

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 and asked **KAREN ROHDE** to welcome our visitors. Visiting Rotarians were: Leif Erickson, President of Palo Alto University Rotary Club, along with PAUR members Katie Cooney and Karen Ross. **KATIE SEEDMAN** presented her guest, Kanika Sabharwal of Heritage Bank.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



MATT DOLAN spoke about the long history of magic in Ireland by the Tuatha, with magical wisdom dating back to 1867 BC and with the arrival in Ireland approximately 500 BC, Celtic magic continues to this day with values of honor, loyalty, hospitality, honesty, justice and courage. Along with leprechauns and a pot 'o gold at the end of the rainbow, the Magic of Rotary continues in Ireland with 67 Rotary Clubs. Irish blessings and proverbs share this magic:.

*"May the tilt of Irish laughter
lighten every load.*

*May the mist of Irish magic
shorten every road.*

*May you taste the sweetest pleasures
that fortune e're bestowed*

*And may all your friends remember all the
favors you are owed."*

PRESIDENTS CLUB

PATTY MCGUIGAN joined the President's Club and contributed \$1000 to the Palo Alto Rotary Endowment Fund in thanks to the wonderful planning by Steve and Pat Emslie and Anne Cribbs for a trip to the Paris Olympics.

DANA TOM joined the President's Club in celebration of his son's success with Ultimate Frisbee, first in New York and then on the Olympics team coming up in Australia.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

JOY OCHE announced that Rotary vocational scholarships totaling \$35,000, for 11 recipients ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, were granted by PARC. Students will be attending Foothill College, Cañada College, Skyline College and College of San Mateo. They will study nursing, radiologic tech, fashion design, dental hygiene, early childhood education and respiratory therapy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New **Social Chair GREG HOOD** announced a club social at Oracle Park for a Giants vs St. Louis Cardinals game on either 9/28 @\$72 per ticket, or 9/29 @\$84 per ticket, based on seating locations. More to come...



REBECCA thanked **ERIC JENSEN** for last week's very successful food drive.

STILL SEARCHING FOR THESE DISPLAYS



Are you storing these freestanding display panels that were assembled in 2022, to showcase our club's activities at our Centennial Gala; if so, please contact REBECCA, they will be taken off your hands.

ROTARY PICKLEBALL: October 5th & 6th

Please save the date for an **inaugural Palo Alto Rotary Pickleball Tournament**, October 5th and 6th at Mitchell Park, to be presented in cooperation with the Palo Alto Pickleball Club.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- International Day of the World's Indigenous People was last Friday, August 9.

DANA TOM introduced our two speakers **Melissa Nelson** and **Corrina Gould** whom he heard on KQED Forum when they spoke about the City of Berkeley returning sacred land, the oldest Ohlone shellmound, to an Indigenous trust.

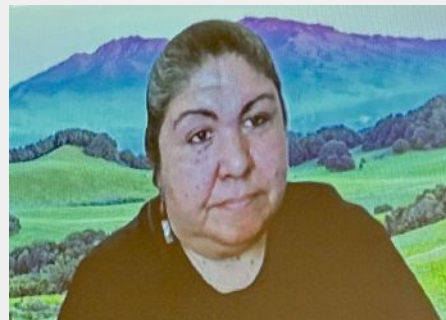
- Berkeley's mayor called it the largest urban land give-back in California history.
- It took nearly a decade of litigation, so it's been a long journey.
- The city acquired the land for 27 million dollars, mostly with money from the Sogorea Te' Land Trust.
- Professor Melissa Nelson is an ecologist, writer, editor, media-maker and indigenous scholar-activist. At Arizona State University, she is a professor of Indigenous Sustainability

in the School of Sustainability, College of Global Futures. Prior to this, she served as a Professor of American Indian Studies at San Francisco State University. She actively advocates for



Indigenous Peoples' rights and sustainable lifeways in higher education, nonprofits, and philanthropy and is particularly passionate about Indigenous food sovereignty at local, regional and global levels. Melissa serves on the board of directors of the Sogorea Te' Land Trust.

Corrina Gould is the tribal spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. She was born and raised in her ancestral homeland, the territory of Huchiun. Corrina has worked on preserving and protecting the sacred burial



sites of her ancestors throughout the Bay Area for decades. She is the Co-Director for the Sogorea Te' Land Trust, a women-led

organization within the urban setting of her ancestral territory of the Bay Area that works to return Indigenous land to Indigenous people

Corrina spoke of the plans for the shellmound in Berkeley. The land is near the bay and will



be a mound covered with flowers, poppies and lupine. Eventually 56 native Indigenous Peoples remains will be moved

from the University to the shellmound. The land will be a place for people to pray and work to bring back language and song. In 1909, 425 shellmounds were mapped and found around the bay. Almost all are gone, now buried under buildings, railroad tracks, and highways.

Melissa spoke about the dozens of projects like this one in the land back movement. It is urban based and women led and an intertribal model. 70% of native americans live in urban areas.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Karae Lisle - 8/6
- Henrietta Burroughs - 8/18
- Susan Lutter - 8/25
- Dana Tom - 8/25
- Lee Pfab - 8/26
- Mark Stevenson - 8/31

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Mike Fogarty, Liz Kniss**
Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**
A/V: **Ben Threlkeld**
Mics: **Dana Tom**
Pinion Writer: **Betsy Bechtel**
Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**

| UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS | |
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| August 19 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | Hands On, Sleeves Up Project at the Club for Grateful Garments |
| August 26 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | 9 Palo Alto City Council Candidates: Panel Moderator, Gennady Sheyner, Journalist |
| September 2 NO MEETING | DARK - LABOR DAY |
| September 9 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | Gina Dalma, EVP, Community Action, Silicon Valley Foundation Hispanic Heritage |
| September 16 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | Jill Duerig, District Governor, 2024-2025 Our Rotary District 5170 |
| September 23 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | Sam Liccardo, Evan Low Candidates for US Congress, District 16, Moderator Henrietta Burroughs, Journalist |
| September 30 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting | 3 Long Time Member talks Introduced by Jim Sutherland |
| October 5 & 6 Mitchell Park | Inaugural Rotary Pickleball Tournament: Open to All Details to follow. |