

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

May 1, 2023



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WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President **KAREN ROHDE** welcomed us all to this special May 1st meeting. Spoiler Alert! Check under May Birthday greetings!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Appreciating what those in your community bring...is the key to building community."

GINNY LEAR focused on how we build community in our own club every time we attend and when we provide a service to our community. It makes our club stronger. We give our time in many ways. GINNY, our Pinon editor, said there are needs right now for two **more Pinion writers and another meeting photographer** to share the work. The Pinion, with photos, is the record of our club's meetings. Please consider this request. Writers can attend in person or on Zoom. Training is provided.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Membership Chair **REBECCA GERALDI** helped us to welcome **ULRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG, MD, PhD**, into the club. He is a neighbor to his sponsor, **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS**. Welcome ULRICH!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

KAREN noted that we have 9 members with May birthdays, along with our own Palo Alto Rotary Club, today celebrating its **101st birthday, chartered May 1, 1922!** We were led in song by **JOOP VERBAKEN!**

CONGRATULATIONS LINNET

LINNET KWOK has graduated from our District 5170 Leadership Academy. This 9 month, intensive leadership program develops future Rotary Leaders with the capacity to increase Rotary's relevance and impact. At the District Conference, **LINNET** received her diploma from District Governor Savita and RI Presidential Representative Haresh.



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

An opportunity to serve in a joint service project at Hope's Corner is coming up on Saturday, May 20th. The Area 9 Rotary Clubs (Palo Alto, Palo Alto University, East Palo Alto/Bayshore, Mountain View and Los Altos) are holding a joint service project at Hope's Corner, a non-profit that serves free breakfasts and bag lunches every Saturday in downtown Mountain View.
•7:00 to 9:00 am – 8:45 to 11:00 am •Hope's Corner, 748 Mercy Street, Mtn. View Contact KAREN to sign up.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



The 2023 recipients of Palo Alto Rotary Charitable Community Grants

- **Vista Center for Blind & Visually Impaired** - vistacenter.org - (Alice Turner, Director of Community and Corporate Relations) - support programs for blind and visually impaired youth to acquire skills for daily living and take part and enjoy outdoor activities.
- **Adolescent Counseling Services** - acs-teens.org (Erin Carlson-Jones, Clinical Director)- to support its Mental Health Access for Youth Initiative during 2023, providing access to no/low-cost mental health screenings and a wide range of such services, both in-person or remotely.
- **Art in Action** - artinaction.org (Mary Carbullido, Executive Director) - to support the AiA arts education curriculum, art supplies, teacher support, and related lesson materials for 120 kindergarten students in four classrooms in the Ravenswood City School District for 2023-2024 school year.
- **Hidden Villa** - hiddenvilla.org (Gianna Fazioli, Development Manager) - to help provide full-day charter buses for eight 6th-12th grade classes from Ravenswood City School District and Sequoia Union School District so the students may participate in full-day immersive nature field trips.
- **Kara** - kara-grief.org (Jim Santucci, Executive Director) - to support the expenses

of their annual bereavement camp, Camp Kara, which is provided at no cost to families. The weekend of July 7-9, about 85 campers (ages 6-17) supported by trained volunteers and staff, have fun, develop meaningful new friends and practical coping tools to navigate their grief and loss.

- **Palo Alto Players** - paplayers.org (Elizabeth Santana, Executive Director) - to partner in providing approximately 350 students from schools in the nearby Peninsula to see a play. The grant will fully subsidize the cost of the special matinee, to open the theater for an additional show, royalties, artist, staff, and crew compensation, printed educational materials.
- **RAFT** - raft.net (Katherine Ball, Development Manager, Nivisha Mehta, Chief Development Officer) – to support a Title-1 school in Palo Alto or East Palo Alto to bolster Maker Mobile engagements for STEAM Project Kits and materials for educators serving up to 100 students and 20 educators.
- **Ada's Café** - adascafe.org - to help fund direct expenses associated with the opening of a wholesale jam, granola and dog biscuit social enterprise, now in production, focused on training and employment, based out of Ada's existing kitchen in Mountain View.
- **La Comida**– lacomida.org - to promote a return to all in-person dining for the senior nutrition program. They will develop public outreach materials, newspaper ads, etc., throughout the year. Meals are served at Stevenson House and First United Methodist Church in Palo Alto. In FY 2221-22, 988 unduplicated diners were served.

Our thanks to Grants Chair **BRUCE GEE** and the members of the Grants Committee for their careful work in selecting these worthy recipients of our charitable grant funds this year. You may contact any of these organizations to help or find more information at their listed websites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to **ARIELLE HENDEL** and **Moldaw Residences**, and **CAROLE WHITEHILL**, for our April TGIF Social.

President **KAREN** thanked the volunteers who ushered for Palo Alto Players on Sunday.



Rotary Endowment Fund Garden Party
"The Endowment that Keeps on Giving Back to Our Club"
Saturday, May 13th - 2:00 to 4:00 pm

PATTY MCGUIGAN'S Garden
Waverly Street, Palo Alto
Members and partners are welcome!



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Anne Cribbs, Joy Oche**
Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
Pinion writer/editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

May 4 12-1:30 pm	Program Committee meeting: contact SALLY Tomlinson
May 8 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Philip Taubman, Stanford CISAC In the Nation's Service: The Life and Times of George P. Shultz
May 10 8:00-9:30 am	Club Board Meeting Contact Karen Rohde
May 13 2-4:00 pm	Garden Party, Patty McGuigan's Garden For Endowment Fund
May 15 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Juliana Schroeder, Associate Professor, Management of Organizations at Berkeley Haas School of Business "Maximizing Social Value"
June 26 SAVE the DATE!	President KAREN's debunking