

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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## WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

**KATIE SEEDMAN**, our 2015-16 club President presided over the meeting today, welcoming members and Richard Hackman, a visiting Rotarian from the Palo Alto University Club.



## QUOTES FOR TAX DAY



In honor of April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tax Day, **GEOFF ZIMAN** was pleased to provide us with a multitude of humorous quotations about taxes from Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Arthur Godfrey, Thomas Dewar, Arthur Clarke, and Robert Knauerhase. He closed with a clever riddle:

"Why didn't Sherlock Holmes pay a lot of taxes? Because he made brilliant deductions!"

Installations; and the Mayan Widow Women Food Fund. They also visited the Co-op Women Training Center Santa Cruz, an organization previously funded by our club that teaches sewing, cooking, and other life skills. It was inspiring to see photos of our current projects and to know that the Co-op we helped found continues to serve women today.

## ROTARY PICKLE BALL CLINIC: APRIL 10

**LINNET KWOK** shared a photo from our Pickleball Social last Wednesday. Twenty-eight Rotarians and friends enjoyed each other's company while participating in a Pickleball Clinic hosted by the Palo Alto Pickleball Club.

## World Community Service in Guatemala



World Community Service Co-Chair, **STANS KLEIJNEN**, reported on the service trip that she and husband **JOOP VERBAKEN** took to Guatemala earlier this month. During the trip,

organized by the Los Altos Rotary, STANS and JOOP visited three projects currently sponsored by our Rotary Club: Namaste Women Entrepreneurs; Eco Stove



LINNET asked **ANNE CRIBBS**, our connection to the Pickleball Club, to say a few words.

ANNE shared that eight Pickleball Club coaches divided participants into groups of four to teach them the game. ANNE shared that she was impressed by the competitiveness of her teammates **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, JUDY KLEINBERG**, and LINNET KWOK, and that she is looking forward to a rematch.

## TGIF THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 5:30-7:30

**DUANE KALAR** announced that our monthly TGIF Social will take place THIS Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. DUANE and ANN look forward to hosting us among their flowering dogwood trees. DUANE shared that his and Ann's love of dogwoods first started when they saw the trees blooming in Atlanta. They bought and planted their first dogwood upon their return. After decades of collecting dogwoods, they now have 13.



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**ED SHIKADA** introduced **Dean Batchelor**, the Director of Utilities for Palo Alto, who is responsible for all of Palo Alto's utilities (water, gas, electricity, garbage & recycling, stormwater, sewage and fiber optics). Dean provided an update on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) (aka "smart" meters) that will be installed in all residential buildings by year-end. These will allow residents to monitor their utility usage in real time. Dean also talked about Palo Alto's plan to modernize the electric grid to support increased electric demand and



to accommodate state-of-the-art technology. This project includes modernizing the electrical distribution system (e.g., substation, poles, cables, transformers), integrating new technology (e.g., AMI, fault indicators, remote switching, fuse savers), and supporting green customer technologies (e.g., solar, EV chargers, heat pump water heaters, etc.). The city is currently piloting its electrical distribution system upgrade project and estimates it will take until 2031 to 2033 to be completed. The plan is to combine each home's electrical grid update with their fiber optic update to minimize disruption. Keep a look out for new poles and transformers coming to your neighborhood soon.

## IN CLOSING

KATIE thanked today's volunteers, our speaker and all who attended, hoping to see everyone at the KALAR's on FRIDAY!

## TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Elizabeth Santana, Patty McGuigan**

Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Rebecca Gerald**

Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Ben Threlkeld**

Microphone: **Dana Tom**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<p><b>April 19, TGIF</b> 5:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Home of Duane and Ann Kalar, Palo Alto Members and Guests</b></p>
<p><b>April 22</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Bill Liberatore and the Gunn HS Choir</b> Musical Entertainment</p>
<p><b>April 29</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Diane Shader Smith, Cystic Fibrosis Advocate</b> Love, Loss and the search for a cure for anti-Microbial Resistance</p>
<p><b>May 6</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Amy Castro, Professor, University of Pennsylvania</b> Fighting Poverty with Guaranteed Income</p>
<p><b>May 13</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Ron Herman, Photography Instructor, Foothill College</b> Connecting With Cuba</p>
<p><b>May 20</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Our Rotary in Action!</b> <b>Bruce Gee, Chair</b> <b>2023-2024 Community Grants and Recipients</b></p>

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