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It was a crowded meeting today so President **REBECCA** individual guest welcomes were not happening. The following visitors and their hosts were recorded at the front desk: Bob Sutis and Gina Signorello (**HAL MICKELSON**), Hal Korol (**IRIS KOROL**), Alex Giovanuto (**CASH ALAEE**), Judy Severson (**AMY YANG**), Suzanne Jain (**DANA TOM**), Alison Kambi (**JACKIE WHEELER**), Amie Ashton (**JOY OCHE**) and Victoria Kamire (**JENN TORAI**).



acknowledged her guest Amie Ashton from the Palo Alto Forward organization while **AMY YANG** wanted to recognize her neighbor Judy Severson. **GREG HOOD** wanted to remind members of the upcoming San Francisco Giants Baseball Game event.

SOCIAL AND SERVICE NOTES

JAKE YOO was thanked for hosting the recent TGIF event. **ERIC JENSEN** presented information on the virtual Sibling Cities Town Hall event taking place on Sunday, September 29 from 1 – 2:30 PM with involvement of both Palo Alto and Bloomington IN speakers. **STEVE EMSLIE** passed around a sign-up sheet for greeters. Please volunteer.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 10/5 & 10/6

There are still four volunteer spots left for the October 5 – 6 PickleBall Tournament but it is looking like a very successful event raising a substantial amount for our charities.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

IRIS KOROL promoted the concept that there was magic in voting emanating from the fact that it enables being heard and making a difference.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our own **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS** was the moderator for the main meeting event. She was introduced by **BETSY BECHTEL** who provided details of Henrietta's distinguished newspaper and weekly interview work in East Palo Alto. The moderator was aided by **MARY ANN GEE** as timer and **HAL MICKELSON** as the formulator of floor questions.

The two candidates are **Evan Low** from Cupertino and **Sam Liccardo** from San Jose. They were each given 2 minutes in turn to respond to the questions.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

The first to step forward to donate was **JACKIE WHEELER** who gave to honor her guest Alison Kambi, a Palo Alto School Board candidate. She was followed by **HAL MICKELSON** who recognized the co-workers and other guests present. **JOY OCHE**

HENRIETTA first asked the candidates to respond to six main topic questions.



- #1 What platforms or policies separate you?
- #2 How do you propose to get support across the aisle for your progressive policies?
- #3 How would you maintain Silicon Valley's global competitiveness?
- #4 What do you mean by it and how would you handle

"Defending Democracy"?

#5 What concerns do you have about health care and defending LGBTQ rights?

#6 What approach would you take to immigration?

Questions from the room attendees covered Federal Debt, Political campaign donations, Affordable childcare, Iran and regime change.



The fact that both candidates are Democrats,



thoughtful individuals, experienced and articulate speakers, resulted in few startling differences between their positions. (*The reporter's observation.*) Low has a background in California State Government while Liccardo has been a public prosecutor,

and former Mayor of San Jose. The candidates both made several individual references to these differing aspects of their careers. Low challenged Liccardo on policing and his outside financial backing from former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Liccardo touted his record of success in governing San Jose. Both acknowledged the long-time accomplishments of Anna Eshoo. In summing up Low made the point that character matters and Liccardo stood by his achievements in getting things done. President **REBECCA** thanked them both, with a parting gift of a mug with a special motto.

TODAYS VOLUNTEERS

- Greeters: **Eric Jensen, Iris Korol**
- Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**
- A/V: **Dana Tom**
- Microphones: **Steve Madsen**
- Pinion Writer: **Geoff Ziman**
- Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<p>September 30 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>3 Long Time Member talks Introduced by Jim Sutherland: Bill Johnson, Cash Alae, Joan Plastiras</p>
<p>October 5 & 6 Mitchell Park</p>	<p>Inaugural Rotary Pickleball Tournament: Open to All 4 more volunteers needed. Check with Linnet Kwok.</p>
<p>October 7 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>David Mineta, CEO and Kennya Rodriguez, Mental Health First Aid Project Coordinator, Momentum for Health, speaking on "What to Know and Do About Behavioral Health Issues in Palo Alto"</p>
<p>October 14 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>Tom Bailey, General Manager, Guild Theater The Guild and Local Entertainment</p>
<p>October 21 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p>Stephanie Crosby, Dean of Disability Resources and Veterans Resources, Foothill College Disability Resources and Veterans Resources at Foothill College</p>