

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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Ringling his bicycle bell, PRESIDENT DANA TOM called us to order for the virtual Monday meeting of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto on June 1, 2020. This year's RI theme. "Rotary Connects the World," is more apt than ever as we connect via Zoom while being asked to shelter in place....

A Thought for the Day came from SPENCER HSU: "The Last

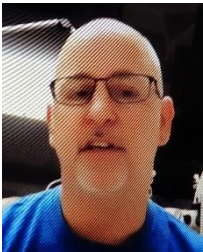


Dance" follows the Chicago Bulls through the 1997-98 basketball season and covers the remarkable career of Michael Jordan. Spencer said that Jordan was able to turn anything negative said about him

into motivation for greater achievements. His so-called overnight success in baseball reflected years of strenuous effort. A 1%-per-day improvement in anyone's abilities can pay compound interest.

In the first of two appearances for the day, PATTY MCGUIGAN endorsed support for our local Endowment Fund. Donations to the Endowment are a gift that we know will keep on giving. Programs to help children and fight disease need financial support in good years and bad, and Endowment income makes that happen...

PRESIDENT-ELECT BEN THRELKELD noted how well we did last Friday by reprising the outstanding presentation made by Ambassador Eikenberry on Sino-American Relations.



Friday's presentation of his recorded talk was followed by 45 minutes of live Q&A on issues like Hong Kong, Taiwan, and artificial intelligence.... We'll have a regular Virtual Happy Hour this coming Friday, June 5, at 5:30.... Ben then joined the Presidents' Club, saying we're close to our \$10,000 target for PC contributions for

2019-20....

Another President's Club participant was STEVE PLAYER, saluting excellent work by ELIZABETH SANTANA on a smashing successful virtual gala to benefit Palo Alto Players.... Next week, we'll have three speakers from the D School at Stanford, talking about Designing for Extreme Affordability.



For our program, we heard two excellent New Member Talks,

introduced by ROB LYMAN.

STANS KLEIJNEN joined us in February, 2020, sponsored by RYAN ELLIOTT. Her classification is International



Management. Born in Eindhoven, home of Philips, she speaks Dutch, English, French, German and Italian.... Great trivia: Strictly speaking, "Holland" refers to two provinces near Amsterdam, although it's informally a name for the whole country.... Officially 30% of the country is below sea level; 20% is at sea level, 50% above...The ratio of bicycles to

residents is 1.3 to 1....Stans worked in the Netherlands and Italy before coming to Silicon Valley in 1984. Here, she worked for Daisy Systems, then for Sun Microsystems, where she became Vice President, Market Development Engineering.... In 2004, Stans started her own company, as an executive coach.... Her next phase was in India, "more a continent than a country." India has 28 states jammed into a single time zone, 12 ½ hours ahead of California... Stans and JOOP VERBAKEN have two children and a recently arrived grandchild.

PATTY MCGUIGAN'S classification is "Commercial Real Estate." Her passions are biking, yoga and swimming.



Growing up in Southern California, she graduated from Immaculate Heart High, then attended UCLA... She taught school in LA for 13 years.... She has read

31 books since the onset of the COVID-19 epidemic.... Patty has two children and four grandchildren.... In response to questions, Patty disclosed that she had sold a not-all-that-big three-story office building on Lytton for \$25 million.... Her secret in surviving in an office full of men? "I'm pretty aggressive," Patty said. She learned to deal with males when she taught school and it "never occurred to her" that real estate might be considered a male-dominated environment.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: June 8, Stuart Coulson, Tamara Meklar and David Cutler, "Design for Extreme Affordability"; June 15, Dr. Laura Carstensen, "Longevity"; June 22, James Campbell, "African-American History"; June 29, Dana's Virtual Debunking.