# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

June 13, 2022 CELEBRATING OUR CLUB's 100th YEAR Chartered: May 1, 1922

President **CASH** belled the meeting to order at 12:30. He introduced Rtn. Yoshitaka Ishii from the Fukaoka (Japan) Rotary Club to do a club flag exchange.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**CAROLE WHITEHILL** focused her Thought for the Day on Father's Day. She noted that **MIKE McMAHON** was one one of her father's pleebs at the Naval Academy. She also expressed appreciation for what Tom Brokaw called "the greatest generation" of World War II-era adults--hardworking, with integrity, and providing service. She linked that to Rotary's "service above self."

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

Visiting Rotarian Yoshitaka Ishii kindly joined the President's Club!

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

**ED SHIKADA**, Palo Alto's City Manager, was welcomed as a new member, and inducted by Membership Chair **REBECCA GERALDI**. ED thanked his sponsor **LIZ KNISS** who also gave a welcome, including that she was on the City Council that hired ED to be Palo Alto City Manager.

## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

**MIKE REYNOLDS** reported on the World Community Service partnership to expand the Tata Memorial Chemotherapy Center in

Mumbai. He thanked Ashok (from Mumbai) and LE LEVY for their help with the partnership of the Mumbai Royales and Palo Alto Rotary. From the first meeting at Philz Coffee on November 23, 2021 to May 28, 2022--the grand opening--it only took six months!!! The expansion included: four infusion rooms with 18 beds; two drug preparation rooms; and space for 75 more patients per day.

## ROTARY SUPPORT for SCOUTING

Scoutmaster Gary Anwyl shared updates on Boy Scout Troop 5's outings, service and Eagle Scout projects. One service project was the San Francisquito Creek cleanup. Eagle projects included making planter boxes for Ecumenical Hunger Program garden and helping at the Rotary Centennial celebration.

Daniel Templeton reported that the Cub Scout Pack 6 program had difficulty during the pandemic, resulting in deliberate recruitment and finding a new meeting site. He announced that Pack 6 is now healthy, enthusiastic and ready for summer.

## CELEBRATION! BUY TICKETS BY JUNE 20!

**Past President BEN THRELKELD** invited members to be sure to attend **President CASH's** Debunking dinner**,** and to welcome **President KAREN ROHDE,** a the annual 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 are $75/person. Details and tickets are available now on the club website.

## PROGRAM

**DANA TOM** introduced Tammerlin Drummund who is a communications strategist for the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union. Prior to joining the ACLU, she was a reporter, columnist and editorial writer for the Oakland Tribune and the San Jose Mercury where she wrote about racial and social justice news. She was awarded Pulitzer Prizes for her coverage of the civil unrest that followed the not-guilty verdicts in the police beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles and for her reporting on the Ghost Ship fire in Oakland. She uses strategic communications and people-centered storytelling to further the ACLU's critical mission defending civil liberties.

She is the creator, host and writer of "Gold Chains" podcast--"The Hidden History of Slavery in California." She explained that during the California Gold Rush, pro-slavery white Southeners brought enslaved Black men to work in the gold mines. However, there was a burning passion for an "all white American West." The first elected Governor of California, Peter Burnett, advocated for genocide of Native people and tried to ban Blacks from California.

According to Drummund, the "mission of Gold Chains is to share the history of African Americans and Native Americans who were confronted with brutal treatment, demanded their civil rights and inspired us with their ingenuity, resilience and tenacity."

With time for only one question, **SALLY TOMLINSON** asked about the funding source for reparations and learned there is no budget. Ms. Drummund added, "Thank you for helping us to spread the word about California's hidden racism history."

Please share the link to the website, **goldchainsCA.org,** with anyone you think is interested in learning more." Also visit: **http://www.acluc.org/sites/goldchains/podcast**

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CASH** gave thanks to our speaker and to our meeting volunteers.
Four spots are available for the **"Summit Hike and Lunch with a View"** on Saturday, June 18, from 8:30-1:30. Contact for details and join **JON STOUMAN**'s hiking tour with lunch from Robert's of Portola Valley at $50 per person for our Rotary charities.
Recruitment for the **Social Committee's** work to increase fellowship among members. Sign up with **MATT DOLAN or KAREN ROHDE.**

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Dick Mansfield, Nancy Peters**
Room Set-up: **Matt Dolan**
Welcome Desk & Cashier: **Katie Seedman, Rebecca Geraldi**
Zoom Co-Host: **Dana Tom**
Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**
Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

| UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS | |
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| June 20 | **Daniel Treisman, Professor of Political Science, UCLA:** Spin Doctors: The Changing Face of Tyranny in the 21st Century |
| June 27 | **Dark, No lunch meeting: Debunking dinner at Michael's at Shoreline for President CASH,** and to Welcome **President KAREN.** Sign up by June 20th at our meetings or on the website homepage |
| July 4 | **Dark, No Club Meeting: Celebrate July 4th!** |
| July 11 | **Annual Club Assembly:** President **KAREN ROHDE** and the Board of Directors 2022-23 |