

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME MEMBERS & GUESTS

President **LIZ KNISS** welcomed us all to our meeting and asked for members with guests.



Palo Alto City Council member Vicki Veenker was the guest today of **CHARLIE WEIDANZ**



TOM GRACON introduced his sister, Marilyn Lehman, visiting from Pittsburgh, PA.



SUCCESSFUL SPIN FOR POLIO!

LINNET KWOK and many Rotarians and friends gathered last Sunday morning at the Palo Alto JCC to Spin for Polio Funds. They raised \$1430 which will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation! **Outstanding effort!**

It is reported they had a very energetic Spin instructor that gave us a good workout and a DJ who played great music to keep us going.

Those pictured here include: **LINNET, LE LEVY, HERSH DAVIS, BEN THRELKELD, ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG**, and friends.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

MIKE REYNOLDS introduced our guest speaker, **Emily Cupo** and grant recipient who presented the mission of StoveTeam International. Starting as a small Rotary project Nancy Hughes has created a significant international charity.



The Ecocina stoves address indoor open fire cooking which kills more people than malaria and AIDS combined. The installation of vented stoves eliminates interior toxic smoke, improves overall health and safety of families, reduces CO2 emissions, and creates positive



local economic impact. StoveTeam cookstoves are locally made using local materials. The stoves are designed with safety

features to protect against accidental burns by family members and require less firewood to operate than an open fire. Along with improving interior air quality the environmental impact of reduced burning and fuel consumption protects natural resources and improves quality of life. Rotary Clubs in Sammamish WA, Oklahoma City and Palo Alto have supported the good work of StoveTeam International in Central America. Find out more at: <https://www.stoveteam.org/>

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Eric Jensen, Charlie Weidanz**
 Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
 Microphone: **Steve Emslie**
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<p>November 27 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>Andrew Binder, Chief of Police, Palo Alto Palo Alto Crime Trends: Crime Prevention and the Outlook for 2024</p>
<p>December 4 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>Eric Jensen, Joy Oche, John St. Clair III New member talks</p>
<p>December 11 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>Palo Alto Players and Elizabeth Santana entertain us, musically!</p>
<p>December 13 Jingle! Jingle! 5:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>Rotary Holiday party at Patty McGuigan's home</p>