

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President **KAREN ROHDE** invited the introduction of LOTS OF GUESTS! We welcomed 6 guests today. **DARYL SAVAGE** brought her son Jacob Savage, as well as former



Palo Alto Police Chief Dennis Burns. **GLORIA HOM** introduced Heraldo Botelho, Jr., **DAN QUINN** introduced Jerry Patrick who is visiting for the second time, **TOM DUBOIS** introduced John St. Claire who also is a return visitor, and **IRIS KOROL** hosted Eric Jensen who is Business Operations Manager at the City of Palo Alto.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



**GLORIA HOM** focused on the global community of Rotary that she has discovered at about two dozen International Rotary

Conventions that she has attended! She has been inspired and has learned about other countries from fellow attendees as well as from the host country. This June, the convention is in Melbourne, Australia.

## CLUB CHARITIES FUNDRAISER WRAP-UP

**101 DONATIONS!** A New Century of Giving **REBECCA GERALDI** says to watch your emails for information about how to claim your winnings and how to pay for your items. Meanwhile, drumroll for the net revenue **(preliminary) ....**

Sponsorships:	\$42,300
Silent Auction:	\$11,915
Live Auction:	\$14,700
Charities/Fund-a-Need:	<u>\$22,985</u>
Growing Grand Total:	\$91,900

These numbers are a great result of member participation through donations and bids, which goes to support selected charities. Rebecca went through the various avenues of support that these funds offer to our local and global community, and expressed sincere thanks to all who participated in and supported this annual fundraiser. Many thanks to all! You can see photos from the event **here:** -----

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**DARYL SAVAGE** introduced our speaker, Santa Clara County **District Attorney Jeff Rosen**. Rosen first assumed office in 2011 and his current term ends in January 2027.

Mr. Rosen began by telling us that Rotary, it turns out, plays a role in his decision making. When considering a choice or an action, he often asks himself "Could I explain my decision to a Rotary club?" He sees Rotarians as spanning the political spectrum and willing to listen.

He spoke to us on the subject of **detention and bail**.

The fundamental question of bail and detention is whether we are going to hold this person in jail before trial, or if they are to be released, under what conditions.



Mr. Rosen covered the history of bail; constitutional and legal regulation of bail; commercial bail (company that provides bail); and the need to balance the presumption of innocence with public safety. He took us through the timeline of processing someone and making decisions about their bail or release, and how release is managed with an officer much like a parole officer. The problem is that DA offices operate with a Bail Schedule, which is a ranking of standard recommended bail amounts, and that is a cookie cutter approach that penalizes the poor. He believes that wealth should play no role. He advocates for moving towards no-cash bail. If they are dangerous, they should not be released. He gave some examples from his recent experience of decisions about release or bail. The DA may recommend holding someone on bail, but the judge decides. In three of his examples (outliers, he admits) the judges were too ready to release, resulting in further criminal activity. Asked if judges are being too lenient in general, he believes these recent cases have been sobering and that judges are being careful.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAREN highlighted a couple of **Earth Day** Events that we are co-sponsoring on April 21 and 22. You can volunteer to help, or, as **GEOFF BALL** encouraged, come by our table and chat. Geoff can give you any info you need.

The **TGIF on Friday, April 28**, will start at 6 instead of 5:30, at the **Moldaw Residences** (behind, at the JCC). Enter at the 899 East Charleston Road entrance (not Fabian entrance).

**PATTY MCGUIGAN** has a surprise planned for May 13, 2:00-4:00pm. Mark your calendar for we-don't-know-what.

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Patty McGuigan, Charlie Weidanz**

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

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Joop Verbaken**

Microphones: **Dana Tom**

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

<p><b>April 24</b> Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Josh Chin, WSJ China Bureau Chief</b> "Surveillance State: Inside China's Quest to Launch a New Era of Social Control"</p>
<p><b>May 1</b> Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>2023 Club Charitable Grant Recipients</b> Our Community Support at Work!</p>
<p><b>May 8</b> Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Philip Taubman, Stanford CISAC</b> In the Nation's Service: The LIfe and Times of George P. Schultz</p>

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