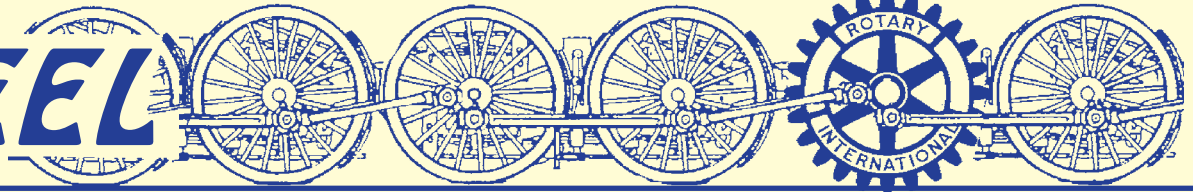


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Welcome to zoom. Hopefully we will be cleared to meet in person in February. A half hour of chit chat happened before the start of the meeting. Some discussions: **Marty Wickenheiser** asked about the Jonas Center kitchen and **President Christina** answered that the prep kitchen is up and running, but still waiting on approval for the big kitchen. **Reggie Winner** mentioned she had just returned from a grandkids visit and explained to her grandson that Rotary is a group that helps people... that he understood. **Alfredo** mentioned two of his grandchildren had just been married

President Christina banged the cow bell at 12:30. **Larry Harrison** led the Pledge while **Reggie Winner** provided a few 'Thoughts for the Day.' Frame every so called disaster with the question in 5 years will this really matter?

Visitors & Guests

No visitors or guests. Although **Roberta Dunham**, in her house recovering from knee replacement surgery, qualifies... she listened to the zoom.

Future Meetings

President Christina hopes we will be back at Jonas Center in February and hopefully the limitation of 50 will be lifted. Ironically our February 4th speaker is **Dr. Coon**, President of College of Marin.

Please Note:
We are back to ZOOM meetings until further notice.

Announcements

Sunshine Report

Marty Wickenheiser thankfully had no sunshine news.

Remembering Don Dole

Jean Brown shared that long time past Rotarian **Don Dole** passed away. He was very involved with Nova-Ro.

Remembering David Hellman

President Christina also shared that **David Hellman**, District Grants Chair, had passed away suddenly. He was a member of Mission San Rafael and very active at the District level. **Holly Axtell** had been on a Rotary zoom with him just the night before he passed. She was stunned to hear the news.

Western BBQ Postponed Until May

Jim Spilman reminded us the Western BBQ and Line Dance has been postponed. The new date is May 21, 2022 - so mark your calendars and get the check book out.

Breakfast at Sam's on Friday!

The blueberry pancake date is on at Sam's Friday, January 28th. Please let **Sam** know if you are attending so he can be prepared. You can order off the menu if blueberry pancakes aren't your thing. Dine inside or outside. Again, let **Sam** know if you are attending.

Service Projects - Volunteers Needed

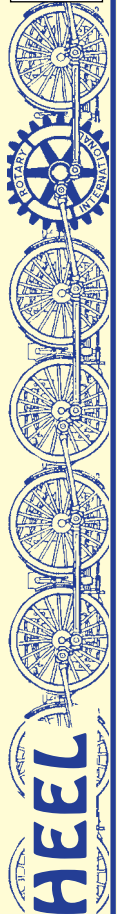
Jim Spilman discussed an upcoming service project with San Rafael Evening Club on January 29 - 30. The two Clubs will be removing juniper bushes from Elpida Residential Home for the mentally ill, located in San Rafael.

Jim also discussed a Pleasant Valley Elementary School project on February 5 - 6. We will be working with the Novato Leadership Team to build an outdoor lab. Rotary has supported this project with \$1,000 in funding and labor. No kids allowed because there will be heavy equipment involved. Again, contact **Jim** on both projects.

Youth Protection Certification

Lynn Dawson discussed Youth Protection Certification. If you interact with youth in any way you need to do this. Ideally our Club will be at 100% participation for at least the first level. There are two levels of certification. There is an email out from **Phil** explaining this in great detail. Bottom line, if you have been fingerprinted for Rotary before, you still have to start over. They have a new system and need a live scan of fingerprints to be current. **Penny Hansen** had gone for the second more complex qualification. This is mandatory if you will be one-on-one with youth. You will need three references from non-Rotarians, be interviewed, and take a test. Again refer to the email sent by **Phil** where **Lynn Dawson**, Youth Services Chair has much more detail.

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"Serve to Change Lives"

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

Breakfast at Sam's



Rotary Club Meeting January 28 NO MEETING

**National Blueberry Pancake Day
at Sam's Place!**

9:00 a.m.

Come to Sam's any time that morning for breakfast. Outside seating available. Bundle up for pancakes! You can also order off of the menu if Pancakes aren't your thing... President Christina will be there at 9am!

Where to Make Up

Contact the Club you wish to attend for dates, time and virtual meeting code. The District website lists the Clubs and websites for contact info at:

Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/

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Upcoming Programs

January 2022

Jan. 28 **NO MEETING** - *National Blueberry Pancake Day at Sam's Place! Come to Sam's any time that morning for breakfast. Outside seating available. Bundle up for pancakes! President Christina will be there at 9am!*

February 2022

Feb. 4 **Dr. David Coon, College of Marin President**

Feb. 11 **Love Song Singalong with Joni and Christina**

Feb. 18 **NO MEETING** - *Random Acts of Kindness project with Interact Club*

Feb. 25 **TBA**

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The Speaker

Moses Jacob introduced speaker **Amy Owen**, Executive Director of Marin MOCA (Marin Museum of Contemporary Art), located in Hamilton.

Founded in 1983, it offers three gallery areas, the education wing, the museum store, and has 1,600 artist members. Programs involve a wide range of art classes. The museum also works with the Novato school system with 4th and 5th grades.

The next exhibit, starting February 5th is “What is Art For?”. **William T. Wiley** passed away in November 2021 and is a legendary Marin Artist.

I know we have history buffs among our membership and think the upstairs gallery, Hamilton

Field Archives will be interesting.

MOCA is also working with Cedars, supporting developmental disabilities, in partnership with Marin Textile Arts Collaborative

If Rotarians are looking for volunteer activities, MOCA is looking for docents for the 4th and 5th grade visits, corporate membership and underwriting an Artist in Residence

For those who have not yet visited MOCA put it on your calendar!

The Winner

Larry Harrison ended our meeting and the 25er was won by **Marisa Remak**.



No Pizza for you!

Our Rotary Club of Novato Community Service Meeting geared up to a Zoom gathering. Third Wednesday every month at 5:00 for Social and 5:30 business.

In spite of our usual Mary's Pizza banquet room being closed again to Covid and staff shortage, undeterred - **Chairman Jim Spilman** went efficiently through a growing agenda of old, in progress and future Community Projects.

A significant donation surprise was made to the Rotary Community Service Committee by **Mike Morrissey** who audio attended off screen, recovering from longer than expected skin surgery, hours earlier and wanted to spare us the view. When he finally goes zoom video he could be 25 years younger? He recently returned from a Dog Sled experience in Finland a week earlier, possibly in preparation for the March 5, 2022 Iditarod Race, Anchorage to Nome. Go **Mike**. Represent!

Two service Projects need volunteers:

January 29-30

In coordination with San Rafael Evening Rotary Club physical labor needed, to conform to fire code regulations, the removal of Juniper plants, including roots, for a Elpidio Residential home in San Rafael for mentally ill.

Feb 5th and 6th

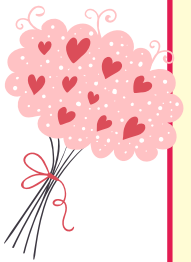
Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Heavy equipment on sight. An adult only site. Preparations for an outside platform for open air student class projects. Our Committee has contributed \$1,000. to date.

Please Email **Chairman Jim Spilman** for more information about these 2 named Projects.

Reporter Penny

February Special Dates

- 2-4 Gloria Dunn-Violin
- 2-12 David Browne, M.D.
- 2-12 Ron Harness
- 2-12 John Ringgenberg
- 2-14 Jean Brown
- 2-14 Diane & Peter Oser
- 2-14 Susie Pfingst-McCurdy
- 2-15 Arlene Henry
- 2-17 Peggy Glass
- 2-17 Russ Ketron
- 2-17 Rafelina Maglio
- 2-19 Don Violin
- 2-22 Frank Falzon
- 2-22 Penny Hansen
- 2-24 Mike & Marisa Remak
- 2-28 David Hernandez & Sonia Seeman





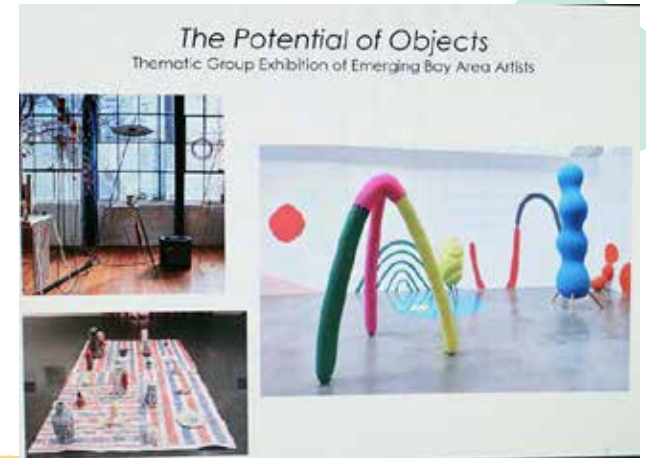
Moses Jacob introduces our Guest Speaker, Amy Owen, Executive Director of MarinMOCA.



Amy Owen, MarinMOCA guest speaker.

MARIN MOCA
Museum of Contemporary Art

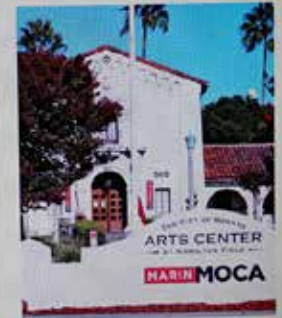
Jean Conner: Living Legend



The Marin Museum of Contemporary Art

A hidden gem in a historic location

- Hamilton Field Officers' Headquarters, built in 1933
- 3 galleries, education wing, museum store, 58 artist studios
- 20+ years developing the building and the art program
- 160 artist members
- 18,000 visitors annually



Elishava Biemoff: The Tools are in Your Hands

Long-Term Site-Specific Commissioned Project

