

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

December **12, 2022**



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WELCOME

President **KAREN** belled the meeting to order at 12:32. She then explained that the West Bay Opera had to cancel their performance due to COVID. Therefore, the meeting would be redirected.



She invited President-elect **LIZ KNISS** to welcome Rotarians with guests. **ANNE CRIBBS** introduced Joy Ocha; **DICK MANSFIELD** introduced his wife Ellie, of 63 years; and **KEVIN CURRY**, his wife Jane.



Club Board Business: **KAREN** acknowledged that at the second meeting in December the members vote on the proposed slate of club officers slated to serve from July 1, 2022 to June 2023. With a nomination by President-elect **LIZ**,

seconded by **LEANNAH HUNT**, and a unanimous voice vote, the next club Board and two Endowment Trustees were elected. List is posted at the end of this newsletter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

EJ HONG offered her thoughts: I think that one of the key components of community is mentorship and one of the best gifts we can give in all seasons of life. Mentorship can change the trajectory of someone's life.



After my mother died when I was 17, my high school teacher mentored me, encouraged me, and we are still friends to this day. She incidentally is a white woman who grew up in the South all her life. Her mentorship changed the trajectory of my life. Being an immigrant to this country and having immigrant parents, I did not know how to navigate American life or act in ways that were healthy and thriving rather than in immigrant survival mode.

What I have appreciated about Rotary are the people willing to mentor and be generous with your time, your advice, your insights, your encouraging words, your money. You never know how you may change the trajectory of someone else's life.

Here's the link to our club's favorite singing daughters, Natalie & Nicole Hong's duet:
O Holy Night (Cantique de Noël) - Natalie & Nicole ...

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY on Wednesday

Still time to sign up. No cost. **December 14, 5:30-7:30 pm**, Gamble Gardens, celebrate the season!

<https://forms.gle/Amx6hKwXoMhLJJHcA>

PRESIDENTS CLUB

SALLY TOMLINSON in honor President KAREN; **GEOFF ZIMAN** in honor of a new great- grandson; **DICK MANSFIELD**, celebrating on December 13 his 88th birthday and will no longer drive to Rotary meetings (but there is Zoom!!); **MIKE McMAHON** gave to the Endowment Fund to honor a football victory by RALPH ADAMS' favorite team; **LIZ KNISS** celebrated the wonderful Board members for next year; Shoshana, **GEOFF's** daughter, also celebrated the new baby in the family; and **EJ HONG** thanked TRISH for bringing her back into action.

TODAY'S SUBSTITUTE FOR PROGRAM

KAREN announced there were personally baked gingerbread cookies at the tables and a packet with holiday snowflakes. She asked folks at the tables to discuss their favorite holiday music and to create a playlist. Break out groups for Zoomers were asked to do the same. **BRIAN STEEN** noted online that he loved having sung Handel's Messiah.

Next KAREN moved to the Artemis splash down and engaged members in a Moon Landing exercise to rank 15 items of importance they had access to while stranded on the moon. The exercise was apparently designed by NASA twenty years ago as an "expert analysis."

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

With a ring of the bell, **KAREN** thanked everyone for their flexibility with changes in the program. She urged people to sign up for the remaining holiday party spaces. She urged all to enjoy the holidays and looks forward to seeing them in the new year. She adjourned the meeting at 1:28.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Ginny Lear**
Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald**,
Katie Seedman
Meeting Set-Up: **Bruce Winterhof**
Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**
Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

FY23-24 Board Elections

FY23-24 Palo Alto Rotary Club Board		FY23-24 Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Board	
President	Liz Kniss	Betsy Bechtel	Term Expiring 6/25
President Elect	Rebecca Gerald	Mike McMahon	Term Expiring 6/25
Past President	Karen Rohde		
Secretary	Ginny Lear		
Treasurer	Linnet Kwok		
Membership	(Open)		
Club Service	Steve Emslie		
Club Operations	Len Ely		
Vocational Service	Henrietta Burroughs		
Community Service	Charlie Weidanz		
International Service	Stans Kleijnen		
Youth Service	Bruce Gee		

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

December 14 5:30-7:30 pm Please Register	Member Holiday Party Gamble Gardens 1431 Waverley St. PA
December 19th and 26th January 2, 2023 No Meetings	Happy Holidays! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 4, 2023 2-4:00 and 4-6:00 pm	Nuestra Casa Food Packing & Distribution
January 9, 2023 First Club meeting of the New Year! 12:15-1:30 pm	New Member Talks Lee Pfab, Ed Shikada, Carole Hall Whitehill

