

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

With the ring of the bell on a sunny April Monday, President **LIZ KNISS** continued the mission to "Create Hope in the World!" and recognized visiting Rotarians and guests:

BRUCE SWENSON

invited our late member Don Morgan's widow Rene, Bruce's friend and neighbor. She received Don's Rotary pin.

HAL MICKELSON welcomed Pastor Jack Cabaness, soon to be inducted as a member.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

KAREN ROHDE presented our fellow Rotarians with Paul Harris Award pins for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation.



MUSICAL QUOTE FOR THE DAY

JOY OCHE

explained she was not presenting a quote but a song that speaks to the values she learned at home in Africa, and how they align with Rotary. JOY presented the song "We are the World" and shared those gifts given, no matter how large or small "makes someone stronger and free."



BRUCE SWENSON and **JACK WOODSON** each received a pin with five blue sapphires. **SUSAN LUTTER** received a pin with six blue sapphires. The Paul Harris awards are a wonderful way to recognize our members' generosity to "Create Hope in the World."

ROTARY PICKLE BALL CLINIC: APRIL 10

DANA TOM presented on behalf of the Membership and Social Committees: Pickle Ball Social, Wednesday April 10 at 5:30 pm. Mitchell Park. We filled all the participant spots but all are welcome to attend and watch the fun of Pickle Ball and observe the Free Clinic.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

DANA TOM introduced our speaker, Professor **Steven Sloman**, Ph.D who presented

"Decision Making in a Community of Knowledge." He has co-authored a book on this topic, **"The Knowledge Illusion: Why We Never Think Alone."**

He has studied on reasoning, thinking and perspective

development of individuals and observed community influence on processing information.

Dr. Sloman earned his degree at Stanford and since 1992, has been on the faculty at Brown University.

His insightful presentation centered on knowledge and belief variables and how that affects our opinions and attitudes particularly on social and political views. His presentation on "The Knowledge Illusion" addresses the need for gaining knowledge and understanding to inform our beliefs.



IN CLOSING

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

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Susan Lutter, Bruce Swenson**

Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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
May 6 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Amy Castro, Professor, University of Pennsylvania Fighting Poverty with Guaranteed Income
May 13 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Ron Herman, Foothill College Connecting With Cuba
May 20 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Our Rotary in Action! Bruce Gee, Chair 2023-2024 Community Grants and Recipients

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