# **Palo Alto Rotary Pinion**

November 7, 2022



Chartered: May 1, 1922

### **WELCOME**



President **KAREN** opened this meeting temporarily displaced to the upstairs room due to the Elks hosting a location for voting.

We had no visitors or guests today.

# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Next up was **STEVE EMSLIE** to present the Thought for the Day. He had selected an appropriate Walt Whitman poem originally presented on Election Day, November 1884.

# **NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY HONORS**

First LEANNAH HUNT lead us in a Pledge of Allegiance before the President recognized the following club member veterans: RALPH ADAMS, KEVIN CURRY, ED DANGLER, BILL FOGARTY, WALT HAYS, DUANE KALAR, ROB LANCEFIELD, DICK MANSFIELD, MIKE McMAHON, DON MORGAN, PETER SHAMBORA, ART STAUFFER, GEORGE WHEATON, JACK WOODSON, GEOFF ZIMAN.

# **PRESIDENTS CLUB**

**CASH ALAEE** was the first to make a contribution to the President's Club and he made it to honor President Karen for her great

job performance and provision of Halloween candy treats. **LIZ KNISS** made her contribution to mention her recent New York trip and her



enjoyment of the Palo Alto Players musical "Beauty and the Beast". **BRUCE GEE** joined to make multiple recognitions – to **DANA** 

TOM and BEN
THRELKELD for doing the club hybrid set-up; to
MIKE McMAHON for his work booking RI
Foundation and PA Rotary Endowment contributions and doing all our tax filings - as well to acknowledge the great work done by all our public servants. During her presentation later in



the meeting, **IRIS KOROL** also joined the President's Club to honor our President KAREN.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT - WE CARE**

**DANA TOM** reported that **WALT HAYS** was holding on bravely and would welcome contact. Call The Sequoias in Portola Valley to speak to him.

# **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

JOOP VERBAKEN ably led a community song



- November Birthda

  \* Pam Brandin
- Oliver Coolidge
  Liz Kniss
- Matt Dolan
   Todd Lewis
   Art Stauffer
- celebrate the birthdays this month of PAM BRANDIN, OLIVER

rendition to

COOLIDGE, LIZ KNISS, MATT DOLAN, TODD LEWIS and ART STAUFFER

# **SERVICE and SOCIAL CORNER**

November 9th Happy Hour is at the Homewood Suites from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The following provided ushering service at the



recent Sunday PA Players performance of "Beauty and the Beast": NADA & SABRA DJOMEHRI, REBECCA GERALDI, ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, LIZ KNISS, GINNY LEAR, STEVE MADSEN, HASAN MUSA, DANA TOM & NANCY KAWAKITA. On Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11 there will be a need for members to provide service by posting and removing flags on University Avenue in conjunction with our sibling University Rotary Club. Set up will start at 7:00 AM at the corner of Cowper & University. Take down will start at 5:00 PM at High and University.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A separate email notice has been sent out regarding the special events involved in welcoming the visitors from our Sibling City, Bloomington, Indiana, this coming weekend.

Of special note is the Climate Collaboration Summit that our club is co-sponsoring. This will take place on Saturday, November 12 from 12:30 to 4 PM at Gunn High School. For more details contact **CASH ALAEE or GEOFF BALL.** 

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DRIVE

cash alaee promoted the drive to make donations to The Rotary Foundation by presenting slides that showed the Rotary Areas of Focus and the various levels of recognition for Paul Harris Fellows. This was followed up by a display of the particulars and goals of the



Healthy Start Project that our club is supporting in Guatemala. Members were reminded of the special club "Spin to End Polio" event at 11 AM at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, November 13. To underline the importance of the work undertaken by the Rotary Foundation a short video was shown which concluded with the tag "No limit to what we can do"

# **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

**JIM SUTHERLAND** introduced the program talks of three long-time members. First up



was our Past President IRIS KOROL who spoke of her start in the East Coast and then her travels with her husband Hal in his medical career and military service that even included a 2 year stint in Mississippi. She has four children and started her career in

public administration before settling into fundraising and professional development with emphasis on non-profits. The three most important elements in her life are family, friends and community. **JULIE JEROME** described her career as a devoted community



volunteer. She reviewed the many organizations where she has been actively involved. These included the PA Partners in Education, The PA Community Fund, The PA Women's Club, The PTA and School Board, The Foundation for College,

The PA Community Child Care and the Environmental Volunteers Organization. The third speaker was our Past President **BRIAN STEEN** who started his career with a BS in Forest Recreation from Iowa State University. From there he described his work as a

member of a stand improvement crew and then as a fire prevention technician in Big Sur. In his public relations role he encountered the actor Sidney Portier who wanted to inspect the fires while still dressed in his bathrobe. Brian later was involved in the



Big Sur Land Trust and the Sempervirens Fund. He concluded his remarks by showing the illustrated Viewshed book that secured a critical \$25 million in forestry donations.

# **CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President KAREN** thanked our speakers, and all for attending. There are lots of activities and committee meetings coming up. Check the website, and Red Badgers can contact KAREN to get more info, if needed.

# **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS**

Greeters: **Stans Kleijnen, Hasan Musa** Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Geraldi,** 

**Katie Seedman** 

Meeting Set-Up: **Bruce Winterhof** Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld** 

Pinion writer: **Geoff Ziman**Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear** 

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS	
November 11 Veterans Day 7:00 am start just this year	Rotarians place Flags on University Ave. 7 am. meet: Cowper 5 pm meet: High St.
November 11-13 Many Activities. Check Club emails	Bloomington Rotary Club Visits Palo Alto Rotary and City
November 12 12:30 - 4:00 PM no cost, but please register here: www.tinyurl.com/no v12climate.	Climate Collaboration Summit Gunn High School Arastradero Road Palo Alto
November 13 11:00-11:45 AM	Spin to End Polio \$79, Matched 2:1 JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
November 14 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Cornelia Weill, former USAF Colonel, Judge Advocate Gender Strategies in War