

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President **BRUCE GEE** welcomed participants to the Hands-On Service meeting, building hygiene kits for Samaritan House.

CHARLIE WEIDANZ welcomed visiting a Rotarian and guests.



this--I call them the bullies; and one thing I believe about bullies is that bullies bully until they are stopped.

So kindness with a bully involves doing what you can to stop the behavior. I hope I can live up to what I teach my kids. No matter who I am with, I will hopefully make the world a little better every day.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

HENRETTA BURROUGHS joined in honor of her birthday and all August birthdays! And **RANDA HOFFMAN** joined wishing her dog a quick recovery from surgery.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

SUZANNE JAIN shared these thoughts:



I feel lately like I really don't know anything anymore. The world is skating so fast and things I thought I knew are changing drastically before my eyes every day. There is

so much we can't control.

But I tell my kids we can control how we behave and how we treat others. I've always had a belief that the majority of people are around hoping to do something positive with their day and other's lives.

Honoring this, we should do our best to be kind to each other, lift each other up and do good together. There are, however, a small part of the human population that, from

LISA AKSELRAD and ADA's Cafe

Lisa Akselrad, a past Palo Alto Rotarian and current member of the eClub of Silicon Valley, joined us via Zoom to express her gratitude to President Bruce Gee for his assistance in arranging a meet-up with Kathleen

Foley-Hughes, the founder of Ada's

Cafe. Lisa called Bruce as she wanted to connect with Kathleen to make a donation in memory of her mother, Marjorie Akselrad.



Lisa and her mother regularly went to Mitchell Park Library and then went to Ada's Cafe for dessert or lunch. To honor her mother, Lisa donated \$2,200 to ADA's Cafe.

Lisa expressed that it was a thrill to talk with Kathleen and share how meaningful Ada's has been to her family. A happy coincidence... Kathleen and Lisa's mothers were born on the same day and year



ROTARY HACK

GREG HOOD presented numerous useful uses for binder clips. Don't think their use is limited to paper - can be used to hold lots of things in place.



PROGRAM



ERIC JENSEN introduced via Zoom, Jasmine Lopez-Manriquez. She briefly shared a bit about Samaritan House, now celebrating its 50th year

helping those in need. She explained consideration for adult and youth opportunities including help finding jobs. She thanked Rotary for our support with the build of 150 hygiene kits for adult men and women.

ERIC then explained what we would be doing and we got to work. Thank you, ERIC!



MEETING ADJOURNED

President BRUCE closed the meeting at 1:05 and we got busy with our hands on project. Thanks everyone for helping out.



MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Leannah Hunt, Amy Yang
Welcome Desk: Rebecca Gerald
Hybrid Host: Dana Tom
Pinion Writer: Trish Bubenik
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 4 5:30 PM	Palo Alto Rotary Charities Paella Dinner Tickets are still available - \$75/person at meetings or https://square.link/u/Ylixptf
September 8 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	STEVE EMSLIE, presents 3 NEW MEMBER TALKS Randa Hoffman, Suzanne Jain, Kristina Lugo
September 15 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Charlie Enright, CEO of US Sailing Topic; My Personal Journey to US Sailing
September 21 11:00 Bike Ride 11:45 Lunch	Le Levy Memorial Ride Bicycle ride in honor Le Levy. Meet at his house at 11:00 AM. Other can meet the gang at Alpine in around 11:45
September 26 5:30-7:30 pm TGIF	TGIF: Home of Mike & Terry McMahon, Palo Alto Please bring a beverage to share
September 29 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of The Muslim Next Door & more Topic: Understanding Your Muslim Neighbors: Chai, Star Trek, and Fasting for Ramadan