

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Celebrating 102 years of Service

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024-2025

PRESIDENT **REBECCA GERALDI** opened the meeting

President Elect, **BRUCE GEE** introduced today's visitors: Los Altos Rotarian Barb Mackraz, also Steve Vidibor guest of **SALLY TOMLINSON**, Paulina Mashing-Myung guest of **DANA TOM**, and **ED SHIKADA** introduced two student interns in his office this summer:

Franklin Zhang and Candy Liao.



## BLUE BADGE AWARDED

**LINNET KWOK** zoomed in to announce a blue badge to **ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG**.



**HENRIETTA BURROUGHS**, his sponsor, handed him the new badge.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**DUANE KALAR** reminded us that July 30 is International Friendship Day and that the MAGIC of FRIENDS can make a difference.



**DUANE** emotionally related how two of his best long-time Rotary friends, both recently deceased, led him to Rotary over 50 years ago. He presented a large enough donation to the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund to MAGICALLY provide \$100 annually in PERPETUITY to Palo Alto Charities as a memorial for his recently lost Rotary friends.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

**JACKIE WHEELER** thanked **DANA TOM** for his wonderful computer help at her home, which he had offered as an auction item at a previous crabfeed, and JACKIE won!



## MUSICAL TRIBUTE

**LE LEVY** led us in a vocal tribute to our new president **REBECCA** via "Mary Poppin's".  
**Super President**

**REBECCA** was the tune with verses composed and sung along with **BETSY BECHTEL**, **ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG**, and **HERSH DAVIS**, with thanks to Richard and Robert Sherman for the original.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big Thanks to **GLORIA HOM** for hosting last week's TGIF at Channing House with the help of **TOM GRACON** and former member Laurie Liston.

**GINNY LEAR** urging members to participate in and the benefits of the annual Leadership training course offered by District 5170.

REBECCA requesting the whereabouts of **three large Rotary folding screens** that some Rotarian volunteered to store in their garage following the 2022 anniversary celebration!.

**Pay your dues! PRONTO! \$\$**

**ERIC JENSEN** reminder: Bring your vegan, vegetarian and regular canned food cans to **Aug 5 meeting** to contribute to the Downtown Food Closet.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

BETSY BECHTELL introduced today's speaker **MOHAN GURUNATHAN**, Engineer and Food Systems expert speaking on how we can help the climate and earth's inhabitants by simply changing our eating habits. Mohan presented many convincing slides illustrating the cost in terms of degradation of climate, food, extinction of species, deforestation, water toxicity and chemical pollutants in our production and use of animal products.



The costs, land and natural resources used world-wide for meat and dairy production is staggering compared to what it takes to provide food for 8 billion people as vegans.

The vegan menu at today's meeting showed how easy it is to make the fork the solution by eating fruits and vegetables instead of meat and dairy products. **JOOP VERBAKEN...** suggested our club adopt some sort of vegan lunches or a minimum that each of us reduce daily or weekly our animal intake to help our earth.

Fight Climate change with Diet Change!

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

**Greeters: Anne Cribbs, Hersh Davis**

**Welcome Desk: Katie Seedman**

**A/V: Dana Tom**

**Mics: Susan Lutter**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<b>August 5</b> <b>Bring today</b>	<b>Canned Food Drive</b> <b>at lunch meeting</b>
<b>August 5</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Barbara McQuade,</b> <b>Professor, University of</b> <b>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</b> <b>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</b> <b>Project at the Club for</b> <b>Grateful Garments</b>
<b>August 26</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Palo Alto City Council</b> <b>Candidates Panel</b> Moderator, Gennady Sheyner, Journalist
<b>September 2</b> NO MEETING	<b>DARK - LABOR DAY</b>