

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President **REBECCA** called the meeting to order at 12:30. She then asked the Zoomers and the Roomers to wave to each other.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



RENE MORGAN shared a poem by Emily Dickinson:

*If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life
the aching Or cool*

*one pain,
Or help a fainting robin Into his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: 1/31

Social Chair **GREG HOOD** and his committee: **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS, NANCY PETERS, JACKIE WHEELER**, with **GLORIA HOM** are promoting the January 31 combined TGIF and [Lunar New Year at Channing House](#) on the 11th floor starting at 5:30 pm. It will be \$75/person for a celebration featuring a buffet of delicious food delivered by Chef Chu's Restaurant. It's the Year of the Snake! Prepaid sign ups end next Monday, January 27th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to to the volunteer ushers at the Palo Alto Players comedy "Noises Off"--**DANA TOM** and wife Nancy Kawakita; **JON STOUMEN** and wife O'Malley; **BOB MCCOWAN**; **KAREN ROHDE**; **KATHY TORGENSEN**; **STEVE MADSEN**; **MIKE FOGARTY**.

REBECCA thanked ERIC JENSEN for arranging for our dignity kit build service project. Next week will feature new member talks, hosted by **STEVE EMSLIE**. We will hear from **JACK CABANESS, JON GOLDMAN**, and **RENE MORGAN**.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



ERIC JENSEN gave some background to the Grateful Garment Project. He introduced **Lisa**



Blanchard, the founder and Executive Director of the Grateful Garment Project. She became involved as a class project over 15 years ago. Lisa acknowledges that it took over her life. She and others working on this

pay special attention to 10, 11, and 12 year-old boys and girls who are sexually trafficked and abused. Palo Alto Rotary Club has supported this project for several years, with plans to continue doing so.

REBECCA thanked Lisa and gifted her a special mug that says "*You make the world a better place*"

Members then began the process of filling 50 backpacks with sport clothes, toiletries, and personal items for men and women, boys and girls who will be in need of these things following such abuse. Police and hospital emergency rooms keep them available with much appreciation.

CLOSING REMARKS

With thanks to our volunteers, our speaker and all who attended and helped out, President **REBECCA** adjourned the meeting to get us all to work.

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

- Greeters: **Iris Korol, Eric Jensen**
Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**
A/V: **Dana Tom**
Microphone: **Kathy Torgerson**
Pinion Writer: **Trish Bubenik**
Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	
January 27 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	New Member Talks: Rene Morgan, Jon Goldman, Jack Cabaness
February 3 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Stuart Weiss, Chief Scientist, Creekside Science: Protecting Monarch overwintering Habitats
February 10 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Dr. Ayodele Thomas, Associate Vice Provost, IDEAL (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access in a Learning Environment) Advancement at Stanford, and Executive Director of the Greene Scholars Program

