

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Celebrating 102 years of Service

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024-2025



With a magical ring of the bell our new club President **REBECCA GERALDINI** called her inaugural meeting to order. Our club members, along with visiting Rotarians and guests filled the room.

### VERY SPECIAL

Visiting Rotarian, and REBECCA'S father, **Len Geraldini** from Sonoma Mountain Twilight Rotary Club and his wife, **Sylvia**, who were also celebrating their 19th anniversary. Brian Neider, Burlingame Rotary Club; Lief Erickson, Palo Alto University Club and Harry Price, Los Altos Rotary, and our Assistant District Governor.



Guests: **PATTY MCGUIGAN** introduced guest April Watson, **KAREN ROHDE** introduced guest Paulina Mashnik-Myung; and **BRUCE SWENSON** introduced his neighbor and friend Rene Morgan.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To recognize the "Magic" of Rotary, **TIM WATSON** shared a remembrance of card tricks and how magical they seemed for participants. The wide-eyed wonder of magic for card games is a trick. However, *The Magic of Rotary* is not just a trick but happens through our members and their efforts of helping our fellow man.



## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Via Zoom, **LINNET KWOK** welcomed new member **BARBARA GROSS** (r) sponsored by **JUDY KLEINBERG**. We are so pleased to have you join our club, Barbara, as such an accomplished member of the Palo Alto community. Welcome!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Event: Mark, your calendars for July 26<sup>th</sup> TGIF hosted by **GLORIA HOM**. And Thank you **MATT DOLAN** for hosting our TGIF on June 28 at Homewood Suites! **FUN!**

**Annual DUES letters** are in the mail. Please pay promptly online or by check.

## DOING GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Ushers for Palo Alto Players: **MIKE FOGARTY** & Megan Swezey-Fogarty, Bruce & **KAREN ROHDE**, **DANA TOM** & Nancy Kawakita and **JAKE YOO**, and **REBECCA GERALDI** enjoyed their cameo's as volunteer ushers.



**July 4th** University Avenue Flag Bearers: **RALPH ADAMS**, **GLORIA HOM**, **GREG HOOD**, **KATHY TORGENSEN**, **KAREN** & Bruce **ROHDE** and **REBECCA GERALDI**. A big thank you for your contribution to keeping the flags flying.



## JULY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**MIKE MCMAHON**, **BILL JOHNSON**, **GEOFF ZIMAN**, **JOY OCHE**, **RALPH ADAMS**, **LEE LIPPERT**, **ARIELLE HENDEL**. All best wishes on your special days!

## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY:

**Arielle Hendel - 2 years**  
**Elizabeth Santana - 9 years**  
**Lee Lippert - 10 years**  
**Peter Shambora - 10 years**  
**Steve Madsen - 17 years**  
**Cash Alae - 19 years**  
**Tom Gracon - 21 years**  
**Art Stauffer - 24 year**  
**Nancy Peters - 24 years**  
**Iris Korol - 27 years.**

*Thank you to our members for their continuing commitment to Rotary service.*

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

Through raised hands and good wishes, our members **TIM WATSON**, **KAREN ROHDE**, **SALLY TOMLINSON**, **STEVE EMSLIE** and **STEVE PLAYER** joined in tribute to **REBECCA'S** first meeting of her presidential year.

**ANNE CRIBBS** shared news of her new 9lb 3oz grandson, **STEVE EMSLIE** also shared news of his grandson turning 2 years old.

**ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG** joined in recognition of his father-in-law who passed away at 102 years of age this very morning.

**GINNY LEAR** joined in honor of celebrating 59 years of marriage to King Lear on July 4th!

## MORE CLUB GOOD NEWS

Rotary Endowment Fund Chair **BETSY BECHTEL** and Treasurer, **MIKE MCMAHON**, presented President **REBECCA** with a check for \$57,000, this year's contribution to Rotary Charities.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our speaker **Noelle Wilder** (they/them,) actor, dancer, ice skater and director choreographed productions and performed in Stage 1 Theatre productions along with choreography for the Bay Area



International Deaf Dance Festival and Deaf After Dark. Early childhood specialist educator at California School for the Deaf and advocate for inclusion of deaf students in the performing arts.



Their topic was *Accessibility in Performing Arts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Performers.*

Noelle told us of the process for bringing bilingual English-ASL to a stage role. They were the first Deaf actor to take the stage with Palo Alto

Players as the Scarecrow in the "Wizard of Oz". They shared the developmental process of creating the character in live performance using ASL combined with voice support.

Their voice support was provided by **Dane Lentz**, a skilled ASL interpreter who stood off stage. It was amazing. Our focus remained on the actor the whole time.

REBECCA presented them both with special cups that said "you make the world a better place"



## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

**Greeters:** Anne Cribbs, Steve Madsen  
**Welcome Desk:** Katie Seedman  
**A/V:** Dana Tom  
**Microphone:** Charlie Weidanz  
**Pinion Writer:** Matt Dolan  
**Pinion Editor:** Ginny Lear

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<b>July 15</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>CLUB ASSEMBLY: Board of Directors</b> report to the Members on 2024-25 plans
<b>July 22</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>New Member Talks:</b> Greg Hood, Jenn Torai, Ullrich Schwertzschnag
<b>July 29</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Mohan Gurunathan, Engineer and Food Systems Expert</b> Topic: "Fight Climate Change with Diet Change"
<b>August 5</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Barbara McQuade, Professor, University of Michigan Law School</b> Author: "Attack from Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America"
<b>August 12</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Corina Gould, Arizona State University,</b> Professor of Indigenous Sustainability <b>Topic:</b> The Land Back Movement and the West Berkeley Ohlone Shellmound Site
<b>August 19</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Hands On, Sleeves Up Project at the Club</b>