

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME MEMBERS & GUESTS



President **LIZ KNISS** called us to order on Monday, October 30, by reminding us to "Create Hope in the World." That's the theme for 2023-24 chosen by Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally, of South Queensferry in Scotland. His idea is that we

should restore the kind of hope that helps humanity deal with destructive conflicts and achieve meaningful change

BETSY BECHTEL introduced her guest Terry Godfrey, a former Trustee for the PAUSD, now a candidate for Trustee of Foothill-DeAnza Community College District Board.... **ERIC JENSEN** introduced Dr. Mike Fogarty, who also qualified as the guest of **BRUCE GEE**.... **JULIE JEROME'S** table was the fastest to recall, with no hints and no peeking, all the elements of the Four-Way Test.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

DANA TOM'S Quote was from Maya Angelou: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better." In other words, take action, even if you know what you do won't be perfect, but also commit yourself to continuous improvement.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DRIVE

As Immediate Past President and Chair of our annual drive to support The Rotary Foundation, **KAREN ROHDE** reported just 26% participation to date, suggesting that we have "quite a way to go." Our club urges members to participate as Sustainers at \$100, Double Sustainers, contributing \$200 to the Foundation, if that's realistically possible; another of our goals is participation by "every Rotarian, every year," which includes giving even \$25-it all counts.

At Karen's request, **MIKE REYNOLDS** offered highlights of our current international service activities. For example: We have projects underway to provide better water, sanitation and hygiene in Kenya and Vietnam. All such projects are carefully designed and vetted, then implemented in partnership with local-country Rotarians to ensure that all funds are well spent. Part of every dollar you give to the Rotary Foundation comes back to us to support this work.



PRESIDENTS CLUB

Joining the President's Club were **LEANNAH HUNT** and **JUDY KLEINBERG**....

LEANNAH expressed thanks to Dr. Paul Jackson, a "miracle worker" at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation...

JUDY asked that we remember the innocent people who are suffering and dying in Israel and Gaza and the college students who fear being hunted down in retaliation for their beliefs. She asked that we join her in honoring our member **RABBI RICK BLOCK and his wife Susie**, at work in Israel, filling in for medical personnel who are unable to perform their regular jobs.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

SIMON PENNINGTON introduced our speaker, Dr. Kristina Whalen.... Dr. Whalen began her assignment as the eighth President of Foothill

College on March 31, 2023. Her career has included senior positions at Las Positas College in Livermore and at the City College of San Francisco.



Dr. Kristina Whalen

Her bachelor's degree was earned at Missouri State University and she received master's and PhD degrees in rhetoric and speech communication from Florida State. She is strongly committed to the use of data – real data – in developing policies and practices that improve the student experience.

Dr. Whalen's family's background, including her father's access to college through the G.I. Bill, has led her to the firm belief that everyone in our communities should have access to higher education. That belief makes Dr. Whalen a good match for Foothill, which is "laser focused" on social and economic mobility.

Foothill College opened at its present location in 1961; the entire campus, including land, construction, and equipment, cost \$10 million. Although the college has expanded dramatically, almost all of its original structures are still in use.... Its primary service area is Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills, but 43% of its students come from other communities; 21% of its students drive or commute past other community colleges to attend....

Foothill now offers 108 different degrees or certificates, including a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene. A second baccalaureate has been approved, in Respiratory Therapy. Foothill College's curriculum prepares students for transfer to four-year universities and to qualify for challenging and rewarding jobs. The college works with over 3,500 apprentices, managed primarily through its Sunnyvale center. Thirty students are now attending class in London.

The acceptance rate for Foothill students at the University of California and CSU is now 75%, with UC Berkeley the biggest target for transfers to the UC system. The COVID pandemic has resulted in paradigm shifts in many people's thoughts about how to live, study and work, but Dr. Whalen is confident that Foothill will continue to be a leader in meeting our region's evolving needs.

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Henrietta Burroughs, Ullrich Schwertschlag**

Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

Microphone: **Sally Tomlinson**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

November 6 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	David Dockter, Arborist Autumn in Palo Alto
November 8 8:00-9:00 AM Zoom	Club Board Meeting contact Club Secretary Ginny Lear
November 11 8:00 AM	Post Flags on University Ave. Meet at Cowper
November 11 5:00 PM	Retire Flags on University Ave. Meet at High Street
November 13 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Rob Steinberg, Steinberg, Hart, Architecture Firm Influence of Architecture on Community
November 19 11:30 a.m. Palo Alto JCC Annual Event	SPIN TO END POLIO please contact Linnet at: linnetkwok@hotmail.com to register or for more info. <i>It is not a race.</i>