

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

December 11, 2023

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WELCOME MEMBERS & GUESTS

President **LIZ** called the meeting to order. She then asked for visiting Rotarians, recognizing **Harry Price**, past president Los Altos Rotary Club & current Assistant District Governor; Rotarians with guests: **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** introduced Nancy Coupal, also a new member of the Palo Alto Chamber Board; **STEVE EMSLIE**, introduced Jake Yoo; **ELIZABETH SANTANA** brought Rachel Michelberg & Izetta Klein who will be part of the program today.

HOLIDAY QUOTES FOR THE DAY



Past President **SHERRI SAGER** graciously noted she plans to retire in January and reflects on her career and gratitude for that. **SHERRI** quoted former President

John Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

ROTARY PRESIDENTS CLUB

SALLY TOMLINSON donated to the Presidents Club in appreciation for the wonderful leadership of members;

SIMON PENNINGTON celebrated his father-in-law's recent 90th birthday.

ELF IS OFF THE SHELF! DECEMBER 13TH



Rotary Holiday Party, this Wednesday,

December 13, 5:30-7:30 at **PATTY McGUIGAN**'s home. In close to proper elf attire, she invited folks to feel free to stop in even for a short time or the whole party to Jingle & Mingle on Wednesday! In response to a question, Carolers will perform starting about 6:15 to 6:30.

PATTY gave a special "thank you" to **MATT DOLAN** for helping set up her house for the party.

DECEMBER 11 BYLAWS & ELECTIONS

Annual Voting: Members in the room and on Zoom, voted by hand to support one change to the club By-Laws. It passed.

Members in the room voted on paper ballots for new CLub Board Members in 2024-2025, and for new Endowment Board members for 2024-2025.

After ballots were reviewed by our Secretary, President **LIZ** announced there was a clear majority support for all!



TODAY'S PROGRAM

BETSEY BECHTEL & ELIZABETH SANTANA welcomed the musical entertainment by the Palo Alto Players under direction of ELIZABETH, who noted that when she was just 17 she dreamed of leading a theatre company. ELIZABETH announced that the company is in its 93rd season at Lucie Stern Theater. Two members of the Palo Alto Players introduced themselves and each sang two songs, as did ELIZABETH. Songs included "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Santa Baby" and to honor Nat King Cole, "The Christmas Song" about chestnuts...

One of the singers mentioned that there is a lot going on in the world and that it is up to each of us to make the world better. One singer who shared that she is Jewish, explained that one song was written in the trenches of World War 1, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."



ELIZABETH joined her two colleagues to make a "company bow" at the end of their musical program. They then led the room in a happy rendition of "Jingle Bells"!

YEAR END COMMENTS...

President LIZ thanked all who made today's meeting possible. She thanked our wonderful singers for their time and beautiful voices.

LIZ gave us all her Best wishes for a healthy and happy Hannukka and Christmas!

We will meet here again on January 8, 2024.

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: **Arielle Hendel**

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

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

Pinion writer: **Trish Bubenik**

Pinion editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

December 13 Jingle! Mingle! 5:30-7:30 pm	Rotary Holiday party at Patty McGuigan's home
December 18 NO MEETING	HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
December 25 NO MEETING	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
January 1 NO MEETING	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 8 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Hal Hershfield, UCLA Professor of Marketing and Behavioral Decision Making "Your Future Self: How to Make Tomorrow Better Today"