

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Club Secretary, **KAREN RHODE**, opened the meeting at the Baylands Cafe at 12:30pm, announcing PRESIDENT **REBECCA GERALDI** is out sick. The Club sends REBECCA best wishes for a speedy recovery. President Elect, **BRUCE GEE**, co-managed the meeting today with KAREN. The only visitor at today's meeting was Secretary KAREN's daughter, Kathleen Rhode, fresh off the plane from Seattle.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORIA HOM reminded members she is hosting the monthly social Friday, July 26, on the eleventh floor of Channing House at 850 Webster St in Palo Alto. She asked, if you plan to attend, consider personally inviting (and transporting) one of the longer-term club members you know, who have not been attending lately. Or the widow/widowers of a past member.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

GEOFF ZIMAN presented the Thought of the Day which is attributed to Saint Augustine: "The world is a book and those that do not travel only read one page". GEOFF encouraged the members to visit other Rotary Clubs when traveling. Secretary KAREN referred the group to [Rotary Finder](#) for club meeting information while traveling.



Secretary KAREN along with **DANA TOM**, and **GINNY**, attended the District Debunking of outgoing Governor, **HUNG WEI**. The event recognized the incoming Governor, **JILL DUERIG**. Secretary KAREN gave an update of other upcoming events this month including the popular New Member talks scheduled for next Monday's meeting.

It is that time of the year: **Pay your dues!** If you have not received the email, look in your spam folders. Speaking of money, **MATT DOLAN** presented a brief recap of the annual budget passed by the club Board for the new club year.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

TRISH BUBENIK joined the President's Club in honor of **GINNY LEAR**'s service as editor of the Pinion – particularly the extra edition covering the recent Debunking.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

President Elect **BRUCE**, presided over the main program which introduced the newly installed club Board and at-large directors. Each of the 12 had an opportunity to relay what their group provides for the club. Many hands make light work was a recurring theme.

The presentation was accompanied by a festive game of **This or That**; a word game where contestants guess between the list of preferences of a specific board member or director. The game helped those in attendance become acquainted with the individual board member/director and there were several winners, a few ties, and many losers. **ART STAUFFER** knew President **REBECCA**.

Incoming President **BRUCE** felt known by **ED SHIKADA** and **LE LEVY**.

LEANNAH HUNT obviously knows Past-president **LIZ KNISS**' likes and dislikes.

KEVIN CURRY guessed all of Treasurer **MATT DOLAN**'s preferences.

Although Secretary **KAREN**'s daughter did not know if mom preferred singing to dancing, **DANA** and **LINNET KWOK** knew, and tied for the win.



We found out that the Membership Director **LINNET** is a dog person and not a cat person. It was great to see **LINNET - in person!**

Many in the room were contenders for knowing Club Operations Director **GINNY** – that is until they had to choose between classical music or classic rock. Everyone was knocked out for guessing incorrectly. Rock on!

ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG guessed right for Club Service Director **STEVE EMSLIE**.

KATIE SEEDMAN found Community Service Director **ERIC JENSEN**'s choices predictable.

And just when we all thought we knew Vocational Service Director **JOY OCHE**'s preference for breakfast pastries – with half the room still in play – everyone lost. Bagels over croissants – who knew!

We ran out of time for International Service Director **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** and Youth Service Director **JUDY KLIENBERG** who would have certainly stumped the club with listening choices or wardrobe preferences.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Joy Oche, Bruce Swenson
Welcome Desk: Katie Seedman
A/V: Dana Tom
Pinion Writer: Eric Jensen
Pinion Editor: Ginny Lear

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	
July 22 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	New Member Talks: Greg Hood, Jenn Torai, Ullrich Schwertschlag
July 29 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Mohan Gurunathan, Engineer and Food Systems Expert Topic: "Fight Climate Change with Diet Change"
August 5 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Barbara McQuade, Professor, University of Michigan Law School Author: "Attack from Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America"
August 12 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Corina Gould, Arizona State University, Professor of Indigenous Sustainability Topic: The Land Back Movement and the West Berkeley Ohlone Shellmound Site
August 19 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Hands On, Sleeves Up Project at the Club for Grateful Garments