corner with Cowper and take-down at 5 PM at the High Street corner.

**On Wednesday, June 1** volunteers are needed at Nuestra Casa at 1305 Middlefield Road in Redwood City to hand out fruits and vegetables in two shifts – 2 – 4, and 4 -6 PM.

**On Sunday, June 12** from 1:00 to 4:30 PM, six volunteers are needed to usher for the Palo Alto Players' performance of "Twelfth Night". Sign up with **DANA TOM**.

**National Immunization Days:** An opportunity to participate in what, hopefully, may be the last of such Polio Immunization Campaigns is being offered between September 9 and 20, 2022 in India. Contact GINNY LEAR for more details if you are interested in taking part in this signature End Polio Now activity.



### THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

According to **SALLY TOMLINSON**, four 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**.

A Personalized USS Pompanito Submarine Tour, led by **MIKE MCMAHON** on June 11; the San Francisco



Insider Art Tour with Megan Lewis and **TODD LEWIS**; and the June 18th Summit Hike led by **JON STOUMEN**, plus Lunch with a View also in Portola Valley. Contact Sally to participate.

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

**Past President BEN THRELKELD** announced that **President CASH** will be debunked and **President-elect KAREN ROHDE** will be enthroned at a



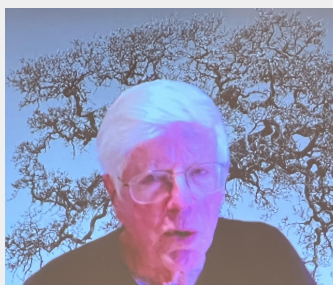
celebration taking place at Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant on Monday, June 27 between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Tickets for this gala event will be \$75/person. Details and tickets are available now on the club website..

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS

**BEN THRELKELD** was pleased to present a Paul Harris Award or recognition for a higher level to the following: **BRUCE WINTERHOF, GLORIA HOM, LIZ KNISS, SALLY TOMLINSON, BRUCE SWENSON, JACK WOODSON, KLAUS HEINEMANN, DICK MANSFIELD, DANA TOM, BETSY BECHTEL, BOB McCOWAN, GINNY LEAR** and to himself. Once again, our club exceeded our annual Rotary Foundation and Polio fundraising goals.



### PROGRAM



Today's program featured three long-time members. First up was **BOB McCOWAN** who joined the club in 1976. Bob concentrated his remarks on the

changes that had occurred in his 40-year career in dentistry in Palo Alto. He also alluded to the fact that he had joined Rotary originally for male company.

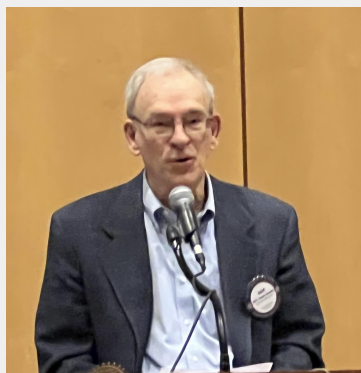
The next speaker was **CHESLEY DOUGLAS** who had first joined Rotary in San Jose in 1979 because his father had been a long-time

prominent member there. Later Chesley moved to Palo Alto and had become the president of our club.

**DUANE KALAR** provided the supplementary information that Chesley was a very ardent collector of beer cans.



The final speaker was **DAVID SMULLIN** who graduated from Stanford and Berkeley and his career has been in employment law and mediation. David reviewed how much Rotary meant to him and mentioned the influence of



many eminent former members: David Fraser, Andy Spears, Bob Brown, Eric Hutchison, Carl Ditmore, Bill Miller and Tom Fryer. He also talked about the inclusion of women in Rotary and living for a while in Ascot, England.

Questions and comments were added by HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, GINNY LEAR, DIANA DIAMOND and JULIE JEROME.

## CLOSING

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

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Brian Steen, Ben Threlkeld, Richard Keller**

Room Set-up: **Dana Tom, Rebecca Gerald**

Welcome Desk & Cashier: **Katie Seedman, Rebecca Gerald**

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

Pinion writer: **Geoff Ziman**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

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><u>Dark, No lunch meeting:</u> Debunking dinner at Michael's at Shoreline for President Cash,</b> and to Welcome <b>President Karen.</b> Sign up at our meetings or online on our website homepage.