

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## WELCOME

President **KAREN ROHDE** called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. She asked for Rotarians with guests: **ED LAUING** introduced his wife, Claire, and **TOM GRACON** introduced his wife, Helen. Two visiting Rotarians from Palo Alto University Rotary Club, Jo RoyC and Jim Lang, came to observe our hybrid meeting techniques.



Before calling for today's Thought, KAREN told us that **JUDITH STEINER's** husband, **Hans**, had passed away this morning. We send our condolences. Also, **WALT HAYS** is nearing the end of his days. **DAN QUINN** said it's still OK to email wife, Kay, or WALT.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



**BETSY BECHTEL** offered: "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J... "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."... "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much" – Helen Keller.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

**BRUCE GEE** joined in honor of his and Jane's 30th wedding anniversary.

**LE LEVY**, a multiple donor, joined for \$10, because he lost a bet to **ROGER SMITH** on a college football game.

**LEANNAH HUNT** joined the Presidents Club in honor of her recent 6 weeks drive of 10,000 miles across the USA - coast to coast, an all round great adventure!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KAREN** thanked the Social Committee, led by **MATT DOLAN** and **CAROLE WHITEHILL** for a fun, mid-week Happy Hour at the Homewood Suites last Wednesday, enjoyed by all who attended. We strengthen the bonds of friendship and build community. Next up is our monthly TGIF to be hosted at the home of **BETSY & George Bechtel**.

Last Saturday, over 200 Rotarians in our District 5170, convened at Mission College for our 2022 Avenues of Service Showcase. Palo Alto Rotary's table featured our Global Uplift Project to build a "Save a Girl" Sewing Center in Tanzania, the goal of which is to provide girls in Africa and India with reusable menstrual kits that will allow them to stay in school. Without access to these kits, they lose 5 days of school every month. These kits, which cost about \$6 to make, can keep a girl in school so she can continue her education

and fulfill her potential – that’s an enormous return on investment.

This year’s Keynote speaker was Randy Haykin, who spoke on Imagining Success to Significance – Making Impact. In 2010, Randy founded The Gratitude Network. Randy told the story of how, when he turned 50, he decided that each day, for 365 days, he would post something that he was grateful for. This helped him realize how much he had and how he could use that to give back to others.

ROTARIANS then broke into small groups to discuss, in four minutes, various things for which they were grateful, naming a person, place, thing and favorite food.

## QUARTERLY FUNDRAISING

As a reminder, KAREN then presented an overview of the quarterly fundraising for our organization, which is required for it to meet its organizational and charitable objectives.

**First quarter** focuses on Membership Dues which pays for our Rotary International & District Dues, and our Club Operations.

**In October**, we focus on raising money for The Rotary Foundation (which includes specific donations to Polio Plus). Approximately 50% of our Rotary Foundation donations come back to our Club for International Service Projects (Global Grants).

**Then comes** our Annual Charities Fundraiser, **April 15, 2023**, at Mitchell Park, which, along with President’s Club Donations and our Endowment Fund direct contribution, funds our vocational scholarships, local community grants, youth programs, and small grant International Service Projects, like the Global Uplift Project.

**In the fourth quarter**, we fundraise for our Endowment Fund.

## TODAY’S PROGRAM

**BETSY BECHTEL** introduced the speaker, **Thomas W. Kellerman**, a Senior Counsel with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in their Palo Alto office. He is a volunteer with the Palo Alto League of Women Voters. Tom came to present “the Pros and Cons of the November 8<sup>th</sup> Ballot Propositions.” Tom gave an overview of the 7 state propositions, as well

as measures K and L, the two for Palo Alto only. Tom provided information without advocating for a particular position or conclusions.

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KAREN** thanked Tom for sharing his analysis of the various propositions. She also thanked everyone who volunteered for today’s meeting and those who attended in the room and on Zoom.

## TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Cash Alae**, **Steve Emslie**

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

Room Set-Up: **Hersh Davis**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

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<b>October 24</b> Weekly meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	<b>William Gould IV, Law Professor, Stanford U.</b> Diary of a Contraband -The Civil War Passage of a Black Sailor
<b>October 27</b> 7-8:00 pm Zoom	<b>WCS Committee Meeting</b>
<b>October 28</b> 5:30-7:30 pm	<b>TGIF, Home of Betsy and George Bechtel</b>