

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

October 24, 2022



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## WELCOME

Our current President **KAREN ROHDE** called the meeting to order exactly 30 Octobers after **Gloria Hom**, our clubs first woman President, rang meetings to order.

President-elect **LIZ KNISS** asked for any guests. **KAREN** invited her guest, Sophie Schoen, a Rotary Scholar, visiting from Germany for several months, shared her happiness at being in Palo Alto



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**GEOFF BALL** shared a story about conflict resolution, finding points of agreement, focusing on priorities to aligning opposing positions to the best outcome. Building consensus brings people together, building community by removing conflicts. A wonderful story about bringing people together.

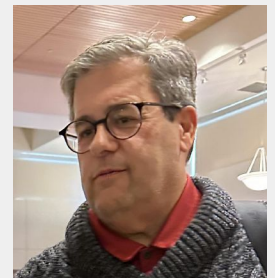


## PRESIDENTS CLUB

Last week we missed reporting a very special Presidents Club announcement - **ED LAUING**, whose wife **Claire** attended with him, announced that they had become first time grandparents. Their special gift is named **Naomi Louise**.

**TIM WATSON:** WCS Bike Ride for Oaxaca Mexico. Fellow Rotarians joined in cycling and enjoyed the time together.

**MATT DOLAN:** Homewood Suites employee Anne Berry who is a placement with AbilityPath job program for disabled adults received Employee of the Year at the San Antonio Regional Center Service Above Self Awards event.



**HAL MICKELSON:** Recognized **Rishi Sunak** the 57<sup>th</sup> UK Prime Minister, being a 2006 Stanford alum, earning his MBA.

**PATTY MCGUIGAN:** At Books, Inc, Patty is having a book signing **October 26<sup>th</sup>** for **"Leonardo"**. She may even be in costume. **TODD LEWIS** joined with Congratulations to **BRUCE GEE** for everything, everywhere, all the time.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Care Committee: JULIE JEROME** shared news that **JUDITH STEINER's** husband Hans had recently passed away. A condolence card was passed for all to sign. It will be sent to Judith. If you are aware of a fellow Rotarian needing well wishes, contact JULIE or STEVE PLAYER.

**TGIF: Friday October 28th, 5:30-7:30 pm,** home of **Betsy and George Bechtel**. Plan to enjoy the final TGIF of 2022. No tricks, just the treat of enjoying a gathering with your fellow Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation Chair **CASH ALAEE:** October 24 is **World Polio Day**.

**Spin to End Polio** on Sunday 11.13.22.

**LINNET KWOK, HERSH DAVIS, LE LEVY** are hosting this returning fun event at the Jewish Community Center. To register and/or contribute: contact [linnetkwok@hotmail.com](mailto:linnetkwok@hotmail.com). Post-ride lunch is planned. All funds raised receive a 3x Gates Foundation match.

**CASH ALAEE,** Reported on the events of **Sibling Cities USA**, Palo Alto event November 11-13, 2022. Hosted in combination with the Palo Alto University Rotary Club, representatives from Bloomington, Indiana will visit and participate in a full program of events at Stanford and select locations in Palo Alto. Contact **CASH** with questions or interest in participating.



## SERVICE CORNER

**Veterans Day, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>,** Flags on Rotary will place Flags on University at **7:00 am** and remove them at **5:00 pm**. Meet at Cowper and University in the morning, High and University in the evening.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### LARRY KLEIN

introduced our speaker **William B. Gould IV**, law professor at Stanford University who presented his book "Diary of a Contraband". The contraband was his great grandfather an American slave who escaped from North Carolina, joined the United States Navy, and served in the military through the Civil War. From there William Gould began his life as a free man. The Union Army classified captured slaves as contraband, not prisoners thereby protecting the captured from a return to slavery.



William's post-Civil War life is documented through his diary discovered by his family. A rare find, his diary provides a highly documented and eloquent recording of his military experience, career, and family life

with impeccable penmanship. As a free man he was a plasterer who became a contractor, community and religious leader who made great contributions on local and national levels. Married in



1865 William and his wife raised eight children, four who were military veterans and one son serving in the Spanish- American War. At his passing on May 23, 1923, the local Dedham, MA paper ran the headline East Dedham loses leading citizen and is now honored with a street marker near an antebellum home where he worked in slavery. In 2021, nearby his home, William B. Gould Park was named in his honor. Our speaker was in attendance there.

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS



**President KAREN** thanked our speaker, and all for attending. She reminded everyone to check emails for lists of our many upcoming service and social activities and events.

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Simon Pennington, Le Levy**  
 Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**  
 Meeting Set-Up: **Hersh Davis**  
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**  
 Microphone: **Charlie Weidanz**  
 Pinion writer: **Matt Dolan**  
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

October 27 <b>7-8:00 pm</b> <b>Zoom</b>	<b>World Community Service</b> Committee meeting
October 28 <b>5:30-7:30 pm</b>	<b>TGIF - Home of Betsy &amp; George Bechtel</b>
October 31 Club meeting <b>12:15-1:30 pm</b>	<b>Jennifer Mercieca, Professor, Texas A&amp;M</b> <i>Polarization, Propaganda, and Communication That's Good for Democracy</i>
November 1 <b>11:30-12:30 pm</b>	<b>Membership</b> Committee Meeting By Zoom
November 2 <b>2:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Casa Nuestra</b> Food Distribution
November 3 <b>12:00 -1:30 pm</b>	Program Committee meeting on Zoom
November 6 <b>1:30 - 4:30 pm</b>	Sign up to Usher for <b>Palo Alto Players</b> "Beauty & the Beast"
November 7 Club meeting <b>12:15-1:30 pm</b>	<b>3 Long time member talks:</b> Always a favorite!
November 8 <b>All Day</b>	<b>Election Day!</b>