

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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*Celebrating 102 years of Service*

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024-2025

With the Rotary bell, not "Silver Bells" President **REBECCA GERALDI** rang our final meeting of 2024 to order. Followed by the group wave between "Roomers and Zoomers."

Incoming **President BRUCE GEE** recognized **DANA TOM** who introduced Paulina Mashnik Myung for her third club meeting visit. It appears we may have a new club member!

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**STEVE EMSLIE** shared thoughts about Rotary as a guiding light by service to others. Through local grants and projects, scholarships and global grants Rotary's commitment provides connection, collaboration and fellowship in the world. Even more importantly we should look forward to continued commitment to create an even brighter New Year.

## BLUE BADGE PRESENTATION

President **REBECCA** called club member **JAKE YOO** forward. JAKE was awarded his blue badge for completing the mandatory and optional requirements these past six months. With his sponsor **STEVE PLAYER** at his side the club congratulated and welcomed our newest blue badge member!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS: We Care

**DANA TOM** provided an update on our club member **LE LEVY**. His health prognosis is positive as his recovery progresses. We all send good thoughts and positive energy to Le and look forward to his songwriting contributions.

## PRESIDENTS CLUB

**TRISH BUBENIK** joined the Presidents Club in honor of our new member's involvement. Most impressively "Thought of the Day" sign ups has nearly filled the roster. A few spots remain open and any club member interested can contact Trish about participation.

## 49er GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!: Dec. 30th

**CASH ALAEE** announced an incredible opportunity, offered by a friend of PA Rotary. The opportunity to bid on and win two tickets in the 49'ers owners' club suites. These tickets are for the final home game versus the Detroit Lions, Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Game time 5:15pm. The ticket value is \$3500 and includes club access. The bidding process is by email and the **opening bid is \$1000** with all funds raised going to PA Rotary's local charities fund.

Bidding details will come soon in a separate email. Check your calendars, and your email...

## BANQUET STAFF RECOGNITION

**President REBECCA** acknowledged Manager Ben and Noe, the staff member who provides us a welcoming experience at the Baylands for

our meetings. We thanked Noe with a generous gift for his service all year.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

MARY ANN GEE and the merry carolers ELIZABETH SANTANA, BRIAN STEEN AND HAL MICKELSON, ably accompanied by visiting Pianist Theresa Ronon, lead our club in a holly jolly, deck the halls, dreidel, and wonderful time of the year sing-a-long. Filled with fun facts of composers and performers it was a room filled with joyful noise. Big thanks to LE LEVY for making the introductions to Theresa Ronon an



accomplished musician and rock band enthusiast. Closing with Auld Lang Syne the Scottish Gaelic phrase that roughly translates to "old time's sake," sentiments for Happy Holidays were shared and a farewell bid to 2024.

CLOSING REMARKS

President REBECCA joyfully rang our meeting to a close eagerly anticipating our Rotary commitment to service in the New Year!

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Welcome Desk: Katie Seedman  
A/V: Ben Threlkeld  
Pinion Writer: Matt Dolan  
Pinion Editor: Ginny Lear

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	
December 23 DARK	No Club Meeting  HOLIDAY BREAK
December 30 DARK	No Club Meeting  HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 6 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law at the UC Berkeley School of Law <i>No Democracy Lasts Forever</i>
January 13 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Mark Purdy, Retired San Jose Mercury News Sports Columnist: <b>Sports Journalism</b>
January 20 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	MLK, Jr Day: <b>Hands On/Sleeves Up Project</b>

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2024 Holiday Party









