

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Celebrating 103 years of Service

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024-2025



President **REBECCA** opened the meeting with the usual Roomer-Zoomer greetings. President Elect **BRUCE GEE** then welcomed our visitor - **Shulamit Feld**, a behavior analyst,

visiting from Waterbury, CT, and the granddaughter of **GEOFF ZIMAN**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULIE JEROME announced that a get-well card was being circulated for **LIZ KNISS** who was in hospital with an infection. We need more greeters and a clip board was circulated for members to sign up for this essential duty.

The Lunar New Year TGIF is scheduled to take place this Friday, January 31 at Channing House. **GLORIA HOM** emphasized the extensive entertainment that would be provided as well as the sumptuous Chinese buffet coming from Chef Chu's Restaurant.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Taking a guide from the book "Meditations for Mortals" by Oliver Burkeman, **DANA TOM** suggested an approach to avoid being overwhelmed by streams of

reading matter and messages. Consider these items to be like a river not a bucket and only select what really interests you from the passing array.

SAVE MARCH 15! ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

[The Magic of Rotary](#) is the theme of this year's Annual Charities Fundraising Dinner, scheduled for **Saturday, March 15**.

This celebration event benefiting local and international charities will be held at the Mitchell Park Community Center, starting at 5:30 pm.

Tickets for the crab and pasta dinner are \$125 per

person. **BRUCE GEE** detailed the need for your support through attendance, bringing friends, sponsorships and active participation. Contact **SALLY TOMLINSON** if you can provide items for the silent or live auctions which are always exciting!



PRESIDENTS CLUB

TRISH BUBENIK joined to celebrate the new members giving their talks today.

TODD LEWIS joined to honor President **REBECCA GERALDI**. **DUANE KALAR** joined to welcome **LE LEVY** back to the fold.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



STEVE EMSLIE introduced the three new members who would give us an insight into their lives.

First up was **JON GOLDMAN** who described the many varied steps in his career. He made mention of a variety of jobs held while at high

school, studying political science at Tufts University, working in a downtown Boston



bakery, visiting the Bay Area, being amazed at finding chairs in a bookstore, volunteering, painting houses, engaging in specialty catering and selling humus until he had a fortuitous meeting with Jim

Baer in 2011. This brought him into his current interest in facilities and commercial real estate. To his credit, Jon has also had a hand in changing State laws and acting as an expert witness. Currently, he is interested in community service and working with nonprofits. When asked by **HENRIETTA BURROUGHS** what advice he would give the young, he responded by drawing attention to the need to recognize crossroads.



JACK CABARNES is the Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church at 650 East Meadow. He moved here in 2022 with his wife and two adopted children. In the question time, he

was asked how these adoptions came about and he responded that it happened through being foster parents first. His parents were both highly respected educators. In his career JACK has been greatly influenced by teachers and he described meaningful interactions with several of them. JACK mentioned his own education path through Dartmouth College, Law School and Seminary. He closed by talking about being given advice by someone dying who drew attention to the value of holding up a mirror.

RENE MORGAN described her adventurous career. It started in the South Side of Chicago the daughter of a lawyer - businessman who



loved sports and an opera-loving mother. She studied literature and history at the University of Michigan which included a junior year in Florence, Italy. After graduation she got married to a dental student and obtained a teaching credential. Her husband's subsequent military draft career took her

to Paris for two years where she studied French language and literature at the Sorbonne. From there she went to living in Lincoln Nebraska and Denver Colorado, teaching English and having three children. Sadly, after 20 years her marriage ended in divorce. Poetry then became her interest before deciding to attend law school. This led to an internship with a US congressman in Washington where she met her second husband Don. Eventually she obtained a fellowship at the Supreme Court. Don's law career took them to Tokyo, Japan for four years. There she taught American Constitutional Law and wrote a successful book summarizing important Supreme Court cases. After that she taught law in Washington DC, retired first to Boulder Colorado and then to Palo Alto to be closer to children and grandchildren. Her late husband Don was delighted to be a member of this Rotary Club and now so is she.

CLOSING REMARKS

With thanks to our volunteers, to STEVE EMSLIE, our speakers and all who attended, President **REBECCA** adjourned the meeting.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Steve Madsen**
Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**
A/V: **Ben Threlkeld**
Microphone: **Dana Tom**
Pinion Writer: **Geoff Ziman**
Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**



6 Flamingos

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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
February 17 DARK: NO MEETING	President's Day. Rotarians Post American Flags on University Avenue
February 24 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Ed Lauing, Mayor of Palo Alto Palo Alto 2025: What's ahead



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