

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

President LIZ KNISS presided over today's meeting. Welcome to our Rotary year to "Create Hope in the world"!

Visiting Rotarians:

Rutawasi Sharna and Bev Nichols from the Sunnyvale Rotary Club, inviting our members to play in their club's May 20th charity golf tournament at

Coyote Creek Golf Club, Morgan Hill. Shotgun scramble @1:00pm

CHARLIE WEIDANZ presented Jon Goldman who has applied for membership.

JACKIE WHEELER'S guests: Tib Hotson and Gayle Brugler.



ROTARY ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE



DANA TOM reminded us that making a donation to The Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund makes an impact now as well as forever and that \$60 thousand will be given to our Rotary charities this year from the forever Endowment Fund.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



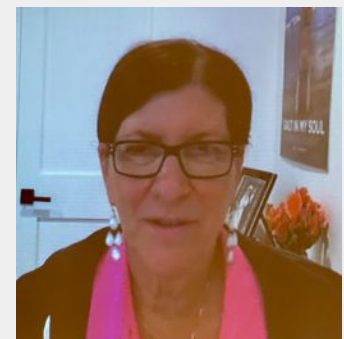
MATT DOLAN introduced our speaker **Diane Shader Smith**. They both had daughters that died an early death after being diagnosed with debilitating disease. Diane's daughter Mallory died at age 25 from a superbug infection

QUOTES FOR THE DAY



LEE PFAB reminded us that this is National Mental Health Month and that Creating Hope in the World starts with having Hope in yourself.

AntiMicrobial Resistance (AMR) secondary to her cystic fibrosis. **SALT IN MY SOUL**, the book posthumously compiled by Diane from the diary kept by Mallory from age 9 until death tells of the profound hardships of living with chronic illness, through 47 hospitalizations and eventual organ transplant and phage therapy. This



PRESIDENTS CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

DAVE SMULLIN for the recent Bill Signed by President Biden supporting Ukraine.

NANCY PETERS spoke in support of the value of Mental Health Awareness.

book is also a documentary available on YouTube and elsewhere.

Diane now very effectively has traveled the world speaking about treatment for CF and superbugs. She and her husband have started the CF FOUNDATION and raised over \$5mil for research and awareness of CF.

A very heart-moving and informative presentation that was enhanced by **BRUCE GEE** announcing that his daughter-in-law's sister had been a roommate of Mallory's for two of her four years at Stanford. You missed a great program if you were not in attendance.

IN CLOSING

President LIZ thanked our speaker very much. The whole room was captivated by the quality and strength of this very personal presentation.

TODAY'S MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Gloria Hom, Karen Rohde**
Cashier/Welcome Desk: **Rebecca Gerald, Katie Seedman**
Zoom/Hybrid Host: **Dana Tom**
Pinion writer: **Duane Kalar**
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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, Photography Instructor, 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
May 27-DARK	NO MEETING Memorial Day
June 3 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Chop Keenan, Palo Alto Realtor: Current Status and the Future of Palo Alto Commercial Real Estate
June 10 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Daniel Nguyen, Jeopardy winner! Paly Math Teacher: Behind the Scenes at Jeopardy
June 17 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Greer Stone, Mayor of Palo Alto Palo Alto Today
June 24 DARK No lunch meeting	No club meeting
June 24 5:30-8:00 pm Dinner	President Liz's Debunking Michael's at Shoreline Mountain View