

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

February 13, 2023



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WELCOME

After opening the meeting, President Karen moved promptly to welcoming the only visitor. She was Joy Oche, the on-line guest of **ANNE CRIBBS**.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

HENRIETTA BURROUGHS

enlightened us on how collaborative effort can build community. She explained how a San Mateo County coalition had come together during the COVID pandemic and the positive results obtained. By working together, we can build communities where we can all stay healthy and thrive.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



REBECCA GERALDI inducted on-line a new member **SUSAN LAM**, an RN whose classification is Healthcare. SUSAN comes to us from Avenidas where she works in outpatient cardiac rehabilitation and clinical outreach.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JOOP VERBAKEN lead a vocal February birthday

greeting to members

KAREN KEINZLE, HAL MICKELSON, JACKIE WHEELER, ROB LYMAN, ZAFAR IQBAL, JON STOUMEN, GAIL HILSTROM, RICHARD

KELLER, IRIS KOROL, TOM GRACON, DUANE KALAR, STANS KLEIJNEN and DENNIS MCGINN.



NEW MEETING LOCATION

Our last Monday at the Elks' Club will be February 27.

President **KAREN** explained that we were informed our contract with the Elks' Club will end on February 27. In looking for a new meeting place the primary criteria were the ability to accommodate a hybrid format together with affordable and flexible lunch/beverage pricing. The room/luncheon task force led by **STEVE EMSLIE** and **BRUCE GEE** have settled on the **Baylands Café at the Palo Alto Golf Links Clubhouse** located on Embarcadero Road toward the Baylands. This establishment has been updated. Their Food and Beverage Manager is a fellow

Rotarian from the Millbrae Club who is very willing to work with us. **Our first meeting there will be on Monday, March 6.**

RHYME TIME



LE LEVY, briefly, took the podium to grumble about the fact that it was difficult to find words that rhyme with our current Elks' and future Golf location

names. We're going to a Links course. Luckily, **Links** is an easy rhyming word.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

TRISH BUBENIK offered to donate \$25 to the President's Club for every person who signs up to present a "Thought for the Day" in the month of March. This promptly produced four volunteers to drain \$100 from Trish's purse. **RYAN ELLIOTT** also joined the club in penance for his recent poor attendance and to honor **ROB LANCEFIELD**'s birthday.

TGIF SOCIAL EVENT: FEBRUARY 24

Our next social event will be a **TGIF** on the last Friday of the month, February 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rick & President-Elect **LIZ KNISS**. You may bring a guest and a bottle of your favorite beverage to share.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF

101 DONATIONS! A New Century of Giving
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! April 15, 5:30 pm. Mitchell Park Community Center. Planning for the annual fundraiser benefiting Palo Alto Rotary Charities is underway. Co-Chairing the Committee are **BRUCE GEE, REBECCA GERALDI, SALLY TOMLINSON and GINNY LEAR**. There will be two components: An on-line silent auction running from March 27 thru April 10 and on April 15, a Gala Crab and

Pasta Dinner where **STEVE PLAYER** will serve as Auctioneer for our special live auction. Tickets are \$100 per person, tables of 8 are available. Donations of auction items by members and other supporters are an essential element in achieving our fund-raising goals. Contact **SALLY TOMLINSON** with silent auction items or any questions on those. More to come...

DISTRICT 5170 ANNOUNCEMENTS

An "International Women's Day" event is planned for Sunday, **March 19**, at the San Jose Rotary Summit Center (\$60 for Rotarians, \$30 for guests).

The District Conference will take place Saturday, **April 29**, in a new one-day format at the Computer History Museum. More information is available for all of these District events as rotarydistrict5170.org.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Paul Harris Fellowship recognition emblems of appreciation for accumulated contributions

to The Rotary Foundation were presented at the meeting to **RYAN ELLIOTT** (Level 1), **TOM GRACON** (Level 3), **HERSH DAVIS** (Level 5) and on-line to **SHERRI SAGER** (Level 4)

Donations to The Rotary Foundation for this Rotary year are open through June 25, 2023.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

GINNY LEAR introduced our speaker **Tim Bond**, the Palo Alto TheatreWorks Artistic Director. Tim has an extensive and varied background in artistic direction which includes the Syracuse Stage, the Oregon Shakespeare



Festival, the Group Theatre in Seattle and the University of Washington School of Drama. Tim opened his talk by reminiscing on his family background with rich exposure in

the arts and how his love of theater and acting eventually developed. After 37 years, this has led Tim to his current position in the 53 year old TheatreWorks company just as COVID hit. Tim went on to describe some background to the various shows that have been or will be performed by his company. The company puts on 6-7 shows per year. Questions from RALPH ADAMS, GINNY LEAR, HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, KEVIN CURRY, JUDY KLEINBERG and DANA TOM covered how shows are selected, holiday shows, streaming, copyright considerations, musicals, competing for people's time, the importance of live theatre in schools as well as the limited availability of local show time slots.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

February 20
No meeting

PRESIDENTS DAY
DARK

February 27
Club meeting
12:15-1:30 pm

Mayor Lydia Kou
2023 in Palo Alto

March 6
Club meeting
12:15-1:30 pm

3 Longtime Member
Talks

1ST MEETING at
NEW LOCATION:
Baylands Cafe,
Palo Alto Golf
Links Clubhouse
1875 Embarcadero
Rd., Palo Alto

COVID VACCINATION POLICY

The Club Board has decided that proof of vaccination will no longer be a requirement for attendance at meetings.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Le Levy**

Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald**

Meeting Set-Up: **Hersh Davis**

Microphones: **Dana Tom**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**

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