

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

September 19, 2022



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WELCOME



President **KAREN RODHE** belled the meeting to order at 12:30, and called for members to introduce their guests.

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF brought Alex Comsa, City Council candidate; **STEVE PLAYER**, Amy

Yotopoulos, CEO Avenidas; **LE LEVY**, Olenka Villarreal, founder of Magical Bridge Playgrounds; **GINNY LEAR**, Simon Pennington, Foothill College; **RALPH ADAMS**, wife Kathy; **STANS KLEIJNEN**, Lotus Lee Fong.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

DIANA DIAMOND talked about interaction with another kind of community--strangers. She grew up being told, "Don't talk to strangers." "Beware of kidnapping." She considered how little she talks to strangers, eg. Farmer's Market or in a doctor's office. Last week she was at her doctor's office and all waiting were told the doctor was running one and a half hours late. All decided it was worth the wait. Waiting patients slowly started talking with each other. By the end of the wait, email addresses were being exchanged. In the end, talking with strangers led to creation of a new community of "neighbors."



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

REBECCA GERALDI introduced **MARCO MAINA**, Executive Director, Gamble Gardens. A native of Brazil, he has lived and worked in Latin America, Canada and the US. He has served as Executive Director with Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA. He plays the pan flute and loves hiking. He looks forward to continuing to serve in Rotary and welcomes its camaraderie and friendship.



MEMBER PULSE SURVEY RESULTS

Report from the Member Pulse Survey: **KAREN** thanked the 47 members who responded, 41%. The Board reviewed all of the responses to questions on **What to Stop, Start, and Continue**. The Board focused on those with at least three interests.

[Click on this link to read President KAREN's full report on the results.](#) Very interesting.

TODAYS PROGRAM



GINNY LEAR introduced our speaker, **Bernadine Chuck Fong**. Having served as President for 12 years nearly 15 years ago, Foothill College was so fortunate to have her agree to return as the interim President. A Palo Alto native and

three degree graduate of Stanford University, as was her father before her, education has been the focus of Bernadine's whole career. Right now, she also directs several leadership initiatives for the Stanford U. Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education. She is a former member of the Stanford University Board of Trustees.

She noted that Foothill College, founded in 1957, is celebrating its 65th anniversary. She highlighted Foothill's involvement in community partnerships with Stanford. Foothill's tuition is \$1,500 per year. While current enrollment is down to 10,600, due to the pandemic, enrollment is increasing demographic diversity and experiential learning. Also, since the 2017-18 year, Bachelor Degrees have been available, moving beyond Associate Degrees. Dental Hygiene has been added as a major. Other vocations will soon be added..

Over 22,000 K-12 teachers have participated in training at the Krause Center for Innovation. Foothill has increased STEM partnerships with Stanford which focus on male and female and ethnic diversity. In addition, Middle College continues for Palo Alto and Mountain View - Los Altos High School students as well as courses at 18 high schools.

In the future, more attention will move to include virtual and augmented reality and campuses abroad in eight countries. Work with the Magical Bridge Foundation will focus on a child developmental program with adults,

children and people with disabilities. Bernadine wants to engage the public and is looking for members on their advisory board.

Questions included housing and housing insecurity for students since there are no dorms, especially for international students. **RALPH ADAMS** noted that former Palo Alto Rotarian, the late Bob Smithwick was a founding Foothill College Board member. Bernadine said to check the website for services available from the Foothill pet clinic. Bernadine was commended for becoming a new Los Altos Rotarian.

FUN INSTANT FUNDRAISER

PATTY MCQUIGIAN shared a personal Rotary Endowment promotion of a book sale. The children's books are **Leonardo and The Time Travelers** who are Patty's grandsons, going on a fictional adventure. There is also a second book. **Leonardo's Magic Sketchbook** for younger children. Patty will donate \$20 to the Rotary Endowment for each book sold. **STEVE EMSLIE** dressed as Leonardo Di Vinci on Monday while PATTY sold at least 10 books.

SERVICE CORNER

Wednesday, October 12th – Distribute Food at Nuesta Casa: 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Contact Charlie Weidanz or sign up at the link in email.

Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 am -- Olé 5k Benefit Race - Run/Walk at Bixby Nature Preserve, Palo Alto Baylands

* All proceeds from your registration will go to support our club's World Community Service (WCS) project addressing Type II diabetes at the Clinica del Pueblo in Oaxaca, Mexico

* The Olé is a live race happening in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to support the Clinica. We will be holding a companion "virtual" event at



the Bixby Nature Preserve in Palo Alto on the same date at 8:00 am. JOIN **TIM WATSON** and Register for the race here **Choose the “Virtual Olé 5K” option.** The cost is \$25 and includes a Race T-shirt showing Rotary as a Sponsor. Use the code "ROTARY" at check-out and the race organizers will waive the shipping fee and ensure your entry fees go towards our project at the Clinica.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAREN welcomed our new member, **MARCO**, and thanked members and guests who attended and those who made the meeting possible today. **REBECCA** will stay at the check-in table, after the meeting as needed, to provide tech support for uploading ClubRunner to your phones.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Tom Gracon, Bruce Swenson**
 Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
 Room Set-Up: **Hersh Davis**
 Zoom Host: **Ben Threlkeld**
 Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

September 24 10 am-4 pm	Green and Electrified Home Tour * Register for free: https://eventbrite.com/e/green-home-tour-tickets-379422852967 Contact GEOFF BALL or CASH ALAEE for details
September 26 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Tom Fingar, Shorenstein APARC Fellow, FSI, Stanford China and US-China Relations: How Bad Is It?
September 30 5:30-7:30 pm	TGIF: Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo
October 3 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Palo Alto City Council Candidates Forum Bonnie Packer, Moderator
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October 12 2:00- 4:00 pm 4:00- 6:00 pm	Distribute Food at Nuestra Casa: Contact Charlie Weidanz
October 15 9 am-2:30 pm	2022 Avenues of Service Mission College, 3000 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara