

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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President DANA's Virtual Debunking

"Nobody Does it Better" Today's Theme, presented DANA's Family Slide Show – backed by Ella Fitzgerald singing



12:35 HERSH DAVIS – Rang the Opening Bell "Welcome to YOUR Palo Alto Rotary Club!!"

"Here in the Rotary Club of Palo Alto, it has been a beautiful year in Mr. DANA's Neighborhood. We've enjoyed the way he has run our meetings and run our club – friendly, relaxed, impeccably well organized, and always, always

positive. It's as if he comes in every Monday, pulls on a comfortable cardigan sweater, laces up a pair of unpretentious sneakers, and talks with us about the values and the mission of Rotary and the importance of community service. We've had a wonderful year in Mr. DANA's Neighborhood."

SONG – "President DANA's Neighborhood" written by LE LEVY, sung by ELIZABETH SANTANA



*It's a beautiful day in his neighborhood
Our wonderful President's neighborhood
So welcome - To his soiree*

*We've some devilish doings for DANA, which
We hope you will find entertaining
It's a new kind - Of Monday!*

*Here's a guy whose leadership we all appreciate,
In this crises he has kept us true and straight,
We'll take our cue from him won't hyperventilate
That's great, that's great!*

*Let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Depose of Tom in a suitable way,
Here we are, we're Mr. DANAs...
Proudly we are Mr. DANA's neighbors.*

*It's a beautiful day in his neighborhood,
Our wonderful President's neighborhood,
We proudly - Pay homage,*

*Leading us all through a troubled time,
As president he's been a paradigm,
Of humor - And knowledge.*

*He kept his cool while we've been isolating in our home,
Kept our spirits high, ran every meeting with aplomb,
Each meeting was so organized, there never was a flaw,
I, for one, have stood in awe!*

*So, let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Depose of Tom in a suitable way,
Here we are, we're Mr. DANA's...
Proudly we are Mr. DANA's neighbors.*

*So, welcome today to his neighborhood,
Our wonderful President's neighborhood,
His year now is over;*

*I'm sure you will give your approval,
As we firmly pursue his removal,
It is DANA's foreclosure!*

*In this hardest of all years he kept us right on course,
Every meeting was a tour de force!*

*So, let's make the most of this beautiful day,
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GINNY LEAR, Immediate Past President, PARC. and host for



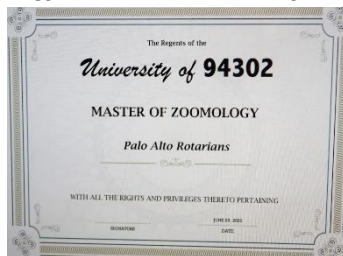
this event, declared "It truly is a beautiful day!" She gave thanks to everyone who helped make this program happen, and welcomed our guests, promising more fun to come.

And gosh, does Dana ever deserve a focus on fun! He has had a year like NO OTHER President of our club. Clubs throughout RI and their Presidents have bonded forever over 2020. "OH, they will say in years to come, I was President then, too! How did it GO for you?"

His first 8 ½ months, were as usual, and then everything changed. Dana was the PERFECT President to handle this for us. We did not miss a single meeting. Dana figured out Zoom and, sent us all a link. We hopped on, and here we still are! Our first Zoom meeting on March 16 had 41 attending, when we knew little about it! It grew steadily, as high as 138.



BRUCE GEE said thanks to everything DANA taught us with weekly Zoom Tips, we had all earned the Degree as Master of Zoomology from the University of 94302.



TODD LEWIS, who was DANA's Rotary sponsor, got into a



soccer coach costume (sweatshirt & whistle) and presented a live demonstration of DANA as coach of a 5 and under soccer team, 20 years ago. TODD was the co-coach and saw first hand that even then, DANA had the same positive influence on human beings as

he does today.

LIZ KNISS, from the East coast, told of DANA's time as a 9 1/2 year member of the PAUSD Board. LIZ had introduced him at his first campaign kick-off event, and that DANA went on to serve the community with distinction, including as a member of the California School Boards Association and our Santa Clara County representative there.



TRISH BUBENIK had a special testimonial for DANA, reviewing many of the accomplishments and highlights of his very productive year.



Todd Collins, President of the Palo Alto Unified School District Board, offered some personal remarks about DANA's Board service. Todd also read a letter of appreciation for DANA, signed by himself and Don Austin, the Superintendent of PAUSD.

To enhance the cultural level of our program, GINNY introduced Natalie and Nicole Hong, the daughters of Past Rotary President EJ HONG. These young women were



longtime Rotary volunteers, graduates of Gunn HS, members of the Gunn HS Choir and outstanding students. Natalie is now an MD/PhD student at Case Western,

and Nicole is a rising senior at Oberlin College. Both are back from Ohio and isolating at home. They sang a duet of the award winning, inspiring song, "The Prayer".

Then it was time for DANA. Since we couldn't have a party together, GINNY said we would help him make his own. Wife, Nancy brought in pre-delivered gifts so we could all see them on Zoom.



Sparklers, to celebrate in the back yard; DANA'S Past President's Badge – to wear forever; not one, but TWO Past President's Thank You plaques created by BRUCE GEE; a Rotary Logo Jacket

– to travel with Rotary again, someday; a Chef Chu's Gift Certificate – imagine there are 100 of us celebrating with you at your "take-out" banquet; and finally, a Rotary Connects the World Globe to help choose your next destination.

DANA gave his personal appreciation to the club members for the opportunity to serve as President. DANA then welcomed BEN THRELKELD, with the ceremonial Aloha shirt, encouraging him to enjoy his year ahead.

BEN spoke and said he will plan to do just that!



GINNY thanked everyone for coming to this festive, and we hope, ONE TIME ONLY Virtual Debunking.

We all joined in our closing SING-A-LONG (in our own home)

THERE'S NO CLUB LIKE OUR CLUB

To: "There's No Business Like Show Business"

There's no Club that's like our Club,
It's like no Club that we know,

Ninety-eight years here in Palo Alto,
Serving a community that's blessed,

Our motto always has been that we can do,
And that we stand to,
The four-way test.

They're no pres-idents like our pres-idents
They shine when things are low;

Noted for their intellectual competence,
With leadership that is so intense,
And this year Dana Tom has been Our
Eminence;

And, it's been a great year,
Yes, we've had a great year!

"No Club Like Our Club" – Words by LE, sung by ELIZABETH
(To: "There's No Business Like Show Business")