

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Celebrating 103 years of Service

UNITE FOR GOOD 2025-2026

President **BRUCE GEE** rang in his first Rotary meeting to thunderous applause.



He welcomed roomers and zoomers and introduced next year's president, **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** who introduced guests.

CHARLIE recognized **JON GOLDMAN** who brought his daughter, Kate, an intern at Premier Properties following a stint with PA Players.

GEOFF "Skip" ZIMAN re-introduced daughter, Shoshana.



ERIC JENSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as the Thought of the Day.

THANKS FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

President **BRUCE** continued the meeting by thanking those who helped with putting out flags on University Ave for July Fourth. The morning crew included **CHARLIE, ERIC, DANA TOM, BETSY AND GEORGE BECHTAL**. Unfortunately, the evening participants were not known or recognized. A member of the University Rotary Club made a promotional video of the morning gang on why they served.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

GREG HOOD was recognized for contributing to President's Club. **MARK STEVENSON** joined in recognition of his departure from full-time banking and pivoting to author and consultant. Look for his book on shelves soon. **KATHY TORGENSEN** joined to honor **BRUCE SWENSON** for his 900-mile gritty journey into Ukraine to deliver supplies. Past President **REBECCA GERALDI** joined twice: once as a thank you to **BRUCE and Jane Gee** for the wonderful Debunking celebration and again for BRUCE as the new club President. **GINNY LEAR** joined to celebrate her and King's **60th** wedding anniversary on July 4th. **CHARLIE** joined to honor the Debunking party and celebrate Bruce's new role.

CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

President BRUCE announced members can now pay for Presidents Club before we leave the meeting using the tap and pay.

Club dues can also be paid on site. The current dues are now being accepted and will remain \$425, as it was last year. Look for the notice in the mail. Cash payments are now a thing of the past – to avoid the need to make cash deposits.

President BRUCE passed last year's theme banner to **Past President REBECCA** and the club was treated to a collage of photos from the Debunking celebration.

President BRUCE recognized the hard work of **Baylands Café staff, Ben and Noe** in support our club meetings.

PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Today's program is a product of the Rotary by-laws. Titled "Club Assembly", this annual presentation outlined all the functions of the local Rotary Board members and showcased all the good work being done in the club. President BRUCE announced this year's theme: UNITE FOR GOOD

He liked the theme because it is action oriented. BRUCE remarked the two things that are important to him as a Rotarian are friendship and trust. With that. Members of the Board each spoke about their area of responsibility.

President Elect: CHARLIE WEIDANZ
Past President: REBECCA GERALDI

Treasurer: MATT DOLAN and President BRUCE provided the membership an overview of the budget, highlighting the difference between the non-profit charities budget and the association operations budget as well as where the money comes from and where it goes.

Secretary: GINNY LEAR
Club Operations: ANNE CRIBBS
Club Service: MARY ANN GEE
Community Service: ERIC JENSEN

Membership: LINNET KWOK
International Service: ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG
Vocational Service: JOY OCHE
Youth Service; JUDY KLEINBERG MEETING



MEETING ADJOURNED

President BRUCE closed the meeting almost on time with Past President REBECCA monitoring closely.

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Steve Emslie, Yudy Deng
Welcome Desk: Rebecca Gerald
A/V: Dana Tom
Microphone: Yudy Deng
Pinion Writer: Eric Jensen
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 14 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Speaker from FBI in Palo Alto <i>Economic Espionage</i>
July 21 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Ken Yeager Prof. of Political Science, Cal State San Jose <i>Topic: Gay Rights and Run, Baby, Run</i>
July 28 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	David Mariani, Mariani Investments <i>Topic: The Imperiled Honeybee and the Emergence of the Bee Bank</i>