

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

March 27, 2023



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WELCOME

President **KAREN** welcomed everyone and asked them to turn off cell phones. In our new venue, meals are charged by counting the silverware/napkin packages. Please take one only if eating lunch. Paper napkins are available for those having beverages only.

Rotarians with Guests: BRIAN STEEN introduced Tom Unwin from the U.K.; **DANA TOM** introduced Shana Segal; and **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS** introduced Ullrich Schwertschlag, a medical doctor in Palo Alto, for a second meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

ROB LANCEFIELD shared three examples of "building community."

As I thought about Building Community, I realized that the foundation of our love of the concept is our understanding that we are one humanity. I have personally experienced this sense of being part of one humanity. So have other people from widely different backgrounds. I'll give you three personal examples.

1. In 1994, as part of a Loveland, CO Rotary trip, I went to Saratov, Russia (about 400 miles south of Moscow) on my way to visit Kolb (Russian name Peskova), the ancestral poor, tiny village of my Volga-German ancestors. Kolb is in the boondocks, east of Volga on the Russian steppes (flat grassy plain). The Russians saw to it that our trip was successful! Russians revere their families just as we do ours. We are one humanity. We are a part of a larger community.

2. Last August, I met Clyde Horn, who lives in San Jose, near Los Gatos. Clyde is a combat-wounded Army veteran of the VietNam

War. He is a retired Marriage & Family Therapist. Clyde has seen the lifeless stares of his Army buddies and the VC, too. At the end of our lunch in Palo Alto, Clyde volunteered that he believed we are one humanity. Clyde clearly understands "building community."

3. A few weeks ago, Sharman, the African wife of my cousin, Neil, gave me a book. "All That She Carried." It's the story of how, for many generations, many poor, illiterate Black women in Mississippi wove their stories into family chronicles made of quilts and cotton sacks. On page 15, the book says "...there is one earth and one humankind." I hope you will agree building community is our natural outcome.

BLUE BADGE DAY



Membership Chair **REBECCA GERALDI** invited **ANNE CRIBBS** with her sponsors **STEVE EMSLIE** and **PATTY McGUIGAN**, along with **TOM DUBOIS** with his sponsor **ANNETTE GLANCKOPF** to come forward. Sponsors presented the Blue Badges to ANNE and TOM.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

SUSAN LUTTER joined in honor of **JAYNE BOOKER** who passed away on March 15. She then shared slides from the Rotary Cameroon trip that JAYNE had attended a few years ago. **NANCY PETERS** joined to thank **GINNY LEAR** for delivering NANCY's purse to her office, which NANCY had left at the Rotary meeting. **JUDITH STEINER** celebrated **JOOP VERBAKEN'S** choral performance in the Santa Clara Chorale (member 32 years) on March 24 at Mission Santa Clara. She also shared her delight in **KAREN'S** excellent service as club president.

TODD LEWIS encouraged folks to attend the TGIF on Friday at his home. He also encouraged members to consider attending Nathan Olivara's art exhibit at the Fresno Art Museum on April 8. He is renting a luxury bus to take folks to the exhibit, make a stop at one of the orchards owned by a group including TODD and BRUCE GEE, have a great barbeque--and assuring it's worth the \$200 fee. Email TODD if you are interested in the trip.

STEVE PLAYER celebrated the outstanding party where **JUDY KLEINBERG** celebrated her husband, Judge Jim, on his 80th birthday.

WE CARE FOR OUR MEMBERS

JULIE JEROME announced that cards were being circulated: **PETER SHAMBORA**, broke his knee; **GEORGE WHEATON**, bad reaction to chemotherapy; **JACKIE WHEELER'S** husband passed. **JAYNE BOOKER** passed on March 15 due to a rare and untreatable sarcoma, as a result of her radiation treatment. Her memorial service will be held in Wilmington, Delaware in April. Locally, friends had her mentioned Sunday at Stanford Memorial Church. The family asks that donations be made to TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, the National Peace Corps Association or St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park.

Her obituary is attached here:

[Obituary for Jayne M. Booker at Crippen & Flynn Woodside Chapel \(FD879\)](#)
crippenandflynnchapels.com

CLUB FUNDRAISER - APRIL 15th

101 DONATIONS! A New Century of Giving **SALLY TOMLINSON** took the podium to remind us that our club's annual fundraiser is set for April 15, starting at 5:30 pm, at Mitchell Park Community Center. **The On-Line Auction is LIVE! Access the silent auction here:**



<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/62180/auctions/139305>

Bid Early and Often!!

Sally highlighted some of the silent auction items-- Kate Spade's 101 Dalmation purse, lots of restaurants, hotels, and wine. Consider the Gamble Garden Tour & Luncheon, Art Tours, Gourmet Pizza Party, sailing the Bay on two different boats, or tasting NADA's Golden Backlava!!

SALLY also highlighted two **live** auction items

- *Madagascar Small Boat Tour
- *Mississippi River Voyage

SALLY thanked the new Silver Sponsors: **SUSAN LUTTER & JERRY UNDERDAL** **Tickets** for the Crab Feed and Pasta Dinner are **\$100 per person**, available online, or can be purchased at next Monday's meeting. If you'll be unable to attend, your best strategy is to make an online charitable contribution, not to buy a ticket that you don't intend to use. Knowing that tickets have been purchased by people who plan to use them will assist greatly in planning.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rotarian **EJ HONG** welcomed the Gunn High Choir and Bill Liberatore, Gunn Choir Director. EJ celebrated her 7 years working with Bill when her two daughters were choir



members. This introduction was given by E.J. “Bill Liberatore is the music director for TheatreWorks Silicon Valley which received the American Theatre Wing's Tony Award for Regional Theatre. He conducts 3 choirs at Gunn High School, and is passionate about teaching and equipping the youth. He is also the recipient of the Tall Tree Outstanding Professional Award this year.”



There were about 30 students and they performed a collection of complex and beautiful



choral songs in various languages, a cappella. They will be participating in a choral festival in New York in mid-April. And our support of the Gunn Choir allows Bill to provide scholarships to any student so there are no barriers due to financial constraints to life-changing choir trips.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President KAREN expressed a big Thank you! to **SALLY TOMLINSON** for kindly opening her home to a French family. Rotary District 1650 (Brittany, France) raised money to send a deaf child to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital for an operation to enable the child's hearing. **SALLY** has volunteered to host the parents from June 21 to July 12.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Leannah Hunt**

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

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**

Microphones: **Dana Tom**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 31 5:30-7:30 pm	TGIF: Home of TODD and MEGAN LEWIS
April 3 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Dr. Tom Keating, Palo Alto Adult School Principal, “A Caring Community of Lifelong Learners.”
April 5 2:00 - 6:00 pm	Distribute Food, Rise City Church Signup online or with Charlie Weidanz
April 5 6:30-8:30 pm	Youth Speech Contest, Area 9A & B Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 4320 El Camino Real Los Altos
April 10 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Michael Snyder, Chair, Department of Genetics, Stanford University School of Medicine “Transforming healthcare with Big Data and Wearables”
April 15 5:30 pm 101 Donations: A New Century of Service	Annual Dinner and Charities Fundraiser Mitchell Park, 3700 Middlefield Rd, PA