

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## WELCOME

President **KAREN ROHDE** called the meeting to order with her bell. She then asked for guest introductions. **KATIE SEEDMAN** presented Phil Chow for his first meeting. **HERSH DAVIS** introduced Hasan Musa, attending for the fourth time.

care about that is not a passive association. As a young girl she spent hours drawing houses. Fast forward three decades, she draws clients to them. Around delivering solutions to needs, she is grateful for the ability and capacity to cultivate spirit in the communities she serves. She looks forward to community building alongside Rotarians.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**NADA DJOMEHRI** shared her keen interest in cultivation--gardens, groups, communities--and shared that her motto is "building an inclusive future" but



says that that does not come with a magic button to press. It requires a lot of passion and a commitment to consistency supported by a group like ours. She believes in building communities that commit to challenges they didn't think they could do alone. She feels energized by delivering an "uplifting vibration" with like-minded people who share a belief and share in the passion. Still, someone needs to roll up their sleeves and say, "I'm going to cultivate this." To her a community is a group of people who are drawn together about something they care about that continues to compel people to work together. That implies two things: one is that you don't just show up once and you keep showing up with others plus it's consistency whether it's a cause you care about, an activity you love or a hobby you

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

**RALPH ADAMS** joined in honor of the 50th anniversary of his 29th birthday.



**TODD LEWIS** joined to recognize KAREN'S leadership, as well as last



Saturday's Canopy Tree Walk around Palo Alto. It was followed by a great lunch in Anne and **DUANE KALAR'S** beautiful yard.

## MEMBER CARE

The We Care Committee circulated a card for **NINA MOORE** who is recuperating from a serious accident. She appreciates cards and phone calls from Rotarians. Thank you **JULIE**

**JEROME** for bringing the card for us to sign. Contact **IRIS KOROL** for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & SOCIALS

**August 15<sup>th</sup> ALL Zoom Only** CLUB meeting. One week only: Elks Lodge Cell tower electrical work prohibits use of their meeting room that day.

KAREN thanked **MATT DOLAN** and **CAROLE WHITEHILL** for hosting the July Social/TGIF at CAROLE's lovely home last Friday.

**POP-UP Event:** Sunday, August 28--Tour Palo Alto High School, 1:30-3:00, led by retired math teacher Arne Lim. Organized by **GLORIA HOM**. RSVP online.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

ANNE CRIBBS	SUSAN LUTTER
DARYL SAVAGE	DANA TOM
KARAE LISLE	LEE PFAB
DAN QUINN	HANNA MERK
HENRIETTA BURROUGHS	
CARI TEMPLETON	MARK STEVENSON

## PROGRAM

**DANA TOM** introduced **Daniel Ho**. He is Director of Regulation, Evaluation and Governance (RegLab). With a broad range of academic



interests, he is well suited for that role. Dr. Ho is a Stanford Law Professor, Professor of Political Science, and Senior Fellow of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. He is also Senior Director for the Stanford Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence and Faculty Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Ho serves on the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Commission (NAIAC), advising the White House on artificial intelligence. Ho received his

J.D. from Yale Law School and Ph.D. from Harvard University and clerked for Stephen F. Williams on the U.S Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Professor Ho's topic "Breaking Bureaucracy," was about how the Stanford lab he directs is applying multiple disciplines such as law, social science, data science and AI to solve problems that governments face.

He said that bureaucracy is "kind of a dirty word." He noted that we rely on the government to tackle the most complex challenges of the day, protecting the vulnerable environment in public health.

There is a hidden crisis-- actually crises. We haven't given Federal Departments the resources they need to do the tasks we need them to do on things like water pollution from industrial farming. Prof Ho laid out how Stanford and others can, partner with these Federal and State Departments with great positive effect

The RegLab has been hard at work building bridges to form partnerships local and national, to actually envision what it would look like if we could have a kind of R&D engine for government. He presented three examples: IRS, EPA and work with Santa Clara County Public Health. Dr. Ho's goal is to build an engaged, impact-oriented Stanford moving forward to create a partnership with the government that is the best Silicon Valley can offer.

Dr. Ho stopped and called for questions. HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, MATT DOLAN, and DANA TOM asked questions and time was up.

Dr. Ho can be found speaking on YouTube on this topic. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJm5Fd-uceE&t=4s>].

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

With thanks to our speaker and everyone for attending today, **KAREN** rang the closing bell. Following are some events not to be missed:

\*Chili and Chill: Saturday, August 20, 5:00 PM  
**LIZ KNISS'** backyard, come for **Rick's** famous chili, **BETSY BECHTEL'S** cornbread!  
 Entertainment by PA Players Director and Rotarian **ELIZABETH SANTANA** & members of the Palo Alto Players..

\$75 donation to our Annual Charities, 16 spots available. Contact: **Betsy** to sign up.

\* **San Francisco Art Insider Tour** --Thursday, August 25, 9 am-5 pm. \$100 donation to Annual Charities led by **Megan and TODD LEWIS**. Contact **TODD** to sign up.

\* **The Rotary Cranks** cycle group meets Saturday and/or Sunday, 9 am. For details, Contact: **LE LEVY** or **PATTY MCGUIGAN**

\* DISTRICT 5150 EVENT --**Wheelchair Distribution Trip, Monterey, Mexico**, October 19-23, 2022, sponsored by Howard Tours and Rotary Clubs with Wheelchair Foundation.



## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Mike McMahon**

Room Set-up: **Hersh Davis**

Welcome Desk & Cashier: **Katie Seedman**

Zoom Host: **Ben Threlkeld, with Dana Tom**

Microphones: **Steve Emslie, Richard Keller**

Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

August 8	<b>John Leshy, Professor Emeritus, UC Hastings Law</b> Our Common Ground, A History of America's Public Lands
August 15	<b>Larry Diamond, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford U.</b> American Democracy Imperiled: Threats and Remedies
August 22	<b>Hands-on Backpack Project at the Elks Event Center</b> for the Grateful Garment Project
August 26	<b>TGIF: Matt Dolan's home. 5:30-7:30 PM</b>
August 29	<b>Dr. Gloria Hom, Educator, Community Volunteer,</b> The Bayside Cannery: The Story of Thomas Foon Chew. Personal and local history.
September 5	<b>Labor Day. DARK.No meeting</b>