

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

June 12, 2023



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WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President **KAREN** opened the meeting by calling on **LIZ KNISS** to introduce our visitors. **JACK WOODSON's** guest was Stanford Professor Rick Shavelson and **DIANA DIAMOND's** guest was her neighbor Kwan Chan.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

E.J. HONG presented a personal example of how to build community by friendly acts of kindness.

MEMBERSHIP: GOING BLUE



JENN TORAI, who was sponsored by **ANNETTE GLANCKOPF**, was presented with her Blue Badge by **REBECCA GERALDI**

PRESIDENTS CLUB

CASH ALAEE joined to announce that he had completed his second masters degree in urban planning with pictures showing his graduating group. **BRIAN STEEN** joined to honor his 19th wedding anniversary. **RALPH**

ADAMS joined to share how he was a lucky polio survivor. **LIZ KNISS** joined as a memorial to **JACKIE WHEELER's** late husband Ralph

FAREWELL KAREN! - WELCOME LIZ!

Join in the annual fun at President **KAREN's** Debunking, to be quickly followed by a Welcome to President **LIZ**. Monday, June 26, 5:30 pm, Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline, Mountain View. **\$85/person**, includes wine, appetizers, dinner and dessert. Choose from 4 Entree options when you register:

PLEASE Register by June 19:
<https://paloaltorotary.square-site>

CHARITABLE EVENTS

Thanks to **DAN QUINN** a small group were taken on a photo excursion to Jasper Ridge.

Three restaurant certificates were successfully auctioned off at the meeting by **STEVE**

PLAYER to **DIANA DIAMOND**, **CASH ALAEE** and **ROB LANCEFIELD**.
Thank you to all!



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Introduced by **DANA TOM**, Professor **Mehran Sahami** is the Tencent Chair of the Computer Science Department and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International

Studies at Stanford University, spoke to us on the topic of **"Confronting Ethical Challenges in a High Tech World"** He provided an



intriguing insight into the complex challenges and contradictions we face today. He introduced us to ethical issues that most of us were unaware of. He reviewed how the algorithms buried behind modern computing suffer from bias in the decision making. He also discussed the various aspects of fairness. He showed how particular individuals can be identified in so-called anonymous data. He concluded by suggesting that any solution to the threats from future developments require a balance between free speech, democracy and human dignity.

TABLE TALK - Facing Ethical Challenges

Prior to our speaker, there was time for a short break-out session where members exchanged views in small groups on ethical challenge experiences.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Cash Alae**
 Cashier & Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman, Rebecca Gerald**
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
 Pinion writer: **Geoff Ziman**
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

June 19 Club Meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Juneteenth: The Reverend Lorrie Carter Owens, President of the San Mateo Chapter of the NAACP interviewed by Henrietta Burroughs What it means? What can we learn?
June 26	NO CLUB MEETING
June 26 5:30-7:30 pm Celebrate!	President KAREN's debunking Michael's at Shoreline PLEASE Register by June 19: https://paloaltorotary.square.site
July 3 - DARK	July 4th holiday No Meeting!
July 10 Club Meeting 12:15-1:30 pm	Liz's First Meeting! Club Assembly News of the year!