

# 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 two visitors to our meeting. **JACKIE WHEELER** introduced Eleanor Lacy, followed

by BRUCE introducing his friend, Tim Pilsner. Friends are always welcome!

has been restored and is owned by a friend of theirs who invited them to drive. Great fun and beautiful scenery is an understatement!

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION & POLIO PLUS

Confetti was flying as donors who had reached various milestones of giving were honored with certificates and



## PRESIDENTS CLUB



**LEN ELY** joined the Presidents Club in honor of his and his son **David's** participation last month in the Mille

Miglia, a 1000 mile classic car rally in Italy. The two were featured last week on the "CBS Sunday Morning Show".

This is the car they drove, #1, pictured as it led off in 1927, in what was originally a road race. It



pins by TRF Chair **KAREN ROHDE**. **DANA TOM** got an extra sprinkling of cheer as he had reached the Major Donor Level. Our club members gave a total of \$40,000 this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to **GLORIA HOM** for hosting "The Year of the Snake," lunar New Year's event at Channing House. Good attendance, good food, entertainment and fellowship made for a wonderful evening. Thank you to **GREG HOOD** and **JACKIE WHEELER** for the social committee efforts toward the occasion.

### Non-Profit Mixer: CHARLIE WEIDANZ

announced that in cooperation with the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce at the Crowne Plaza on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Since our Club is a Chamber member, Rotary members were not required to pay an attendance fee.



**TGIF Sign Up:** The social committee passed around sign-up sheets for future hosting opportunities. Please connect with GREG HOOD for any open spots. The club promotes the events and provides wine and beverages. The hosts provide location and snack items.

## SAVE MARCH 15! ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

[The Magic of Rotary](#) will be strong on March 15, with two live auction item cruises of the Mediterranean and of New Zealand, and our very own **ELIZABETH SANTANA** as auctioneer, ably assisted by **STEVE PLAYER**.

This year's Annual Charities Fundraising Dinner is 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 are on sale now and can be purchased



through the Rotary website. Tables of 8 are available as well as individual seating.

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 popular and exciting!

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



SALLY TOMLINSON introduced our speaker, **Stuart B, Weiss, PhD** with Creekside Science, who provided an insight into the migration patterns of Monarch butterflies and their California overwintering

habitats. In one overwintering season multiple generations are produced and the butterflies are attracted to non-native eucalyptus trees. Originally Monterey Pines were the tree of choice. Using hemispherical photography to measure canopy for populations the habitats can be sustained or modified to provide the appropriate micro-climate. Like most Rotarians the Monarch Butterflies are not fond of excess heat, cold or wind. To learn more visit: <https://creeksidescience.com/>



## CLOSING REMARKS

President **REBECCA**, with thanks to our speaker and no time left on the clock, closed our meeting

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Julie Jerome, Steve Emslie**

Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

A/V: **Dana Tom**

Microphone: **Alex Kent**

Pinion Writer: **Matt Dolan**

Pinion Editor: **Ginny Lear**

<p><b>February 10</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ayodele Thomas, Associate Vice Provost, IDEAL</b> (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access in a Learning Environment) <b>Advancement at Stanford, and Executive Director of the Greene Scholars Program</b></p>
<p><b>February 17</b> <b>DARK: NO MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>President's Day. Rotarians Post American Flags on University Avenue</b></p>
<p><b>February 24</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Ed Lauing, Mayor of Palo Alto</b> <b>Palo Alto 2025: What's ahead</b></p>
<p><b>March 3</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Dannagai Young, Univ. Of Delaware Professor of International Relations</b> How our Tolerance for Ambiguity Shapes our Engagement with the World</p>
<p><b>March 10</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>Long time Member Talks:</b> <b>Jack Woodson, Bruce Swenson, Dave Van Atta</b></p>
<p><b>March 15</b> <b>5:30-8:00 pm</b> Annual Dinner &amp; Fundraiser Mitchell Park</p>	<p><b>Join Us for the annual crab and pasta fundraising dinner and auction at Mitchell Park.</b> Tickets are \$125 per person Tables of 8 are available</p>