

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## TGI WEDNESDAY COMING UP!



**August 16: Summer FUN!** We are invited to an **EMSLIE Pizza Social** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. **Pat & Steve Emslie's** Backyard! Not to be missed! Please bring a beverage to share.

## WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President **LIZ KNISS** called the meeting to order at 12:30. She then asked if there were visiting Rotarians or guests. Visiting Rotarian **Sango Stephen** from Kampala, Uganda introduced himself and his friend, Becky Miller. **DARYL SAVAGE** introduced the speaker's wife, Renee Budak.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our dear member, **JAYNE BOOKER's** Memorial: Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m. in the Redwood Grove on the west side of Portola Valley Community Hall, Portola Valley Town Center. Portola Road.

### **DONATE BLOOD: MITCHELL PARK**

You are invited to donate blood, Wednesday August 16, 10am – 4pm at Mitchell Park. Appointments and information call 415-819-4324 or go to

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MPCC>

## ROTARY ACADEMY



**President-elect REBECCA GERALDI** encouraged members to consider taking the District 5170 Leadership Academy, which begins on August 31. She attended the

7-month academy, now on Zoom, three years ago--learning "all things Rotary." She partnered with a different club member for each unit and has fond memories of getting better acquainted with **RALPH ADAMS**, who was also taking the course. Please feel free to contact her if you have questions, and to get all the information and to apply, visit <http://www.academy5170.org>

## QUOTE FOR THE DAY

**ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG** quoted Albert Einstein: "Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen and thinking what no one else has thought."



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### **DARYL SAVAGE**

introduced her friend and neighbor Mo Budak, who held our attention with his engaging talk and



educational slides on the topic: "When Teeth Talk: The Use of Forensic Dentistry to Identify Nazi War Criminals."

A 1965 graduate of Lowell High and on to the UCLA School of Dentistry, Budak reminded us that Paul Revere was also a dentist. He went



on to explain how forensic dentistry is different from regular dentistry. For example, forensic dentistry was necessary following Jonestown, after Ted Bundy's mass murders, after the 1979 air disaster and any time there are mass injuries. The US Department of Homeland Security oversees forensic dentistry.

Budak noted that Adolf Hitler had terrible teeth, was a terrible patient and ignored dental hygiene. He went on to show images of Hitler's teeth, including the #9 left front tooth installed by Hugo Blaschke, the dentist he had from 1932-1945, before Hitler's suicide in April 1945. Budak also showed Hitler's skull and again identified the #9 tooth which had a role to play in his identity.

Budak concluded his presentation by stating that "smiles make dentists happy."

Our member/journalist **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS** shared her take-away from the presentation. "Since each person's teeth are unique to them, like fingerprints, teeth are a dependable way of accurately identifying each individual."

**DARYL SAVAGE** thought "The presentation explained how Hitler, among others, can be identified years after they are deceased, by their dental work. This is a fascinating presentation, told with grace and humor. The talk was a combination of dental education with a WWII history. Mo is a brilliant storyteller. He simplified a complex issue."

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Geoff Ball, Judith Steiner**

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

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**

Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

<b>August 14</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Ben Stefonik, Chair, Psychology Dept. Foothill College</b> Open AI and ChatGPT
<b>August 16</b> 10:00 - 4:00 Appointments 415-819-4324	<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b> Mitchell Park, 3700 Middlefield Rd. PA
<b>August 16</b> 5:00-7:00 pm	<b>Summer Pizza Social</b> Home of Pat and Steve Emslie, Palo Alto
<b>August 21</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Mary Hughes, Founder, Close the Gap California</b> 10 years later: What we learned. Why it matters.
<b>August 23</b> 5:30-6:30 pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Contact Linnet Kwok Zoom
<b>August 28</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>George Tingwald, Admin. Director, Stanford Health</b> Stanford Hospital: Built for the Future