

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Celebrating 103 years of Service

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WELCOME: Past President **REBECCA GERALDI**, in BRICE GEE's absence, opened the meeting at 12:30 and welcomed Roomers and "Zoomers" naming

all the "Zoomers" present.

CHARLIE WEIDANZ, President Elect, introduced Sophie Tsang, visiting Rotarian from University Rotary Club and guest Shoshana, **GEOFF ZIMAN'S** daughter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

MARK STEVENSON spoke about his new book, "Purpose and Meaningful Service" in which much of his philosophy comes from Rotary and his father, a long-time Rotarian. "Rotary is one of the most important institutions for humanity's future."



TGIF THIS FRIDAY, Sept. 26, 5:30-7:30

TGIF at **MIKE & TERRY MCMAHON'S** home. Just bring a beverage you like to share. Food provided! **Enjoy** fellow Rotarians and spouses.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

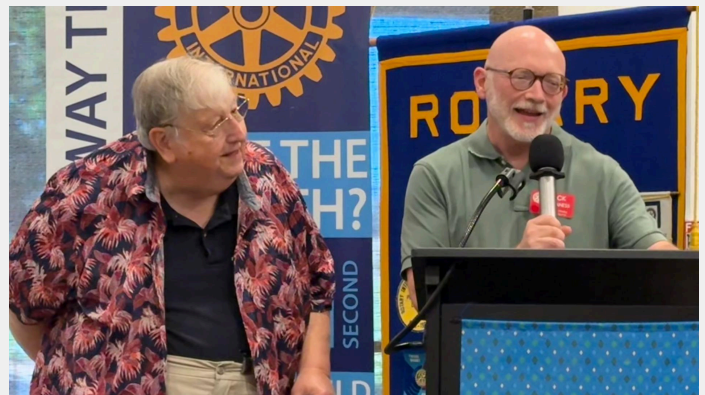
MARK STEVENSON joined the Presidents Club after announcing and speaking of his new book.

HERSH DAVIS joined in honor of Le Levy and the group biking on what would have been Le's 90th birthday.

Shoshana **GEOFF ZIMAN'S** daughter, joined in honor of **GEOFF'S 19th** great grandchild!

BLUE BADGE CEREMONY

JACK CABANESS was recognized by Membership chairperson, **LINNET KWOK**, for completing blue badge requirements joined by his sponsor **HAL MICKELSON**.



WE CARE FOR OUR MEMBERS

JULIE JEROME, chair of the We Care Committee sadly relayed that **PETER SHAMBORA** is at home now on Hospice. a **Thinking of You** card was passed around for us all to send our greetings to PETER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DANA TOM, speaking with much coffee jargon, encouraged members to sign up for **Coffee with a Rotarian**, a monthly casual meeting to get to know other members in an informal way. Just let DANA know if you want to opt in.

LINNET KWOK encouraged members to sign up to help at the Palo Alto Rotary 2nd Annual Pickleball tournament October 4th and 5th. Proceeds of the tournament go to Palo Alto Rotary Annual Charities and participation helps the community get to know Rotary and our club. Flyer at end of this Pinion.



ANNETTE GLANCKOPF showed the Stockholm Rotary Club flag she received when she visited this club recently. She encouraged our members to also visit Rotary clubs when traveling.

STEVE EMSLIE showed pictures of the Le Levy Memorial ride, ending at Zotts with 13 riders who miraculously got a table on a busy day!

PROGRAM



DANA TOM introduced our speaker, Augustin Fuentes, Professor of Anthropology at Princeton. He earned multiple degrees in

Anthropology and Zoology at U.C. Berkeley . He spoke about his fascinating book, "Sex is a Spectrum, the Biological Limits of the Binary".

He blew up the simplistic notion of a strict binary of sexes to show the complexities of sex being a spectrum.

At 8 to 12 weeks of gestation, from the same beginning, there begins to be

differentiation of male and female sex organs. But there is no

differentiation of most other organs: heart, lungs, liver, kidney and so forth. We all have the same three hormones, with

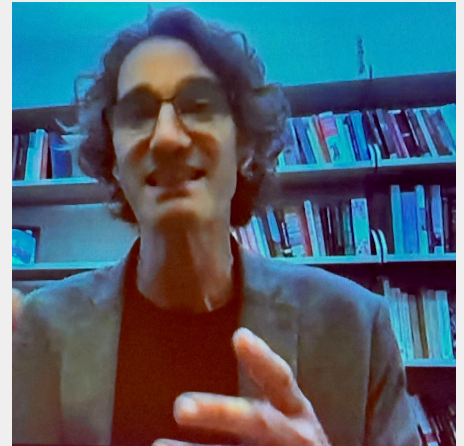
differences in amounts over a lifetime. There is about 70% overlap in heights and weights of

men and women. There is a huge range of sexuality and biological variation. Gender identity and acceptance are important.

In sports in terms of physical strength and ability, there is no difference in children's bodies

until puberty. Therefore, why not have co-ed sports for younger kids.

Fuentes' research focuses on the biological, delving into the entanglements of biological systems with the social and cultural lives of humans, our ancestors and a few of the other animals with whom humanity shares close relations



MEETING ADJOURNED

REBECCA closed the meeting at 1:30 with appreciation to the speaker and to all for their attendance

MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Mike Gullard, Steve Emslie

Welcome Desk: Eric Jensen

Hybrid Host: Dana Tom

Microphone: Randa Hoffman

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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

September 26 5:30-7:30 pm TGIF	TGIF: Home of Mike & Terry McMahon, 3923 Grove Ave. Palo Alto Bring yourself! Bring a guest! And, bring a beverage to share!
September 29 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of The Muslim Next Door Understanding your Muslim Neighbors: Chai, Star Trek and Fasting for Ramadan
October 4-5 Mitchell Park, PA	PA Rotary + PA Pickleball Club Tournament
October 6 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	3 New Members Talk: YUDY DENG, MIKE GULLARD, TIM MISNER



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Palo Alto, CA

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