

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

President **LIZ KNISS** opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. **ANNE CRIBBS** introduced Liling Lampell and Rich Pearsen from the Palo Alto Pickleball Club (our March 25th program).

RALPH ADAMS introduced returning guest Justin Duren. **TIM WATSON**

introduced returning guest Pastor Jack Cabaness. And **SALLY TOMLINSON** introduced returning guest and former member Mary Ann Gee.



QUOTE FOR THE DAY

TIM WATSON reminded us that Rotarians are "People of Action." He recalled a quote from Vice President Kamala Harris' speech in Selma, Alabama, last Sunday: "Our common humanity compels us to act."

Tim went on to share some excerpts from a speech given by the 14th Dalai Lama upon receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize: "No matter what part of the world we come from, we are all basically the same human beings. We all seek happiness and try to avoid suffering. We have the same basic human needs and concerns."



ROTARY PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING

President Elect **REBECCA GERALDI** provided an update from last weekend's Far West PETS, a 3-day program designed to prepare Presidents Elect to lead their clubs. Over 400 Presidents Elect from across two Zones attended. REBECCA shared her photo with incoming **Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick**.



In REBECCA'S case, Rotary truly is "family." REBECCA'S Dad and brother were also in attendance, as incoming Assistant District Governor of 5130 and as incoming District Governor of 5160, respectively. REBECCA found the weekend "transformative" and encouraged others to consider the opportunity for growth and development that being a club President offers. She reminded us that "we are all in this together to do good" and encouraged us to fasten our seat belts for an exciting year!

DANA TOM, who will be serving as one of two Lieutenant Governors for our District 5170 next year, also attended PETS and was inspired.



PRESIDENTS CLUB



SUSAN LUTTER offered to donate \$5 to the President's Club for each pair of "no longer needed" eyeglasses collected during the month of March. Susan will take these donated glasses to Cameroon on her next visit. The local health clinic will distribute them to villagers so they can see

better. Bring your eyeglasses to an upcoming meeting, drop them off at Susan's house, or let her know and she will come pick them up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **LIZ** thanked **ERIC JENSEN** for hosting the TGIF last Friday. The fun event was enjoyed by the 25-30 members who braved the wet weather to attend.



President **LIZ** reminded members that next Sunday is the start of **Daylight Savings Time**. Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour.

ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

JENN TORAI reminded members of our Club's High School Youth Speech Contest sponsored by Rotary taking place this Sunday, **March 10th, from 9:00 – 11:00 am at Homewood Suites.**

JENN thanked those who have volunteered to staff the event and encouraged everyone to come and be "inspired by the leaders of the future."

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! March 23rd

BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY!

SALLY TOMLINSON and BRUCE GEE



provided an update on our annual crab feed & pasta dinner and social event which raises money to fund our



local community grants, vocational scholarships, youth programs, and world community service. The more we raise, the more we can give. SALLY encouraged all members to buy tickets to the event (<https://2024crabfeed.square.site/>). If you are not able to attend in person, please become a sponsor, make a donation, arrange for a proxy bid on the live auction items, and/or bid in the on-line silent auction (<https://www.32auctions.com/PeaceLoveRotary>).

SALLY reviewed some of the on-line auction items and thanked guest Justin Duren for donating a new auction item. BRUCE shared more information about the two live auction cruise packages: Japan by Sea (May 14 to 25, 2024) and Athens to Rome (September 26 to October 5, 2024). BRUCE closed by thanking the current sponsors, asking for additional sponsors, and encouraging all members to participate in some way, based on their personal capacity to give. Details on Website.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

GINNY LEAR introduced **Scott Herhold**, a former reporter, editor and columnist for the San Jose Mercury News. Scott spoke about the subject of his 2023 book, "Murder Under God's Eye," which begins with the 1974 macabre murder of



19-year-old Arlis Perry inside the Stanford Memorial Church and which ends with a bang. Scott began covering the murder when he joined the newspaper in 1977. Scott talked about the chronology of the crime, its impact on the local community, the police's efforts to uncover the killer, and what led to the eventual solving of the case 44 years later.

CLOSING

LIZ thanked our speaker very much, our volunteers, and all who came today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Karen Rohde & Richard Keller**
 Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
 Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
 Microphone: **Tim Watson**
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

March 10 9 - 11 a.m. Speech Contest	Annual Rotary High School Speech Contest Homewood Suites, 4329 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
March 11 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Kaloma Smith, Pastor University AME Zion Church and Chair Palo Alto Human Relations Commission Topic: "Why we still have hope"
March 18 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Ran Ran, Associate Professor of Political Science at Renmin University of China Topic: China's Green Dream and its Implications on US-China Climate Change Cooperation
March 23 Club Annual Fundraiser 5:30-8:00 pm Mitchell Park	Tickets now available online or at the next 2 meetings. Crab, Pasta, Salad, Dessert Great fun - fundraising for our Charitable Grants.
March 25 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Ron Gentile, Palo Alto Pickleball Club (1100 members) Topic: "Arrive as a Stranger and Leave as a Friend"