

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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UNITE FOR GOOD 2025-2026

WELCOME: President **BRUCE GEE** opened the meeting by welcoming the 15 online zoomers and the 34 members in attendance.

President elect **CHARLIE WEIDANZ** asked members to introduce guests. **JULIE JEROME** introduced her daughter Jessica Jerome and **GEOFF ZIMAN** introduced his granddaughter Mindy Motzen



PRESIDENTS CLUB

New member **MIKE GUILLAD** announced that his wife's new book of short stories will be presented at Kepler's.



ROTARY LIFE HACKS

KANIKA SABHARWAL informed us that if you need to recharge your iPhone, placing it in airplane mode first, that turns off apps and will allow a 40% faster charging. The members really liked hearing that very useful hack!



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

NANCY PETERS, our 90 years young psychotherapist said she enjoys still seeing patients, especially Stanford students. She has observed that there are good days and bad days but with a positive attitude all ends up the same.



PROGRAM

At 12:45 past president **DANA TOM** filling in for District assistant Governor **REBECCA GERALDI** (who is on a much deserved vacation with her family in Hawaii) introduced District 5170 Governor **HERB RITTER**.

HERB has served on numerous roles in his over 30 years of Rotary where he lives and breathes SERVICE ABOVE SELF- The ROTARY WAY.

He has served many positions in his Rotary Club, and was a visible leader in his community serving as planning commissioner for Pleasanton HERB was a leading Past president of Sunflower Hill, a nonprofit supporting adults with developmental disabilities. A third-generation Eagle Scout with a degree in electrical engineering and a MBA he was in corporate sales and leadership for 32 years at Schneider Electric before launching his own ventures —One Commercial Properties and Ritter Vacation Properties.



Governor HERB started his dynamic power point presentation with a loud exploding slide and donning his rose-colored glasses; we knew we were in for an Informative stimulating talk. The glasses emphasized the importance of vision. He wants to focus on younger generation with goal of MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. He strongly urged everyone to sponsor a new member this Rotary year. Next year's district conference, 2026 Far West Fest, will be held May 1-3, 2026 at Grand Sierra. A full program promised including a train ride to Reno, keynote speakers, mini-RI convention etc.

The new district website gives clubs the opportunity to promote their projects and events. The website URNEEDED.ORG will reach potential volunteers and new members.

DG HERB encouraged us to promote Rotary's public image through social media. Post Rotary related pictures of your club.

He announced several TRF events, the district's multi-club wheelchair distribution in Mexico and the Hornblower Bottomless Mimosa Brunch Cruise for Paul Harris \$1K donors, Paul Harris Society, Triple Crown donors, and \$10K Contribution major donors. Herb closed with a slide of his Membership "Dream Goals":

Grow membership to **5,170** in our district which means PALO ALTO must add 17 new members via Companion Clubs or new member models.

Unite for Good with new website

URNEEDED.ORG and

Expand Public Image & Joint Events.



President BRUCE presented DG HERB with a personal gift of homegrown hydroponic lettuce and cherry tomatoes. Lucky you, HERB!

MEETING ADJOURNED

President BRUCE closed the meeting at 1:30 with thanks to our members for attending.

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Anne Cribbs

Welcome Desk: Matt Dolan

Hybrid Host: Ben Threlkeld

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 18 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	ERIC JENSEN, leads us in a Hands On, Sleeves Up Project Be part of Rotary in Action!
August 25 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	STEVE EMSLIE, presents 3 NEW MEMBER TALKS Amy Yang, Kathy Torgersen, Kanika Sabharwal
September 1st LABOR DAY NO Meeting	Post and Retire Flags on University Avenue
September 8 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	STEVE EMSLIE, presents 3 NEW MEMBER TALKS Randa Hoffman, Suzanne Jain, Kristina Lugo