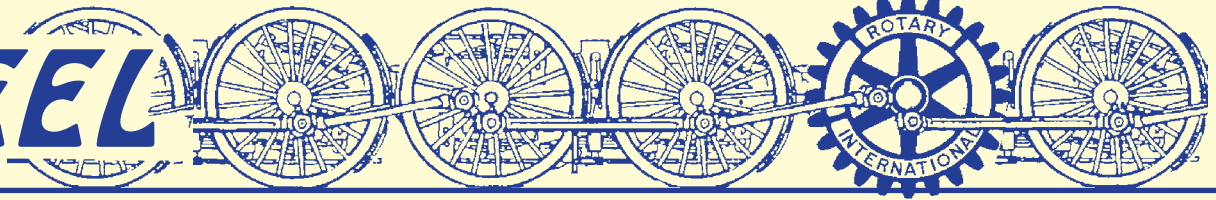


The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Our meeting began with **President Chris DeGabriele** centered in the generous lobby of the Jonas Community Center photo background as he welcomed multiple participants in 63 Zoom squares and rang the bell to bring the thunderous crowd to order.

The Pledge was presented by **Peter Rubens** with a flag waving from **Ketron's** square.

The 'Thought for the Day' was by **Dean Heffelfinger**. "Rumors and Gossip are not for a healthy mind." He added a **Camie Studley** tribute that she never said a bad thing about anyone.

Guests & Visitors

Guests this week included: **Joni DeGabriele** with **Chris**; **Kathy Botko** with **Jim**; **Gloria Dunn-Violin** with **Don**; **Roberta Dunham** with **Alan**; **Frances Borok** with **Ben**; **Vicki McDill** with **Bill**; **Edna Scheller** and granddaughter **Shelayna** with **Paul**; **Michelle, Helen S., Terri Abelar**, guests of **Tiffany Fischer** (all four were on **Camie's** caregiver team); **Jim Goss**; **Duncan McSwain** with **Rene Prado**; and **Patrick Studley** (**Camie's** son).

Visiting Rotarians included: **John Reuscher**, **Bob Ketron**, Assistant Governor **Carola Detrick**; and **Bill Davis**.

Raffle

The Raffle was explained by **Jim Spilman** with an invitation to all participants.

Remembering Camie



As a tribute to **Camie Studley**, **Mike Morrissey** shared his Spirit House Production of Marty's Moment interview of **Camie** from her 1926 ranch house front room. As the widow of husband **James**, Novato Rotary past President 1974-75, she recalled her surprise at being invited to join the Club after his passing.

Many members offered their memories and appreciation. **Edna Scheller** spoke of her time spent with **Camie**. **Dennis Baldwin** said that **Camie** brought him in to the Club. **Gary Bramon** shared **Camie's** wisdom of having enough money for when you are old, have good health and good friends with integrity. Member **Tiffany Fischer**, a care taker, spoke of her time with **Camie** over the years and how she loved to decorate for Christmas and was welcoming to **Tiffany's** family member.

Camie's son **Pat** talked about her celebration of Christmas without end. He mentioned that his

mother took her friends very seriously and recalls her 90th Birthday Party at her favorite **Rickey's** with 60 of her closest friends. **Penny Hansen** would like to add how **Camie's** wall of large paintings in a unique primitive Folk Art style were hung annually and captured activities of the Polenta event in a fun, humorous style. **Pat** also said that his mother found a great spot in Rotary and she felt deeply loved and Rotary was a full expression of her love.

Our largest participation Zoom meeting was an inspiration to commemorate a wonderful person and we all felt the loss. She is in our hearts now.

The Program

Guest Speakers were graciously introduced by **Christopher Mychajluk**, **Bill Hollibaugh** and his son **Mike** in the NASA jacket. The main focus was

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In Memoriam Joyce Palmer 1923-2021

Long time Rotarian and wife of our **Charter President Clark Palmer**, **Joyce Palmer**, passed away early Sunday morning in her sleep. No service is planned at the present time because of Covid. If you wish you can email me your SHORT best memory of my mother, which we may share at some later appropriate memorial.

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"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

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?"

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/



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING

January 29

Club Assembly
President Chris DeGabriele

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Upcoming Programs

January - Happy New Year!

Jan.29 Club Assembly: **Chris De Gabriele**

February

Feb. 5 **Jon Haveman PhD:** "The Future of the Automobile". Jon will discuss how our driving habits will change over the future. **Jon** and his non-profit organization National Economic Education Delegation (NEED) have a number of presentations to aid us in making choices, money and living style.

Feb. 12 **LOVE LETTERS** by A.R. Gurney and produced by our incoming president **Christina Stroeh**. This is a two person play will be the perfect time as valentines day is just two days away.

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on the pros and cons of Solar use. "Is it worth it"? **Bill** recommended additional battery back-up storage and mentioned some parts of Marin are not sunny enough to get full function for household use. He said that solar is particularly good for communication and LED lighting. He mentioned the TESLA battery wall.

Son **Mike** has worked with NASA on lighting and with special effects in Movies.

Bill said the solution to pollution is a tree. We have poor forest management. We need trees for products and to cleanse the air.

The Twenty Fiver

Jim Spilman read Excel's magic raffle number and **Moses Jacob** was the winner!



You've read the bulletin! Now's your chance to write it!

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for the Months of
**March, April, May, June
& July**

Contact Bill Vespa
Support the most interesting
Rotary Club ever!

Help share the meeting with family, friends
and members unable to attend.

What are you
waiting for?

February SPECIAL DATES

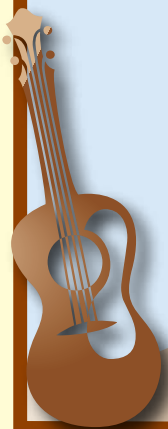
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- 2-4 Gloria Dunn-Violin
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 - 2-8 Maryann Elloway
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 - 2-14 Susie Pfingst-McCurdy
 - 2-17 Peggy Glass
 - 2-17 Russ Ketron
 - 2-17 Rafelina Maglio
 - 2-19 Don Violin
 - 2-22 Frank Falzon
 - 2-22 Penny Hansen
 - 2-24 Mike & Marisa Remak
 - 2-28 David Hernandez & Sonia Seeman

The Rotary Club of Novato

NON

**Western
Polenta Feed
& Dance**

Look for your
invitation
to the Non-Event!



Rotary Photo Album - January 22, 2021



We started our meeting with a tribute to Camie Studley (pictured here during an episode of Marty's Moments).



Chris Mychajluk introduces our speakers.



Left: Pat Studley radiates his mothers smile.

Right: Past President Jim Studley, 1974-1975.

Below: Jim and Camie's sons.



Speakers Bill and son Mike Hollibaugh.