

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President **REBECCA** called the meeting to order at 12:30. She asked **BEN THRELKELD**, today's a/v volunteer, to show the Zoom attendees to the room and to pan the room of in-person attendees to the Zoomers Everyone waved at each other.

BRUCE GEE introduced a visitor, Diana Galbraith of Palo Alto.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

CASH ALAEE talked about Rotary Peace Centers. There are currently seven, located worldwide. Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded scholarships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our Peace Centers.



Through academic training, practice and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowship covers tuition, room and board, round-trip transportation, internship and field study expenses. Since the program's beginning in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law

enforcement organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Big thank you to **GREG HOOD** for hosting the Friday, October 5, TGIF.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION & POLIO PLUS

TRF Chair **KAREN ROHDE** Introduced **STANS KLEIJNEN** who spoke about the work that has been done with our TRF District Designated Funds. She noted that we partnered with other clubs, providing new stoves and focused . In Guatemala, childhood malnutrition was targeted

If you haven't yet given, please do, by donating online, or by check to TRF, including PolioPlus, given or sent to KAREN.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

STEVE EMSLIE introduced the 3 new members ready to tell more about themselves.

JAKE YOO was born and raised in Korea. He has two brothers and his father was a dentist there. In Korea, his father treated President Kim. JAKE married and moved to America. He loves Rotary service. He then shared his Citizenship Day photo.



Naval hospital in Oakland and wanted to stay in Kaiser Hospital in Hayward. He married his wife Megan in 1994 and they have three children. In 2007, he faced serious medical issues and has moved forward. With the exception of burning his house down...maybe he does not need exciting news.

CLOSING REMARKS

President REBECCA thanked our speakers, our members and guest for attending--both roomers and zoomers.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Steve Madsen, Cash Alae**
 Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**
 A/V: **Ben Threlkeld**
 Microphone: **Joop Verbaken**
 Pinion Writer: **Trish Bubenik**
 Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**



MARY ANN GEE made sure to let everyone know that she is not related to BRUCE GEE. She grew up in Gary, Indiana, a great steel town. She went to a school of music and was in an opera company for six years in New York. She loves smiling people! She worked

part time in a bank and was Associate VP in a bank. She actually sang in a chorus with Placido Domingo. She met her husband in 1995. Her daughter works at ESPN. And she loves to go on cruises! (At the meeting, **LIZ KNISS** asked her to sing a bit from the song that happened to be what she sang when she met her husband, Tim, at a piano bar, "Perhaps Love" --and she did so, beautifully!



MIKE FOGARTY grew up in New Haven, Connecticut with four siblings. He went to medical school then joined the Navy and did an internship at a Navy hospital. He worked on the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise. He worked at a

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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
December 2 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Elena Kadvan, SF Chronicle Food Reporter The Palo Alto Restaurant Scene and Life as a Food Reporter
December 9 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Kenneth N. Lee, Religious LifeThank Stanford University Hindu Religion and Cultural Celebrations