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PRESIDENT REBECCA

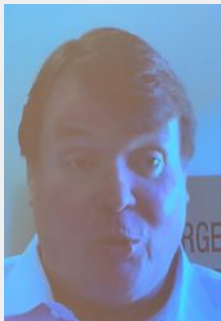
opened the meeting by inviting members to wave and welcome those on zoom.

PRES ELECT BRUCE

GEE reported no guest or visiting Rotarians (rare event) to introduce.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



DAVE PRICE reminded us historically how many famous (Sir Edmund Hilary, Marconi, Orville Wright), business leaders (Sam Walton, J.C. Penny, Firestone) politicians national Presidents Wilson, Harding, FDR, Kennedy, Stevenson, Ford, Reagan,

Carter, both Bushes and even Trump were Rotarians at some point. Palo Alto Rotary members can feel smug about belonging to an organization with other public servants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOOP VERBAKEN reported on attending District 5170 Avenues of Service with **Dana Tom, Joy Oche, Rebecca, Jenn Torai, and Stans Kleijnen**. Sessions consisted of DEI, MEMBERSHIP,



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, YOUTH SERVICES And INTERNATIONAL GRANTS.



GREG HOOD invited all to attend TGIF/Social on October 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Greg and Christina's home. (Mid Town) Bring a guest and a bottle of your favorite beverage to share.

VETERANS DAY

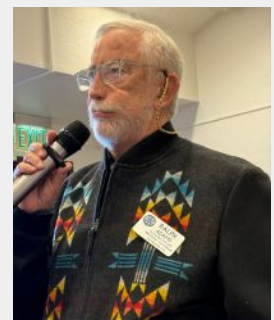
Monday Nov 11 No Rotary meeting but all invited to join Downtown Rotary in placing flags at 8AM and/or removing them at 5PM

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION & POLIO PLUS



KAREN RHODE presented on TRF and slides that gave a demonstration of the importance of POLIO PLUS donations. Two of the three types of virus have been eliminated worldwide and only Pakistan and Afghanistan have the

remaining type to be controlled. The Rotary Foundation matching grants that multiply each donation to 3X. **RALPH ADAMS**, a surviving polio victim graciously donated \$1000 that triples to \$3000. Thank you Ralph,



and others for giving to The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

SALLY TOMLINSON joined for spending four weeks traveling in Europe, **GREG HOOD** for misnaming Veterans Day as Flag Day.



DAVE SMULLIN

donated in memory of the 9,388 servicemen killed in France during WWII. When voting, remember that Democracy is not free.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

SIMON PENNINGTON introduced Dr. **STEPHANIE CROSBY**, Dean of Disability Resources & Veterans

Resources, Foothill College who gave an interesting summary of the resources available to Disabled and Veterans. Foothill has 92 students enrolled in these programs and have identified 385 eligible. Federal and California offer many benefits that are much more inclusive than the former GI Bill of the past. Foothill College has teamed up with Stanford to offer STEM and Robotic classes for Veterans. Dr Crosby recommended we all watch the movie "CRIP CAMP" to better understand what DRC and VRC programs offer.



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Nancy Peters, Greg Hood**

Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

A/V: **Dana Tom**

Microphone: **Steve Madsen**

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

October 25 TGIF
5:30-7:00 pm

TGIF: Home of Greg Hood
Bring a bottle of wine to share.
Appetizers provided by the Club.

October 28
12:15-1:30pm
Club Meeting

New Member Talks:
Mary Ann Gee; Jake Yoo

November 4
12:15-1:30pm
Club Meeting

Jenna Daugherty, Trans Activist: How I went from a Christian fundamentalist kid to an agnostic trans activist

November 11
NO meeting

Veteran's Day.
No Meeting
Post flags on University Avenue

November 18
12:15-1:30pm
Club Meeting

Garth Illingworth, Professor Emeritus, Astronomy & Astrophysics, UC Santa Cruz
Discoveries from the James Webb Telescope

November 25
12:15-1:30pm
Club Meeting

Desiree Lyons, CEO, Namaste Direct: A World Community Service Project