

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS



President-Elect **REBECCA GERALDI** opened the meeting in President **LIZ KNISS'** absence and began the introductions. Visiting **Rotarian Jamir Ousman**, from Princes

Town in Trinidad & Tobago, District 7030, joined us for the second time and described his district's service focused on youth



scholarships and medical outreach. **SIMON PENNINGTON'S** guest was Foothill College President, Dr. Kristina Whalen. **ERIC JENSEN'S** guest was Palo Alto Police



Chief, Andrew Binder. **REBECCA** also welcomed guest Andrew Zsolway, who joined us for the second time.

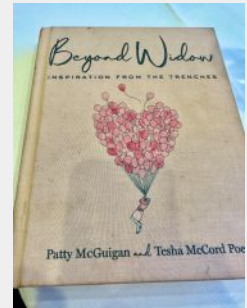


QUOTE FOR THE DAY

52 year P.A. Rotarian **DUANE KALAR** shared British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli's quote "I am prepared for the worst, but hope for the best." Duane went on to share historical examples of hope and preparedness during his lifetime and encouraged us to "keep hoping."

PRESIDENTS CLUB

DAN QUINN joined to announce the imminent loss of his twelve-year-old dog, Grizzly, from Guatemala and encouraged members to monitor the elections there. **PATTY MCGUIGAN** joined to announce an Author Event from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 20th, at the Rinconada Library, featuring her recently published co-authored book Beyond Widow: Inspiration from the Trenches.



TRISH BUBENIK joined in appreciation of the "get well" card signed by our members.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Thanks to **REBECCA GERALDI, JOY OCHE, KAREN & BRUCE ROHDE, JOHN ST. CLAIR III, and DANA TOM & NANCY KWAKITA** for ushering at the Palo Alto Players' Production of "Puffs" on July 2nd. Thanks to **DANA TOM and CHARLIE WEIDANZ** for putting flags up on University Ave. on July 4th.

Next volunteer service opportunity will take place on Wednesday, August 2nd, at Nuestra Casa at Rise City Church in Redwood City. Contact **DANA TOM** or sign up on our website for food preparation (2:00 to 4:00 pm) and/or distribution (4:00 to 6:00 pm)

YOUTH SERVICES

ANNETTE GLANCKOPF

explained that the Girl Scout cookies at our tables were a token of



gratitude from the Palo Alto Girl Scouts in appreciation of our generous grant, which provides underserved girls access to scouting and scouting events.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: 3 NEW MEMBERS



STEVE EMSLIE introduced New Member Talks by sharing "fun facts" and encouraging us to try to match each fact with one of the speakers:

ED SHIKADA shared his life journey "From Paradise to

Camelot," which began growing up on the Kona Coast of Hawaii, where he picked coffee on his grandfather's coffee farm. After attending the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, where he majored in civil engineering (because he liked to solve problems), Ed moved to Los Angeles to attend the UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning. He began his career in public service with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan



Transportation Authority, where he worked on Los Angeles' Congestion Management Program. He later moved to the City of Long Beach, where he worked on redeveloping the Long Beach Waterfront and addressing Jet Blue's expansion at the Long Beach Airport. Moving to San Jose, as Deputy City Manager and later City Manager, Ed discovered that "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Ed addressed issues such as the San Jose Indy Car Races, airport expansion, contractors and developers. Moving to Palo Alto as City Manager, Ed has encountered issues such as opening up Foothill Nature Preserve, flooding relief, the Black Lives Matter Movement, railroad crossings, and airplane noise. Ed is also a resident of Palo Alto. He is deeply passionate about his family, his two children, volunteering with the Boy Scouts, and community service. Ed described Camelot as a place of excitement, hope, and a belief in what can be achieved. He believes that Palo Alto is such a place.

SIMON PENNINGTON shared a brief biography of the people and places in his life. Born in Norwich in the United Kingdom to teenage parents, Simon was raised by his mother. They later moved to Stockport, in Greater Manchester and he thrived as part of a large working-class community. At the age of 15, Simon moved to Palo Alto to live with his father, attending Palo Alto High School and then Foothill College and San Jose State, earning a BA in art history with an emphasis in medieval architecture & modern design. While studying, Simon played bass guitar in a band that once opened for the Ramones. Simon met his future wife, Bryony, at Foothill College and, after a brief stint in the corporate world



in London, completed his MA in Art History (with an emphasis in medieval architecture) at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. Returning to the Bay Area, Simon worked as an intern at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, took up teaching at De Anza and Foothill Colleges, remodeled and flipped three houses, and held other jobs to make ends meet while adding two sons to his family. In 2006, Simon was hired by Foothill College as a tenure-track faculty member, later becoming the Dean of Fine Arts, Communication & Kinesiology and Athletics, and then moving into his current position as Associate Vice President of College & Community Relations, Marketing and Outreach. Simon is passionate about education, unlocking human potential, and changing the trajectory of student lives.

ARIELLE HENDEL shared that she grew up going to the Jersey Shore with three brothers and two first cousins. Arielle is descended from German and Russian immigrants and shared a picture of a family tree that went back to the 1800s. Arielle attended Barnard College in New York and graduated with degrees in Organizational Psychology and Comparative Religion (because she wanted to understand what motivated people to do the things they do). After a short career in Human Resources, where she failed to find an answer to that question, Arielle changed careers to become an Insurance Broker. In 1989, Arielle and her husband moved to the Bay Area where she worked with start-up companies like Genentech and Apple. Hoping for a career that better fed her soul, Arielle became a math & science teacher. She later became a chief Development Officer at the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley and is now the Community Development Director at



Moldaw Residences. Arielle and her husband have been married for 35 years. They have three grown children and two rescue dogs. Arielle's hobbies include sewing, quilting, doll making, canning, ceramics, hiking and reading. Her mottos for life include: "Have Faith and the Way will Open" (Quaker); "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" (Margaret Mead); and, most relevant for Rotary, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But when I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? (Rabbi Hillel)

FUTURE MEETINGS

President-Elect **REBECCA** reviewed upcoming meetings and encouraged members to check them out on Club Runner: <https://rotarypalalto.org/page/meetings-speakers>

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Betsy Bechtel, Steve Madsen**
 Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman, Rebecca Gerald**
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**
 Microphone: **Dana Tom**
 Pinion writer: **Karen Rohde**
 Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING PROGRAM	
July 24 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Lerone A. Martin, Director of the MLK, Jr. Institute at Stanford University "The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover, How the FBI Aided and Abetted the Rise of White Christian Nationalism"