

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

June 20, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 100th YEAR

Chartered: May 1, 1922

President **CASH ALAEE** opened and presided over his final meeting of the year.



Incoming President **KAREN ROHDE** recognized visiting Rotarian Bebe Leblanc from Central Florida. An exchange of Rotary flags occurred.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

TRISH BUBENIK shared a salute to President CASH for his Centennial year leadership--his sincerity, vigor and focus. He's been hands-on everything. And I applaud his self-deprecating humor at times to lighten the atmosphere. I appreciate his thank you to presenters and to members' efforts, through email or public acknowledgement. The planning for the Centennial began last July. In addition, Cash made an effective transition from Zoom meetings to hybrid meetings in March. Other successes include: outstanding fundraising, exceeding the year's goal; installation of Centennial banners in Palo Alto; Bloomington, IN Sibling City launch and welcoming 10 new members. I loved Cash's strutting during a

meeting wearing a tiara and sash to raise funds! I surely donated! Cash's outstanding year has undoubtedly made his sponsor ROB LANCEFIELD proud!! Finally, I celebrate Cash's absolute joy in "belling" meetings to order.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

MARK STEVENSON joined the Presidents Club to acknowledge **President CASH** for his exceptional Centennial year leadership and offer congratulations on his achievements as Club President for the year.

MATT DOLAN joined the Presidents Club in recognition of our previous guest speaker, Tammerlin Drummond with



@goldchainsCA.gov. Knowing that one of his own grandparents had "passed for white" the restriction of early California civil rights resonated.

TRISH also joined in honor of CASH's year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President CASH recognized Father's Day celebration from the previous Sunday along with the 2nd official National Juneteenth holiday.

Juneteenth recognizes the emancipation of enslaved people in the State of Texas on June 19, 1865



two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The official Juneteenth flag centers on a star as the symbolic representation of freedom, the surrounding starburst represents a new beginning with the blue above the arc being the horizon and the red section below symbolizing bloodshed of the formerly enslaved. The combined red white and blue conveys that all enslaved people and their descendants within the United States are Americans

ENDOWMENT FUND GIFT TO CHARITIES

Endowment Chair **BETSY BECHTEL** and Treasurer **MIKE MCMAHON** presented a **\$56,000** contribution to President CASH for the Rotary Charities Fund, and congratulated our club's financial advisers for maintaining



our club's Endowment Fund financial performance during uncertain times.

DEBUNKING!

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.

2022-23 DUES/LUNCH UPDATES

Incoming **President KAREN ROHDE** focused on connecting the "Zoomers and Roomers" so we are all "Bloomers", outlined the Board-approved changes to club dues and lunch meeting prices. Club dues will increase (by \$60) to \$425 on July 1, 2022, while the price of lunch will be reduced to \$25 and beverage only will be reduced to \$5.



Dues increase will contribute to covering the cost of our meetings, to be shared equally among all club members. Dues renewal letters will be mailed soon.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker today, **Daniel Treisman**, Ph.d., currently Professor of Political Science at UCLA with degrees earned from Harvard, Oxford and a former Hoover Institute Fellow.



He is a well credentialed educator, prolific author, lecturer and consultant on both national and international levels. He reviewed the topics from his most recent book *Spin Dictators: The Changing Face of Tyranny in the 21st Century*. In his book Prof. Treisman addresses the adaptation of dictatorial rule away from

control by fear tactics to deception through manipulation of information and messaging. In this shift control and power are covert and managed through spin and by deceptive messaging mechanisms of oppression and violence are less visible. He remains optimistic that established democracies can survive these influences but require "repair." His book is available for purchase using the following link. For those interested a 30% discount is available by entering promotional code: SPIND when ordering the book

<https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691211411/spin-dictators>

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President CASH with his final "joy of belling" gave thanks to our speaker and to our meeting volunteers.

Eight spots are available for the annual Tour de Mid-Peninsula Bike Ride on a Saturday or Sunday this summer TBD, from 10:30 am - 2:00pm. Contact **HERSH DAVIS** for details. Join our 10+ Rotarians for this ride at \$100 per person to our Rotary charities.

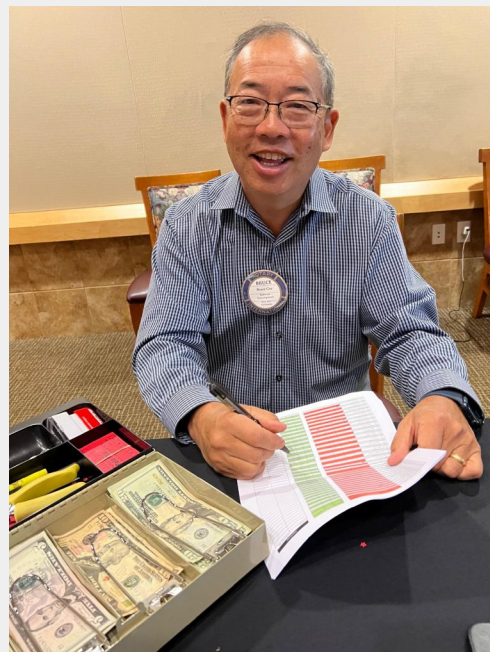
Social Committee: Recruitment is underway for members willing to help with social fellowship in our club: TGIF, new ideas. Sign up with **MATT DOLAN** or **KAREN ROHDE**.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Geoff Ball, Larry Klein**
 Room Set-up: **Bruce Winterhof**
 Welcome Desk & Cashier: **Bruce Gee**
 Zoom Co-Host: **Dana Tom**
 Microphone: **Ben Threlkeld**
 Pinion writer: **Matt Dolan**
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

June 27	Dark, No lunch meeting: Debunking dinner at Michael's at Shoreline for President CASH, and to Welcome President KAREN. Registration is now closed
July 4	Dark, No Club Meeting: Celebrate July 4th!
July 11	Annual Club Assembly: President KAREN ROHDE and the Board of Directors 2022-23
July 18	Coss Martte, Founder, Second Chance Studios: From Overweight Inmate to Employer of formerly incarcerated
July 25	Francis Fukuyama, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford U. Liberalism and Its Discontents



Helping out when called upon.