

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

November 6, 2023



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WELCOME MEMBERS & GUESTS

President **LIZ KNISS** called the meeting to order. She called on visiting Rotarian Jake Woo, University Rotary Club and guest Greg Hood who has applied for membership, sponsored by **ANNETTE GLANCKOPH & KAREN ROHDE**

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

TRISH BUBENIK shared two meaningful thoughts by author Becky Hemsley. "A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected." "Talking to your best friend is sometimes all the therapy you need."

BLUE BADGE PRESENTATION

Blue Badge Presentation: **BETSY BECHTEL**, presented **JACKIE WHEELER** her Blue Badge and was joined by **LIZ** to congratulate her on her active participation since joining the club. In fact, she looks forward to setting up flags again for Veteran's Day and continuing to enjoy diverse speakers.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30-7:30pm
Mid-Month Social, Homewood Suites...**YES!**

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Saturday, November 11, 8 am & 5 pm.
Post and retire flags on University Avenue.

In honor of Veteran's Day, we place flags on University Avenue. Meet at Cowper Garage @ 8 a.m. then Meet at High Street @ 5 p.m.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DRIVE

Past President **KAREN ROHDE** presented her last pitch for The Rotary Foundation Drive. She celebrated where our fundraising goes, half for the world fund and half from District funds to our club. She emphasized the importance of every Rotarian's contributing - **EREY** or Every Rotarian Every Year.

While some Rotarians donate \$100 or more annually, the goal is for every member to give something, even \$25. Thanks to everyone who has already given!

Participation is up over last week. Donations to EndPolio is UP 163%!!! And we will add to that from the Spin to End Polio even on Nov. 19th.



Congratulations to **OLIVER COOLIDGE**, the newest Paul Harris Fellow.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BETSY BECHTEL

introduced today's speaker, Dave Docktor. And first, we welcomed **JP Renoud**, the new Executive Director of Canopy, who shared his experiences.



Dave Docktor shared his knowledge of Autumn in Palo Alto, following 20 years experience with planning land development.

Dave Docktor experienced 25 years of the Canopy Urban Forestry non-profit. He championed expanding the number of trees throughout Palo Alto. The growing presence of trees in Palo Alto was at 40%. That was compared to Mountain View and East Palo Alto at 14%.

Volunteers have been needed and valued to promote a variety of options to increase/encourage planting trees in various neighborhoods.

Autumn in Palo Alto celebrates the beauty of trees and the uniqueness of Palo Alto's fall festival of color.



Dave explained that deciduous trees' interior pigments dump leaves to finish their life cycle through the trees' layers of chemicals, such as chlorophyll. So trees change from the inside out.

Throughout local neighborhoods, you can find oaks, which are native trees. And the street trees were once in backyards.

George Hood introduced liquid amber trees in 1951, trees without fall color. Visit them on

Pitman Avenue. Apparently, San Jose bought many of those trees. Dave shared appreciation for El Palo Alto which gained attention in the 1890's, particularly from Leland and Jane Stanford. And fortunately, due to attention and deliberate



care, **Dave Docktor** announced that El Palo Alto is getting taller and healthier.

Dave encouraged Rotarians to feel free to contact Canopy to discover opportunities to learn more about trees in Palo Alto.

President LIZ thanked our speaker and all who came today. And our volunteers. Next week, our speaker is Architect Rob Steinberg of Palo Alto.

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Richard Keller, Nancy Peters**

Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**

Microphone: **Richard Keller**

Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	
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>
November 20 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Emily Cupo of Stove Team International Another Rotary Story, 82,000 stoves and counting
November 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
November 27 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Andrew Binder, Chief of Police, Palo Alto Palo Alto Crime Trends: Crime Prevention and the Outlook for 2024

