

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

May 8, 2023



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WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President **KAREN ROHDE** belled the meeting to order and asked that phones be silenced.

Rotarians with Guests: **GEOFF ZIMAN** introduced Nan Boden, membership chair, Pacific Skyline Boy Scout Council; **CAROLE WHITEHILL** introduced Ross Swimmer again.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

DIANA DIAMOND spoke about building community in the "American community"-- all of us in this country. She noted that we have become extremely divided, unmercifully partisan. She doubts that many of us in this country are excited about the rather sudden divide. We fit people into camps--the right and left, and many of us fear--or don't want to even talk to--the other side.



Can we do anything about this divide? No one seems to know, but if we try to find a common ground, we may realize that we can agree on some things--and that is a big step to take.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB



ROGER SMITH joined, noting that Condoleezza Rice honored Boy Scout leadership. **ART STAUFFER** joined to acknowledge that he had worked

with our recently passed Rotarian, **GEORGE WHEATON** at Stanford, and valued his long friendship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAREN thanked the **Nuestra Casa** volunteers--**RYAN ELLIOTT, ARIELLE HENDEL, DUANE KALAR, LIZ KNISS & CHARLIE WEIDANZ**, even though the event was canceled. The next opportunity is June 7.



She invited members to volunteer for **Hope's Corner**, Saturday, May 20 in downtown Mountain View with other Area 9 Rotary Clubs. There are two shifts: 7-9 am and 8:45-11 to serve breakfast and hand out sack lunches.

No meeting on Memorial Day, May 29. Members can just show up to place and/or take down **flags on University**, 8-8:30 am at University and Cowper and/or 5-5:30 pm. at the corner of University and High Street.

KAREN invited members to support Palo Alto Rotary Charities by signing up for the **Gamble Garden Tour and Luncheon** on Friday, May 19, 11 am to 1:30 pm. at \$75/person. Enjoy SALLY's vegetarian salads and NADA's grandfather's recipe for homemade baklava!! Contact SALLY TOMLINSON if interested.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Palo Alto Rotary's Endowment Garden Party is set for May 13, 2-4 pm in **PATTY McGUIGAN's** garden on Waverley Street.

BETSY BECHTEL reminded folks that the endowment, which began 20 years ago, has supported scholarships with \$1.2 million!! BETSY is president of the Endowment Board with **MIKE McMAHON**, Treasurer; **PETER SHAMBORA**, Secretary; members **DANA TOM, JULIE JEROME, TIM WATSON, & PATTY McGUIGAN**-- plus Ex Officio Members **KAREN ROHDE & LIZ KNISS**. By having these funds invested we are able to contribute 5% annually to support Rotary charities. Rotarians are invited to make donations of any size to the Endowment. Please join the garden party on Saturday.



TODAY'S PROGRAM



BETSY BECHTEL introduced our speaker Philip Taubman, Lecturer at Stanford University's Center for Informational Security and Cooperation. He is the author of "The Life and Times of George P. Shultz: In the Nation's Service." He explained that George Shultz

solved national and global problems during the last half of the 20th century. His quiet and effective leadership served at the heights of American power in the 1970s and 1980s. His legacy has even greater meaning now that the Shultz brand of conservatism has been erased from the modern Republican Party.

Shultz had a gift for forging relationships with people and harnessing the rapport to meet national and international challenges. As President Reagan's Secretary of State, his great intellect and understated ability nurtured relationships with representatives of the Soviet Union. With his leadership, he and Mikhail Gorbachev came close to abolishing nuclear weapons. Shultz's nuanced diplomacy while working with Gorbachev, was a major reason that the Cold War ended with a "whimper" rather than the nuclear "bang" we had all feared.

You can purchase Taubman's hardcover book for \$35 (496 pages). Receive 20% off at www.sup.org with code TAUBM20.

President KAREN thanked member volunteers today. Thanks to BETSY for introducing our speaker Philip Taubman for providing insights on the life of George Shultz. Thanks to members and guests for attending (roomers and Zoomers). Have a great week!!!

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Elizabeth Santana, Jenn Torai**
 Welcome Desk/Cashier: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**
 Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

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, Berkeley Haas School of Business "Maximizing Social Value"
May 22 Club meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Lara Akin , Psychology Professor, Simon Fraser University "Giving's Positive Impact on the Giver"
May 29 No meeting	Memorial Day Post and retire American flags on University Avenue 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
June 26 SAVE the DATE!	President KAREN's debunking