

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS



President LIZ called the meeting to order, acknowledging that no April Fools were present.

Members with Guests: **BRUCE GEE** brought Gary Lim who is considering Rotary; **KAREN ROHDE**

introduced Palo Alto architect Amparo del Rio.

Ø Never value anything that compels you to break your promises, to lose your self-respect, to hate any person, or to act with hypocrisy.

Ø If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it.

Ø Whenever you want to cheer yourself up, consider the best qualities of your companions - the energy of one, the modesty of another, the generosity of yet another one. Few things can lift our hearts as much as the excellence reflected in the character of our friends.

CLASSIC "QUOTES" FOR THE DAY

HAL MICKELSON shared: In the years 161 to 180, the Roman Emperor was Marcus Aurelius, whom we remember as the writer of a book we call his Meditations. He wrote them in Koine Greek as a resource for his own study and reflection. At the time, he was commanding a Roman army in the field in a province called Pannonia, modern-day Austria and Hungary. The Meditations are celebrated as a classic expression of the philosophy we know as Stoicism. HAL shared six of them that sound much like our Four Way Test:

Ø Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.

Ø Whenever you are about to find fault with someone, ask yourself, 'What fault of mine most closely resembles what I want to criticize?'

Ø The best revenge is to be unlike whoever has caused your injury.



PRESIDENTS CLUB

JACKIE WHEELER joined to celebrate her granddaughter's receiving her PhD in Epidemiology, her daughter and son-in-law's celebrating their 35th anniversary today, as well as her other granddaughter's birthday.

ERIC JENSEN joined to celebrate Mike Fogarty's planning to join Rotary;

DANA TOM, announced his son Jasper was selected to join one of the three US national teams for the World Ultimate Frisbee Championship this August in Australia. He'll play on the Mixed Team. Playing on the USA team has been his goal for the past four years.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

KAREN ROHDE reported on the success of this year's Rotary Foundation drive, which exceeded our goals in both the annual fund, raising \$27,430, and PolioPlus, to which **RALPH ADAMS** gave extra generously. PolioPlus benefits from a 2:1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, turning our \$9,160 of donations into \$27,480.

KAREN presented a Paul Harris Fellow Award to **DARYL SAVAGE**.

KAREN then presented a Major Donor Award to **GLORIA HOM** which represents reaching a cumulative donation total of \$10,000 to



Rotary International. She also noted for newer members, that **GLORIA** was our club's first woman President in 1992-93.

A slide listed the club's now 12 Major Donors: **RALPH ADAMS, TONY CARRASCO, MIKE COUCH, BILL FOGARTY, GLORIA HOM, DUANE KALAR, ROB LANCEFIELD, GINNY LEAR, MIKE REYNOLDS, BEN THRELKELD, TIM WATSON, GEOFF ZIMAN.**

ROTARY TRAINING FOR 2024-2025

DANA TOM encouraged all members, including Board and Red Badge members, to sign up for the District Training Assembly 2024 virtual schedule is April 6-10. The Club will pay any registration fee.



ROTARY PICKLE BALL CLINIC: APRIL 10

LINNET KWOK encouraged signups for the **FREE** clinic at Mitchell Park, 5:30-7:00 PM. Meet at picnic tables next to Pickle Ball courts 3&4 Some spaces remain. Social Time follows! Email Linnet: linnetkwok@hotmail.com

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BRUCE GEE introduced Megan Swezey Fogarty as a "community icon." One of 9 siblings, growing up in Palo Alto, she moved from considering pre-med to creating exemplary community service throughout the Stanford area.



Megan received a Tall Tree Award recognition in 2008.

Her title at Stanford University is: Senior Associate VP for Community Engagement. Her topic today: *Stanford and Palo Alto: Driving More Purposeful Engagement.*

Fogarty actively looks for ways to engage with the community, seek ways to participate and to identify roadblocks. In addition, she pursues optimism, transparency, and proximity to be a "good neighbor." She sought promising new practices, encouraged faculty to become engaged and to actively reach out to school districts such as Ravenswood. She encouraged STEM outreach and reached out to community college students. She wants to train teachers to establish deeper and longer term relationships. Her contacts and accomplishments throughout the communities which border Stanford are impressive.

Megan offered kudos to **SHERRI SAGER** for her many work accomplishments for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital before recently retiring.

Megan is excited that her husband, **MIKE** is a new member of our club! She concluded her presentation by inviting emails from Rotarians.

IN CLOSING

President **LIZ** thanked Megan, our dynamic speaker, and all who helped to make our meeting possible.

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Steve Madsen, Dave Smullin**
 Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

Microphone: **Jake Yoo**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

April 8 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Prof. Steven Sloman, Brown University Decision Making in a Community of Knowledge
April 10 5:30-7:00 pm Mitchell Park	Pickle Ball Clinic for Palo Alto Rotarians: Free Meet at picnic tables by Pickle Ball courts 3&4
April 15 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Dean Batchelor, Director, City of Palo Alto Utilities Meeting the Electricity Needs of Palo Alto
April 22 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Bill Liberatore and the Gunn HS Choir Musical Entertainment
April 29 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Diane Shader Smith, Cystic Fibrosis Advocate Love, Loss and the search for a cure for anti-Microbial Resistance

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Club of Palo Alto

PICKLEBALL

Social

10 APRIL

5:30PM-7:00PM

Mitchell Park, Palo Alto
 Meet at picnic tables next to Pickle Ball courts 3&4

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